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Preface to the New King James Version®

Purpose

In the preface to the 1611 edition, the translators of the Authorized Version, known popularly as the King James Bible, state that it was not their purpose “to make a new translation . . . but to make a good one better.” Indebted to the earlier work of William Tyndale and others, they saw their best contribution to consist in revising and enhancing the excellence of the English versions which had sprung from the Reformation of the sixteenth century. In harmony with the purpose of the King James scholars, the translators and editors of the present work have not pursued a goal of innovation. They have perceived the Holy Bible, New King James Version, as a continuation of the labors of the earlier translators, thus unlocking for today’s readers the spiritual treasures found especially in the Authorized Version of the Holy Scriptures.

A Living Legacy

For nearly four hundred years, and throughout several revisions of its English form, the King James Bible has been deeply revered among the English-speaking peoples of the world. The precision of translation for which it is historically renowned, and its majesty of style, have enabled that monumental version of the word of God to become the mainspring of the religion, language, and legal foundations of our civilization.

Although the Elizabethan period and our own era share in zeal for technical advance, the former period was more aggressively devoted to classical learning. Along with this awakened concern for the classics came a flourishing companion interest in the Scriptures, an interest that was enlivened by the conviction that the manuscripts were providentially handed down and were a trustworthy record of the inspired Word of God. The King James translators were committed to producing an English Bible that would be a precise translation, and by no means a paraphrase or a broadly approximate rendering. On the one hand, the scholars were almost as familiar with the original languages of the Bible as with their native English. On the other hand, their reverence for the divine Author and His Word assured a translation of the Scriptures in which only a principle of utmost accuracy could be accepted.

In 1786 Catholic scholar Alexander Geddes said of the King James Bible, “If accuracy and strictest attention to the letter of the text be supposed to constitute an excellent version, this is of all versions the most excellent.” George Bernard Shaw became a literary legend in our century because of his severe and often humorous criticisms of our most cherished values. Surprisingly, however, Shaw pays the following tribute to the scholars commissioned by King James: “The translation was extraordinarily well done because to the translators what they were translating was not merely a curious collection of ancient books written by different authors in different stages of culture, but the Word of God divinely revealed through His chosen and expressly inspired scribes. In this conviction they carried out their work with boundless reverence and care and achieved a beautifully artistic result.” History agrees with these estimates. Therefore, while seeking to unveil the excellent form of the traditional English Bible, special care has also been taken in the present edition to preserve the work of *precision* which is the legacy of the 1611 translators.

Complete Equivalence in Translation

Where new translation has been necessary in the New King James Version, the most complete representation of the original has been rendered by considering the history of usage and etymology of words in their contexts. This principle of complete equivalence seeks to preserve *all* of the information in the text, while presenting it in good literary form. Dynamic equivalence, a recent procedure in Bible translation, commonly results in paraphrasing where a more literal rendering is needed to reflect a specific and vital sense. For example, complete equivalence truly renders the original text in expressions such as “lifted her voice and wept” (Gen. 21:16); “I gave you cleanness of teeth” (Amos 4:6); “Jesus met them, saying, ‘Rejoice!’” (Matt. 28:9); and “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me?” (John 2:4). Complete equivalence translates fully, in order to provide an English text that is both accurate and readable.

In keeping with the principle of complete equivalence, it is the policy to translate interjections which are commonly omitted in modern language renderings

of the Bible. As an example, the interjection *behold*, in the older King James editions, continues to have a place in English usage, especially in dramatically calling attention to a spectacular scene, or an event of profound importance such as the Immanuel prophecy of Isaiah 7:14. Consequently, *behold* is retained for these occasions in the present edition. However, the Hebrew and Greek originals for this word can be translated variously, depending on the circumstances in the passage. Therefore, in addition to *behold*, words such as *indeed*, *look*, *see*, and *surely* are also rendered to convey the appropriate sense suggested by the context in each case.

In faithfulness to God and to our readers, it was deemed appropriate that all participating scholars sign a statement affirming their belief in the verbal and plenary inspiration of Scripture, and in the inerrancy of the original autographs.

Devotional Quality

The King James scholars readily appreciated the intrinsic beauty of divine revelation. They accordingly disciplined their talents to render well-chosen English words of their time, as well as a graceful, often musical arrangement of language, which has stirred the hearts of Bible readers through the years. The translators, the committees, and the editors of the present edition, while sensitive to the late-twentieth-century English idiom, and while adhering faithfully to the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts, have sought to maintain those lyrical and devotional qualities that are so highly regarded in the Authorized Version. This devotional quality is especially apparent in the poetic and prophetic books, although even the relatively plain style of the Gospels and Epistles cannot strictly be likened, as sometimes suggested, to modern newspaper style. The Koine Greek of the New Testament is influenced by the Hebrew background of the writers, for whom even the gospel narratives were not merely flat utterance, but often song in various degrees of rhythm.

The Style

Students of the Bible applaud the timeless devotional character of our historic Bible. Yet it is also universally understood that our language, like all living languages, has undergone profound change since 1611. Subsequent revisions of the King James Bible have sought to keep abreast of changes in English speech. The present work is a further step toward this objective. Where obsolescence and other reading difficulties exist, present-day vocabulary, punctuation, and grammar have been carefully integrated. Words representing ancient objects, such as *chariot*

and *phylactery*, have no modern substitutes and are therefore retained.

A special feature of the New King James Version is its conformity to the thought flow of the 1611 Bible. The reader discovers that the sequence and selection of words, phrases, and clauses of the new edition, while much clearer, are so close to the traditional that there is remarkable ease in listening to the reading of either edition while following with the other.

In the discipline of translating biblical and other ancient languages, a standard method of transliteration, that is, the English spelling of untranslated words, such as names of persons and places, has never been commonly adopted. In keeping with the design of the present work, the King James spelling of untranslated words is retained, although made uniform throughout. For example, instead of the spellings *Isaiah* and *Elijah* in the Old Testament, and *Esaías* and *Elias* in the New Testament, *Isaiah* and *Elijah* now appear in both Testaments.

King James doctrinal and theological terms, for example, *propitiation*, *justification*, and *sanctification*, are generally familiar to English-speaking peoples. Such terms have been retained except where the original language indicates need for a more precise translation.

Readers of the Authorized Version will immediately be struck by the absence of several pronouns: *thee*, *thou*, and *ye* are replaced by the simple *you*, while *your* and *yours* are substituted for *thy* and *thine* as applicable. *Thee*, *thou*, *thy*, and *thine* were once forms of address to express a special relationship to human as well as divine persons. These pronouns are no longer part of our language. However, reverence for God in the present work is preserved by capitalizing pronouns, including *You*, *Your*, and *Yours*, which refer to Him. Additionally, capitalization of these pronouns benefits the reader by clearly distinguishing divine and human persons referred to in a passage. Without such capitalization the distinction is often obscure, because the antecedent of a pronoun is not always clear in the English translation.

In addition to the pronoun usages of the seventeenth century, the *-eth* and *-est* verb endings, so familiar in the earlier King James editions, are now obsolete. Unless a speaker is schooled in these verb endings, there is common difficulty in selecting the correct form to be used with a given subject of the verb in vocal prayer. That is, should we use *love*, *loveth*, or *lovest*? *do*, *doeth*, *doest*, or *dost*? *have*, *hath*, or *hast*? Because these forms are obsolete, contemporary English usage has been substituted for the previous verb endings.

In older editions of the King James Version, the frequency of the connective *and* far exceeded the limits of present English usage. Also, biblical linguists agree that the Hebrew and Greek original words for this conjunction may commonly be translated otherwise, depending on the immediate context. Therefore, instead of *and*, alternatives such as *also*, *but*, *however*, *now*, *so*, *then*, and *thus* are accordingly rendered in the present edition, when the original language permits.

The real character of the Authorized Version does not reside in its archaic pronouns or verbs or other grammatical forms of the seventeenth century, but rather in the care taken by its scholars to impart the letter and spirit of the original text in a majestic and reverent style.

The Format

The format of the New King James Version is designed to enhance the vividness and devotional quality of the Holy Scriptures:

- Subject headings assist the reader to identify topics and transitions in the biblical content.
- Words or phrases in *italics* indicate expressions in the original language which require clarification by additional English words, as also done throughout the history of the King James Bible.
- Oblique type* in the New Testament indicates a quotation from the Old Testament.
- Prose is divided into paragraphs to indicate the structure of thought.
- Poetry is structured as contemporary verse to reflect the poetic form and beauty of the passage in the original language.
- The covenant name of God was usually translated from the Hebrew as LORD or GOD (using capital letters as shown) in the King James Old Testament. This tradition is maintained. In the present edition the name is so capitalized whenever the covenant name is quoted in the New Testament from a passage in the Old Testament.

The Old Testament Text

The Hebrew Bible has come down to us through the scrupulous care of ancient scribes who copied the original text in successive generations. By the sixth century A.D. the scribes were succeeded by a group known as the Masoretes, who continued to preserve the sacred Scriptures for another five hundred years in a form known as the Masoretic Text. Babylonia, Palestine, and Tiberias were the main centers of Masoretic activity; but by the tenth century A.D. the Masoretes of Tiberias, led

by the family of ben Asher, gained the ascendancy. Through subsequent editions, the ben Asher text became in the twelfth century the only recognized form of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Daniel Bomberg printed the first Rabbinic Bible in 1516–17; that work was followed in 1524–25 by a second edition prepared by Jacob ben Chayyim and also published by Bomberg. The text of ben Chayyim was adopted in most subsequent Hebrew Bibles, including those used by the King James translators. The ben Chayyim text was also used for the first two editions of Rudolph Kittel's *Biblia Hebraica* of 1906 and 1912. In 1937 Paul Kahle published a third edition of *Biblia Hebraica*. This edition was based on the oldest dated manuscript of the ben Asher text, the Leningrad Manuscript B19a (A.D. 1008), which Kahle regarded as superior to that used by ben Chayyim.

For the New King James Version the text used was the 1967/1977 Stuttgart edition of the *Biblia Hebraica*, with frequent comparisons being made with the Bomberg edition of 1524–25. The Septuagint (Greek) Version of the Old Testament and the Latin Vulgate also were consulted. In addition to referring to a variety of ancient versions of the Hebrew Scriptures, the New King James Version draws on the resources of relevant manuscripts from the Dead Sea caves. In the few places where the Hebrew was so obscure that the 1611 King James was compelled to follow one of the versions, but where information is now available to resolve the problems, the New King James Version follows the Hebrew text. Significant variations are recorded in the center reference column.

The New Testament Text

There is more manuscript support for the New Testament than for any other body of ancient literature. Over five thousand Greek, eight thousand Latin, and many more manuscripts in other languages attest the integrity of the New Testament. There is only one basic New Testament used by Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Orthodox, by conservatives and liberals. Minor variations in hand copying have appeared through the centuries, before mechanical printing began about A.D. 1450.

Some variations exist in the spelling of Greek words, in word order, and in similar details. These ordinarily do not show up in translation and do not affect the sense of the text in any way.

Other manuscript differences such as omission or inclusion of a word or a clause, and two paragraphs in the Gospels, should not overshadow the overwhelming degree of *agreement* which

exists among the ancient records. Bible readers may be assured that the most important differences in English New Testaments of today are due, not to manuscript divergence, but to the way in which translators view the task of translation: How literally should the text be rendered? How does the translator view the matter of biblical inspiration? Does the translator adopt a paraphrase when a literal rendering would be quite clear and more to the point? The New King James Version follows the historic precedent of the Authorized Version in maintaining a literal approach to translation, except where the idiom of the original language cannot be translated directly into our tongue.

The King James New Testament was based on the traditional text of the Greek-speaking churches, first published in 1516, and later called the *Textus Receptus* or *Received Text*. Although based on the relatively few available manuscripts, these were representative of many more which existed at the time but only became known later. In the late nineteenth century, B. Westcott and F. Hort taught that this text had been officially edited by the fourth-century church, but a total lack of historical evidence for this event has forced a revision of the theory. It is now widely held that the Byzantine Text that largely supports the *Textus Receptus* has as much right as the Alexandrian or any other tradition to be weighed in determining the text of the New Testament.

Since the 1880s most contemporary translations of the New Testament have relied upon a relatively few manuscripts discovered chiefly in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Such translations depend primarily on two manuscripts, *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus*, because of their greater age. The Greek text obtained by using these sources and the related papyri (our most ancient manuscripts) is known as the Alexandrian Text. However, some scholars have grounds for doubting the faithfulness of *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus*, since they often disagree with one another, and *Sinaiticus* exhibits excessive omission.

A third viewpoint of New Testament scholarship holds that the best text is based on the consensus of the majority of existing Greek manuscripts. This text is called the Majority Text. Most of these manuscripts are in substantial agreement. Even though many are late, and none is earlier than the fifth century, usually their readings are verified by papyri, ancient versions, quotations from the early church fathers, or a combination of these. The Majority Text is similar to the *Textus Receptus*, but it corrects those readings which have little or no support in the Greek manuscript tradition.

Today, scholars agree that the science of New Testament textual criticism is in a state of flux. Very few scholars still favor the *Textus Receptus* as such, and then often for its historical prestige as the text of Luther, Calvin, Tyndale, and the King James Version. For about a century most have followed a Critical Text (so called because it is edited according to specific principles of textual criticism) which depends heavily upon the Alexandrian type of text. More recently many have abandoned this Critical Text (which is quite similar to the one edited by Westcott and Hort) for one that is more eclectic. Finally, a small but growing number of scholars prefer the Majority Text, which is close to the traditional text except in the Revelation.

In light of these facts, and also because the New King James Version is the fifth revision of a historic document translated from specific Greek texts, the editors decided to retain the traditional text in the body of the New Testament and to indicate major Critical and Majority Text variant readings in the center reference column. Although these variations are duly indicated in the center-column notes of the present edition, it is most important to emphasize that fully eighty-five percent of the New Testament text is the same in the *Textus Receptus*, the Alexandrian Text, and the Majority Text.

Center-Column Notes

Significant explanatory notes, alternate translations, and cross-references, as well as New Testament citations of Old Testament passages, are supplied in the center reference column.

Important textual variants in the Old Testament are identified in a standard form.

The textual notes in the present edition of the New Testament make no evaluation of readings, but do clearly indicate the manuscript sources of readings. They objectively present the facts without such tendentious remarks as "the best manuscripts omit" or "the most reliable manuscripts read." Such notes are value judgments that differ according to varying viewpoints on the text. By giving a clearly defined set of variants the New King James Version benefits readers of all textual persuasions.

Where significant variations occur in the New Testament Greek manuscripts, textual notes are classified as follows:

NU-Text

These variations from the traditional text generally represent the Alexandrian or Egyptian type of text described previously in "The New Testa-

ment Text.” They are found in the Critical Text published in the twenty-seventh edition of the Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament (N) and in the United Bible Societies’ fourth edition (U), hence the acronym, “NU-Text.”

M-Text

This symbol indicates points of variation in the Majority Text from the traditional text, as also previously discussed in “The New Testament Text.” It should be noted that M stands for whatever reading is printed in the

published *Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text*, whether supported by overwhelming, strong, or only a divided majority textual tradition.

The textual notes reflect the scholarship of the past 150 years and will assist the reader to observe the variations between the different manuscript traditions of the New Testament. Such information is generally not available in English translations of the New Testament.

How to Use This Reference Bible

A **SUPERIOR NUMERAL** indicates an equivalent translation, alternate translation, language note, explanatory note, or textual note.

An **ALTERNATE TRANSLATION** is different in meaning from the words in the text, but is justified by the original languages. That is, the translators could have understood the original word or phrase this way, although they felt their choice was more appropriate.

SQUARE BRACKETS around a cross-reference mark it as a conceptual cross-reference, which identifies a passage similar in concept to the referenced passage in the text.

An **EXPLANATORY NOTE** explains the word or phrase in the text. Words set in roman type in translation notes are explanatory only and are not translated from the original languages.

A **SUPERIOR LETTER** (usually preceding the referenced word or phrase in the text as space permits) indicates a cross-reference.

Greeting

PAUL, ^acalled to be an apostle of Jesus Christ ^bthrough the will of God, and ^cSosthenes our brother,

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who ^aare ^bsanctified in Christ Jesus, ^ccalled to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ ^cour Lord, ^dboth theirs and ours:

3 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Gifts at Corinth

4 ^aI thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,

5 that you were enriched in everything by Him ^ain all utterance and all knowledge,

6 even as ^athe testimony of Christ was confirmed ^bin you,

7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly ^awaiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 ^awho will also confirm you to the end, ^bthat you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 ^aGod is faithful, by whom you were called into ^bthe fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sectarianism Is Sin

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^athat you all ^bspeak the same thing, and ^cthat there be no ^ddivisions among you, but ^ethat you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are ¹contentions among you.

12 Now I say this, that ^aeach of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of ^bApollos," or "I am of ^cCephas," or "I am of Christ."

13 ^aIs Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized ^anone of you except ^bCrispus and ^cGaius, ^dlest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.

16 ^aYes, I also baptized the household of ^bStephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel,

CHAPTER 1

- 1 ^aRom. 1:1
- 2 ^bCor. 1:1
- 3 ^cActs 18:17
- 2 ^a[Acts 15:9]
- ^bRom. 1:7
- ^c[1 Cor. 8:6]
- ^d[Rom. 3:22]
- 1 ^{set apart}
- 3 ^aRom. 1:7
- 4 ^aRom. 1:8
- 5 ^a[1 Cor. 12:8]
- 1 ^{speech}
- 6 ^a2 Tim. 1:8
- 1 ^{Or among}
- 7 ^aPhil. 3:20
- 8 ^aThess. 2:13; 5:23
- ^bCol. 1:22; 2:7
- 9 ^a1 Cor. 14:7
- ^c[John 15:4]
- 10 ^a2 Cor. 13:11
- 1 ^{Have a uniform testimony}
- 2 ^{Schisms or dissensions}
- 11 ¹quarrels
- 12 ^a1 Cor. 3:4
- ^bActs 18:24
- ^cJohn 1:42
- 13 ^a2 Cor. 11:4
- 14 ^aJohn 4:2
- ^bActs 18:8
- ^cRom. 16:23
- 16 ^a1 Cor. 16:15, 17
- 17 ^a[1 Cor. 2:1, 4, 13]
- 18 ^a1 Cor. 2:14
- ^b2 Cor. 2:15
- ^c[1 Cor. 15:2]
- ^dRom. 1:16
- 1 ^{Lit. word}
- 19 ^aIs. 29:14
- 20 ^aIs. 19:12; 33:18
- ^bJob 12:17
- 1 ^{debater}
- 21 ^aDan. 2:20
- 22 ^aMatt. 12:38
- 23 ^aLuke 2:34
- ^b[1 Cor. 2:14]
- 1 ^{Gr. scandalon, offense}
- 2 ^{NU Gentiles}
- 24 ^a[Rom. 1:4]
- ^bCol. 2:3
- 26 ^aJohn 7:48
- 1 ^{consider}
- 2 ^{well-born}
- 27 ^aMatt. 11:25
- 28 ¹insignificant or lowly
- 30 ^a[2 Cor. 5:21]
- 31 ^aJer. 9:23, 24

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11 ¹ quarrels	
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^c John 1:42	
13 ^a 2 Cor. 11:4	
14 ^a John 4:2	
^b Acts 18:8	
^c Rom. 16:23	
16 ^a 1 Cor.	
16:15, 17	
17 ^a [1 Cor. 2:1,	
4, 13]	
18 ^a 1 Cor. 2:14	
^b 2 Cor. 2:15	
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2 ^a Gal. 6:14	
3 ^a Acts 18:1	
^b [2 Cor. 4:7]	

not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

18 For the ¹message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us ^cwho are being saved it is the ^apower of God.

19 For it is written:

*^a"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."*

20 ^aWhere is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the ¹disputer of this age? ^bHas not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For since, in the ^awisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

22 For ^aJews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

23 but we preach Christ crucified, ^ato the Jews a ¹stumbling block and to the ²Greeks ^bfoolishness.

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ ^athe power of God and ^bthe wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Glory Only in the Lord

26 For ¹you see your calling, brethren, ^athat not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many ²noble, are called.

27 But ^aGod has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

28 and the ^bbase things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and ^arighteousness and sanctification and redemption—

31 that, as it is written, *^a"He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."*

Christ Crucified

2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the ¹testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know anything among you ^aexcept Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

3 ^aI was with you ^bin weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

A **BOLD-FACE NUMERAL** in the center column indicates the verse to which an entry applies.

A **LITERAL TRANSLATION** gives the literal meaning of the word or phrase.

A **LANGUAGE NOTE** gives the Hebrew, Greek, or Aramaic word or phrase that underlies the English translation.

An **EQUIVALENT TRANSLATION** is similar in meaning to the translation in the text. It helps you understand the text by showing you a synonym.

A **TEXTUAL NOTE** points out one or more significant textual variants. The sources of the variant readings are identified by abbreviations listed on page xii. (See also Preface, "Center-Column Notes.")

HOW TO USE

OBLIQUE TYPE in the New Testament indicates a quotation from the Old Testament. The sources of the quotations are found in cross-references.

ITALIC TYPE in the text indicates words that the original texts do not contain but which English requires for clarity.

A **BOLD-FACE VERSE NUMERAL** in the text indicates a paragraph break. When a new paragraph begins within a verse, the new paragraph is indented (see, for example, Nehemiah 13:22).

QUOTATION MARKS in the text follow modern English usage. For easier reading, only the marks denoting the most recently opened quotation are repeated in a new paragraph.

SUBJECT HEADINGS have been added to help you follow the flow of thought in the biblical material.

PERSONAL PRONOUNS and certain nouns are capitalized when they refer to Deity.

POETRY is structured as contemporary verse to reflect the poetic form and beauty of the original language.

The **COVENANT NAME OF GOD** in the Old Testament, represented by the Hebrew consonants YHWH, is translated "LORD" or "GOD" (using capital letters as shown), as it has been throughout the history of the King James Bible. In this edition the capitalized form is also used whenever the covenant name is quoted in the New Testament from a passage in the Old Testament.

X

30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but ^aare like angels ¹of God in heaven.

31 "But concerning the resurrection of the dead, ~~have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,~~

32 *^a'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?* God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

33 And when the multitudes heard *this*, ^athey were astonished at His teaching.

The Scribes: Which Is The First Commandment of All?

34 ^aBut when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

35 Then one of them, ^aa lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying,

36 *"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"*

37 Jesus said to him, ^a*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."*

38 "This is the first and great commandment.

39 "And the second is like it: ^a*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

40 ^a"On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?

41 ^aWhile the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"

They said to Him, "The ^aSon of David."

43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:

44 *'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" '?*

45 "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

46 ^aAnd no one was able to answer Him a word, ^bnor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, 2 saying: ^a"The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

3 "Therefore whatever they tell you ¹to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for ^athey say, and do not do.

4 ^a"For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will

30 ^a[1 John 3:2] ¹NU omits of God

32 ^aGen. 17:7; 26:24; 28:21; Ex. 3:6, 15; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 7:32; [Heb. 11:16]

33 ^aMatt. 7:28

34 ^aMark 12:28-31; Luke 10:25-37

35 ^aLuke 7:30; 10:25; 11:45; 46, 52; 14:3; Titus 3:13

37 ^aDeut. 6:5; 10:12; 30:6

39 ^aLev. 19:18; Matt. 19:19; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; [Rom. 13:9; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8]

40 ^a[Matt. 7:12; Rom. 13:10; 1 Tim. 1:5]

41 ^aLuke 20:41-44

42 ^aMatt. 1:1; 21:9

44 ^aPs. 110:1; Acts 2:32-35; Eph. 1:19-23

46 ^aLuke 14:6 ^bMark 12:34

CHAPTER 23

2 ^aNeh. 8:4, 8

3 ^a[Rom. 2:19] ¹NU omits to observe

4 ^aLuke 11:46

5 ^a[Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18]

6 ^aLuke 11:43; 20:46 ¹Or place of honor

8 ^a[James 3:1] ¹Leader ²NU omits the Christ

9 ^a[Mal. 1:6]

11 ^aMatt. 20:26, 27

12 ^aLuke 14:11; 18:14 ¹put down ²lifted up

13 ^aLuke 11:52

14 ^aMark 12:40 ¹NU omits v. 14.

15 ¹Gr. Gehenna

16 ^aMatt. 15:14; 23:24 ^b[Matt. 5:33, 34]

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Special Abbreviations

Arab.	Arabic	NU	the most prominent modern Critical Text of the Greek New Testament, published in the twenty-sixth edition of the Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament and in the third edition of the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament (see Preface, "The New Testament Text")
Aram.	Aramaic		
Bg.	the 1524–25 edition of the Hebrew Old Testament published by Daniel Bomberg (see Preface, "The Old Testament Text")		
cf.	compare		
ch., chs.	chapter, chapters	pl.	plural
DSS	Dead Sea Scrolls	Qr.	Qere (literally, in Aramaic, "read")—certain words read aloud, differing from the written words, in the Masoretic tradition of the Hebrew Old Testament (see "Kt.")
fem.	feminine		
f., ff.	following verse, following verses		
Gr.	Greek		
Heb.	Hebrew	Sam.	Samaritan Pentateuch—a variant Hebrew edition of the books of Moses, used by the Samaritan community
i.e.	that is		
Kt.	Kethib (literally, in Aramaic, "written")—the written words of the Hebrew Old Testament preserved by the Masoretes (see "Qr.")	sing.	singular
		Syr.	Syriac
Lat.	Latin	Tg.	Targum—an Aramaic paraphrase of the Old Testament
lit.	literally	TR	Textus Receptus or Received Text (see Preface, "The New Testament Text")
LXX	Septuagint—an ancient translation of the Old Testament into Greek	v., vv.	verse, verses
M	Majority Text (see Preface, "The New Testament Text")	vss.	Versions—ancient translations of the Bible
ms., mss.	manuscript, manuscripts	Vg.	Vulgate—an ancient translation of the Bible into Latin, translated and edited by Jerome
masc.	masculine		
MT	Masoretic Text—the traditional Hebrew Old Testament (see Preface, "The Old Testament Text")		

The Old Testament

GENESIS

THE first part of Genesis focuses on the beginning and spread of sin in the world and culminates in the devastating flood in the days of Noah. The second part of the book focuses on God's dealings with one man, Abraham, through whom God promises to bring salvation and blessing to the world. Abraham and his descendants learn firsthand that it is always safe to trust the Lord in times of famine and feasting, blessing and bondage. From Abraham . . . to Isaac . . . to Jacob . . . to Joseph . . . God's promises begin to come to fruition in a great nation possessing a great land.

Genesis is a Greek word meaning "origin," "source," "generation," or "beginning." The original Hebrew title *Bereshith* means "In the Beginning."

The literary structure of Genesis is clear and is built around eleven separate units, each including the word *genealogy* in the phrase "This is the genealogy" or "The book of the genealogy": (1) Introduction to the Genealogies (1:1–2:3); (2) Heaven and Earth (2:4–4:26); (3) Adam (5:1–6:8); (4) Noah (6:9–9:29); (5) Sons of Noah (10:1–11:9); (6) Shem (11:10–26); (7) Terah (11:27–25:11); (8) Ishmael (25:12–18); (9) Isaac (25:19–35:29); (10) Esau (36:1–37:1); (11) Jacob (37:2–50:26).

The History of Creation

IN the ^abeginning ^bGod created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was ^awithout form, and void; and darkness ¹was on the face of the deep. ^bAnd the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 ^aThen God said, ^b"Let there be light"; and there was light.

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

5 God called the light Day, and the ^adarkness He called Night. ¹So the evening and the morning were the first day.

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

7 Thus God made the firmament, ^aand divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* ^babove the firmament; and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 Then God said, ^a"Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and ^blet the dry land appear"; and it was so.

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

11 Then God said, ^a"Let the earth ^bbring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, and the ^bfruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a[John 1:1–3]
^bActs 17:24

2 ^aJer. 4:23
Is. 40:13, 14
¹Words in italic type have been added for clarity. They are not found in the original Hebrew or Aramaic.

3 ^aPs. 33:6, 9
^b2 Cor. 4:6
^c[Heb. 11:3]

5 ^aPs. 19:2;
33:6, 74:16;
104:20; 136:5
¹Lit. *And evening was, and morning was, a day, one.*

6 ^aJer. 10:12
¹*expanse*

7 ^aProv. 8:27–
29 ^bPs. 148:4

9 ^aJob 26:10
^bPs. 24:1, 2;
33:7; 95:5

11 ^aHeb. 6:7
^b2 Sam. 16:1

14 ^aPs. 74:16;
136:5–9 ^bPs.
104:19

16 ^aPs. 136:8
^bPs. 8:3 ^cJob
38:7 ¹*luminaries*

17 ^aGen. 15:5

18 ^aJer. 31:35

20 ¹*souls*
²*expanse*

21 ^aPs. 104:25–
28

22 ^aGen. 8:17

according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it* was good.

13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

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

15 "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

16 Then God made two great lights: the ^agreater light to rule the day, and the ^blesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also.

17 God set them in the firmament of the ^aheavens to give light on the earth,

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

19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living ¹creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the ²firmament of the heavens."

21 So ^aGod created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it* was good.

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

23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 Then God said, "Let the earth

bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ^blet them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over ¹all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man ^ain His own image; in the image of God He created him; ^bmale and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and ^bsubdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that ¹moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; ^ato you it shall be for food.

30 "Also, to ^aevery beast of the earth, to every ^bbird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* ¹life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so.

31 Then "God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and ^aall the host of them, were finished.

2 ^aAnd on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

3 Then God ^ablessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

4 ^aThis is the ¹history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5 before any ^aplant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not ^bcaused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man ^ato till the ground;

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

7 And the LORD God formed man of the ^adust of the ground, and ^bbreathed into his ^cnostrils the breath of life; and ^dman became a living being.

26 ^a[Eph. 4:24]
^bGen. 9:2 ¹Syr.
all the wild animals of

27 ^aGen. 5:2
^bMatt. 19:4

28 ^aGen. 9:1, 7
^b1 Cor. 9:27
¹*moves about on*

29 ^aGen. 9:3

30 ^aPs. 145:15
^bJob 38:41
¹*a living soul*

31 ^a[Ps. 104:24]

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aPs. 33:6

2 ^aEx. 20:9–11;
31:17

3 ^a[Is. 58:13]

4 ^aGen. 1:1
¹Heb. *tol-*
doth; lit. *generations*

5 ^aGen. 1:11,
12 ^bGen. 7:4
^cGen. 3:23

7 ^aGen. 3:19,
23 ^bJob 33:4
^cGen. 7:22
^d1 Cor. 15:45

8 ^aIs. 51:3
^bGen. 3:23, 24
^cGen. 4:16

9 ^aEzek. 31:8
^b[Gen. 3:22]
^c[Deut. 1:39]

11 ^aGen. 25:18

12 ^aNum. 11:7

14 ^aDan. 10:4
¹Or *Tigris*
²Heb. *Ashshur*

15 ¹Or *Adam*
²*cultivate*

17 ^aGen. 3:1, 3,
11, 17 ^bGen.
3:3, 19 ^cRom.
5:12 ¹Lit.
dying you shall die

18 ^a1 Cor.
11:8, 9

19 ^aGen. 1:20,
24 ^bPs. 8:6 ¹Or
the man

21 ^a1 Sam.
26:12

22 ^a1 Tim. 2:13
^bHeb. 13:4
¹Lit. *built*

23 ^aGen. 29:14
^b1 Cor. 11:8, 9
¹Heb. *Ishshah*
²Heb. *Ish*

24 ^aMatt. 19:5
^bMark 10:6–8
¹Lit. *cling*

Life in God's Garden

8 The LORD God planted ^aa garden ^beastward in ^cEden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made ^aevery tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. ^bThe tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and ^cevil.

10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts ^athe whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good. ^bBedellium and the onyx stone *are* there.

13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.

14 The name of the third river is ^aHiddekel; ¹it is the one which goes toward the east of ²Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 Then the LORD God took ¹the man and put him in the garden of Eden to ²tend and keep it.

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

17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ^ayou shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it ^byou¹ shall surely ^cdie."

18 And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; ^aI will make him a helper comparable to him."

19 ^aOut of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and ^bbrought *them* to ¹Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

21 And the LORD God caused a ^adeep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He ¹made into a woman, ^aand He ^bbrought her to the man.

23 And Adam said:

"This is now ^abone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called ¹Woman,
Because she was ^btaken out of
²Man."

24 ^aTherefore a man shall leave his father and mother and ^bbe¹ joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 ^aAnd they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ^bashamed.

The Temptation and Fall of Man

3 Now ^athe serpent was ^bmore cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the ^afruit of the trees of the garden;

3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you ^atouch it, lest you die.'"

4 ^aThen the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman ^asaw that the tree was good for food, that it was ^bpleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit ^band ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, ^aand they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ^bcoverings.

8 And they heard ^athe ^bsound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the ^ccool of the day, and Adam and his wife ^bhid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, ^aand I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

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

12 Then the man said, ^a"The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, ^a"The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And ^ayou shall eat dust All the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,

25 ^aGen. 3:7.
10 ^bIs. 47:3

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a1 Chr. 21:1
^b2 Cor. 11:3

2 ^aGen. 2:16,
17

3 ^aEx. 19:12,
13

4 ^a[2 Cor. 11:3]

6 ^a1 John 2:16
^b1 Tim. 2:14
¹Lit. *a desirable thing*

7 ^aGen. 2:25
¹girding coverings

8 ^aJob 38:1
^bJob 31:33 ¹Or voice ²Or wind, breeze

10 ^aGen. 2:25

12 ^a[Prov. 28:13]

13 ^a2 Cor. 11:3

14 ^aDeut. 28:15-20

15 ^aJohn 8:44
^bIs. 7:14
^cRom. 16:20

16 ^aJohn 16:21
^bGen. 4:7
^c1 Cor. 11:3
¹Lit. *toward*

17 ^a1 Sam. 15:23 ^bGen. 2:17 ^cRom. 8:20-22 ^aEccl. 2:23

18 ^aPs. 104:14
¹cause to grow

19 ^a2 Thess. 3:10 ^bGen. 2:7; 5:5 ^cJob 21:26

20 ^a2 Cor. 11:3
¹Lit. *Life or Living*

23 ^aGen. 4:2;
9:20

24 ^aEzek. 31:3,
11 ^bPs. 104:4
^cGen. 2:8
^aGen. 2:9

CHAPTER 4

1 ¹Lit. *Acquire*

2 ^aLuke 11:50,
51 ¹Lit. *Breath or Nothing*

3 ^aNum. 18:12
¹Lit. *at the end of days*

4 ^aNum. 18:17
^bLev. 3:16

And between ^ayour seed and ^bher Seed;
^aHe shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

16 To the woman He said:

"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
^aIn pain you shall bring forth children;
^bYour desire *shall be* ¹for your husband,
And he shall ^arule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, ^a"Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree ^bof which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

^c"Cursed is the ground for your sake;

^aIn toil you shall eat of it
All the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall ^bbring forth for you,
And ^ayou shall eat the herb of the field.

19 ^aIn the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
^bFor dust you *are*,
And ^ato dust you shall return."

20 And Adam called his wife's name ^aEve,¹ because she was the mother of all living.

21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—

23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden ^ato till the ground from which he was taken.

24 So ^aHe drove out the man; and He placed ^bcherubim ^aat the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of ^alife.

Cain Murders Abel

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore ¹Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."

2 Then she bore again, this time his brother ¹Abel. Now ^aAbel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And ¹in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit ^aof the ground to the LORD.

4 Abel also brought of ^athe first-born of his flock and of ^btheir fat.

And the LORD ^arespected Abel and his offering,

5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

7 "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is ¹for you, but you should rule over it."

8 Now Cain ¹talked with Abel his ²brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and ^akilled him.

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I ^bmy brother's keeper?"

10 And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood ^acries out to Me from the ground.

11 "So now ^ayou are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 "When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

13 And Cain said to the LORD, "My ¹punishment is greater than I can bear!

14 "Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; ^aI shall be ^bhidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that ^aanyone who finds me will kill me."

15 And the LORD said to him, ¹"Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him ^asevenfold." And the LORD set a ^bmark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

The Family of Cain

16 Then Cain ^awent out from the ^bpresence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of ¹Nod on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, ^aand called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch.

18 To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

19 Then Lamech took for himself ^atwo wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah.

20 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.

21 His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and ¹flute.

4 ^aHeb. 11:4

7 ¹Lit. toward

8 ^a[1 John 3:12–15] ¹Lit. said to ²Sam. LXX. Syr., Vg. add "Let us go out to the field."

9 ^aJohn 8:44
^b1 Cor. 8:11–13

10 ^aHeb. 12:24

11 ^aGen. 3:14

13 ¹iniquity

14 ^aPs. 51:11
^bIs. 1:15
^cNum. 35:19, 21, 27

15 ^aGen. 4:24
^bEzek. 9:4, 6
¹So with MT. Tg. LXX. Syr., Vg. Not so;

16 ^a2 Kin. 13:23; 24:20
^bJon. 1:3 ¹Lit. Wandering

17 ^aPs. 49:11

19 ^aGen. 2:24; 16:3

21 ¹pipe

23 ¹slain a man for my wound ²for my hurt

24 ^aGen. 4:15

25 ^aGen. 5:3
¹Lit. Ap- pointed

26 ^aGen. 5:6
^bZeph. 3:9
¹Gr. Enos, Luke 3:38

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aGen. 2:4; 6:9 ^bGen. 1:26; 9:6

2 ^aMark 10:6
^bGen. 1:28; 9:1

3 ^a1 Cor. 15:48, 49
^bGen. 4:25

4 ^aLuke 3:36–38 ^bGen. 1:28; 4:25

5 ^a[Heb. 9:27]

6 ^aGen. 4:26

9 ¹Heb. Qenan

22 And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

23 Then Lamech said to his wives:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech!

For I have ¹killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man ²for hurting me.

24 ^aIf Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

A New Son

25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and ^anamed him ¹Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."

26 And as for Seth, ^ato him also a son was born; and he named him ¹Enosh. Then ^amen began ^bto call on the name of the LORD.

The Family of Adam

5 This is the book of the ^agenealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in ^bthe likeness of God.

2 He created them ^amale and female, and ^bblessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son ^ain his own likeness, after his image, and ^anamed him Seth.

4 After he begot Seth, ^athe days of Adam were eight hundred years; ^band he had sons and daughters.

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

6 Seth lived one hundred and five years, and begot ^aEnosh.

7 After he begot Enosh, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years, and had sons and daughters.

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

9 Enosh lived ninety years, and begot ¹Cainan.

10 After he begot Cainan, Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years, and had sons and daughters.

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

12 Cainan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalalel.

13 After he begot Mahalalel, Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years, and had sons and daughters.

14 So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

15 Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begot Jared.

16 After he begot Jared, Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years, and had sons and daughters.

17 So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died.

18 Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and begot ^aEnoch.

19 After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and had sons and daughters.

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

21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah.

22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch ^awalked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

24 And ^aEnoch walked with God; and he was not, for God ^btook him.

25 Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech.

26 After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters.

27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.

28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son.

29 And he called his name ^aNoah,¹ saying, "This *one* will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground ^bwhich the LORD has cursed."

30 After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters.

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

32 And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot ^aShem, Ham, ^band Japheth.

The Wickedness and Judgment of Man

6 Now it came to pass, ^awhen men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they ^atook wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

3 And the LORD said, ^a"My Spirit shall not ^bstrive¹ with man forever, ^cfor he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

4 There were ¹giants on the earth in those ^adays, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore chil-

18 ^aJude 14, 15

22 ^aGen. 6:9; 17:1; 24:40; 48:15

24 ^a2 Kin. 2:11 ^bHeb. 11:5

29 ^aLuke 3:36 ^bGen. 3:17-19; 4:11 ¹Lit. *Rest*

32 ^aGen. 6:10; 7:13 ^bGen. 10:21

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aGen. 1:28

2 ^aDeut. 7:3, 4

3 ^a[Gal. 5:16, 17] ^b2 Thess. 2:7 ^cPs. 78:39 ¹LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. *abide*

4 ^aNum. 13:32, 33 ¹Heb. *nephilim, fallen or mighty ones*

5 ^aGen. 8:21 ¹So with MT. Tg.; Vg. *God; LXX LORD God* ²*thought* ³*all the day*

6 ^a1 Sam. 15:11, 29 ^bIs. 63:10 ^cMark 3:5

7 ^aGen. 7:4, 23

8 ^aGen. 19:19

9 ^a2 Pet. 2:5 ^bGen. 5:22, 24 ¹*blameless or having integrity*

10 ^aGen. 5:32; 7:13

11 ^aRom. 2:13 ^bEzek. 8:17

12 ^aPs. 14:2; 53:2, 3 ^bPs. 14:1-3

13 ^a1 Pet. 4:7 ^bGen. 6:17 ^c2 Pet. 2:4-10

14 ¹Lit. *compartments or nests*

15 ¹A cubit is about 18 inches.

17 ^a2 Pet. 2:5 ^b2 Pet. 3:6 ^cLuke 16:22

18 ^aGen. 8:20-9:17; 17:7 ^bGen. 7:1, 7, 13

19 ^aGen. 7:2, 8, 9, 14-16

20 ^aGen. 7:9, 15

dren to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

5 Then ¹the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every ^aintent² of the thoughts of his heart was only evil ³continually.

6 And ^athe LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and ^bHe was grieved in His ^cheart.

7 So the LORD said, "I will ^adestroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

8 But Noah ^afound grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah Pleases God

9 This is the genealogy of Noah. ^aNoah was a just man, ¹perfect in his generations. Noah ^bwalked with God.

10 And Noah begot three sons: ^aShem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt ^abefore God, and the earth was ^bfilled with violence.

12 So God ^alooked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for ^ball flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

The Ark Prepared

13 And God said to Noah, ^a"The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; ^band behold, ^cI will destroy them with the earth.

14 "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make ¹rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

15 "And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred ¹cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

16 "You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*.

17 ^a"And behold, I Myself am bringing ^bfloodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall ^cdie.

18 "But I will establish My ^acovenant with you; and ^byou shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

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

20 "Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* ^awill come to you to keep *them* alive.

21 "And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."
22 ^aThus Noah did; ^baccording to all that ^cGod commanded him, so he did.

The Great Flood

7 Then the ^aLORD said to Noah, ^b"Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that ^cyou are righteous before Me in this generation.

2 "You shall take with you seven each of every ^cclean animal, a male and his female; ^btwo each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female;

3 "also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep ¹the species alive on the face of all the earth.

4 "For after ^aseven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth ^bforty days and forty nights, and I will ^cdestroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made."

5 ^aAnd Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him.

6 Noah was ^asix hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.

7 ^aSo Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth,

9 two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

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

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

12 ^aAnd the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark—

14 ^athey and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every ^bsort.

15 And they ^awent into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life.

16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in ^aas God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

22 ^aGen. 7:5; 12:4, 5; Heb. 11:7 ^bGen. 7:5, 9, 16
^c[1 John 5:3]

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aMatt. 11:28
^bMatt. 24:38; Luke 17:26; Heb. 11:7;
1 Pet. 3:20;
2 Pet. 2:5
^cGen. 6:9; Ps. 33:18; Prov. 10:9; 2 Pet. 2:9

2 ^aLev. 11; Deut. 14:3–20
^bLev. 10:10; Ezek. 44:23

3 ¹Lit. seed
4 ^aGen. 7:10; Ex. 7:25 ^bGen. 7:12, 17 ¹Lit. blot out

5 ^aGen. 6:22

6 ^aGen. 5:4, 32

7 ^aGen. 6:18; 7:1, 13; Matt. 24:38; Luke 17:27

11 ^aMatt. 24:39; Luke 17:27; 2 Pet. 2:5; 3:6 ^bGen. 8:2; Prov. 8:28; Is. 51:10; Ezek. 26:19
^cGen. 8:2; Ps. 78:23

12 ^aGen. 7:4, 17; 1 Sam. 12:18

14 ^aGen. 6:19
^bGen. 1:21

15 ^aGen. 6:19, 20; 7:9

16 ^aGen. 7:2, 3

17 ^aGen. 7:4, 12; 8:6

18 ^aPs. 104:26

21 ^aGen. 6:7, 13, 17; 7:4
¹the land

22 ^aGen. 2:7
¹LXX, Vg. omit of the spirit

23 ^aMatt. 24:38, 39; Luke 17:26, 27; Heb. 11:7;
1 Pet. 3:20;
2 Pet. 2:5

24 ^aGen. 8:3, 4

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aGen. 19:29; Ex. 2:24;
1 Sam. 1:19; Ps. 105:42;
106:4 ^bEx. 14:21; 15:10;
Job 12:15; Ps. 29:10; Is. 44:27; Nah. 1:4

2 ^aGen. 7:11
^bDeut. 11:17
^cGen. 7:4, 12;
Job 38:37

3 ^aGen. 7:24

6 ^aGen. 6:16

17 ^aNow the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

18 The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, ^aand the ark moved about on the surface of the waters.

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

20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

21 ^aAnd all flesh died that moved on ¹the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man.

22 All in ^awhose nostrils was the breath ¹of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died.

23 So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only ^aNoah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.

24 ^aAnd the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Noah's Deliverance

8 Then God ^aremembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. ^bAnd God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

2 ^aThe fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also ^bstopped, and ^cthe rain from heaven was restrained.

3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end ^aof the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

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

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

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

7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth.

8 He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.

9 But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.

10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.

11 Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth.

12 So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

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

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

15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

17 "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

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

19 Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

God's Covenant with Creation

20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination¹ of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

22 "While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And day and night
Shall not cease."

9 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

16 ^aGen. 7:13
17 ^aGen. 1:22,
28; 9:1, 7

20 ^aGen. 12:7;
Ex. 29:18, 25
^bGen. 7:2; Lev.
11 ^cGen. 22:2;
Ex. 10:25

21 ^aEx. 29:18,
25; Lev. 1:9;
Ezek. 20:41;
2 Cor. 2:15;
Eph. 5:2 ^bGen.
3:17; 6:7, 13,
17; Is. 54:9

^cGen. 6:5;
11:6; Job 14:4;
Ps. 51:5; Jer.
17:9; Rom.
1:21; 3:23;
Eph. 2:1-3

^dGen. 9:11, 15
¹intent or
thought

22 ^aIs. 54:9
^bPs. 74:16; Jer.
33:20, 25

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aGen. 1:28,
29; 8:17; 9:7,
19; 10:32

2 ^aGen. 1:26,
28; Ps. 8:6

3 ^aDeut. 12:15;
14:3, 9, 11;
Acts 10:12, 13

^bRom. 14:14,
20; 1 Cor.
10:23, 26; Col.
2:16; [1 Tim.

4:3, 4] ^cGen.
1:29

4 ^aLev. 7:26;
17:10-16;
19:26; Deut.
12:16, 23;

15:23; 1 Sam.
14:33, 34; Acts
15:20, 29

5 ^aEx. 21:28
^bGen. 4:9, 10;
Ps. 9:12 ^cActs
17:26

6 ^aEx. 21:12-
14; Lev. 24:17;
Num. 35:33;
Matt. 26:52

^bGen. 1:26, 27

7 ^aGen. 9:1, 19

9 ^aGen. 6:18
^bIs. 54:9 ¹Lit.
seed

10 ^aPs. 145:9

11 ^aGen. 8:21;
Is. 54:9

12 ^aGen. 9:13,
17; 17:11

13 ^aEzek. 1:28;
Rev. 4:3

15 ^aLev. 26:42,
45; Deut. 7:9;
Ezek. 16:60

16 ^aGen. 17:13,
19; 2 Sam.
23:5; Is. 55:3;
Jer. 32:40;
Heb. 13:20

18 ^aGen.
9:25-27; 10:6

19 ^aGen. 5:32
^bGen. 9:1, 7;
10:32; 1 Chr.
1:4

3 "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you ^aall things, even as the green herbs.

4 "But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

5 "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; ^bFor in the image of God He made man.

7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it."

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:

9 "And as for Me, behold, I establish ^bMy covenant with you and with your descendants after you,

10 "and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

11 "Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 "I set ^aMy rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

14 "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;

15 "and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 "The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

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

Noah and His Sons

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

19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

20 And Noah began *to be* ^aa farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

21 Then he drank of the wine ^aand was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

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

23 ^aBut Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces *were* ¹turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.

25 Then he said:

^a"Cursed *be* Canaan;
A ^bservant of servants
He shall be to his brethren."

26 And he said:

^a"Blessed *be* the LORD,
The God of Shem,
And may Canaan be his
servant.

27 May God ^aenlarge Japheth.
^bAnd may he dwell in the tents
of Shem;
And may Canaan be his
servant."

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

29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

Nations Descended from Noah

10 Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ^aAnd sons were born to them after the flood.

2 ^aThe sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

3 The sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, ¹Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 The sons of Javan *were* Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and ¹Dodanim.

5 From these ^athe coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

6 ^aThe sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, ¹Put, and Canaan.

7 The sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan.

8 Cush begot ^aNimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.

9 He was a mighty ^bhunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD."

10 ^aAnd the beginning of his kingdom was ^bBabel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

20 ^aGen. 3:19, 23; 4:2

21 ^aProv. 20:1

23 ^aEx. 20:12
¹Lit. *backwards*

25 ^aDeut. 27:16
^bJosh. 9:23

26 ^aGen. 14:20; 24:27

27 ^aGen. 10:2-5; 39:3
^bEph. 2:13, 14; 3:6

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aGen. 9:1, 7, 19

2 ^a1 Chr. 1:5-7

3 ¹*Diphath*, 1 Chr. 1:6

4 ¹Sam. *Rodanim* and 1 Chr. 1:7

5 ^aPs. 72:10

6 ^a1 Chr. 1:8-16 ¹Or *Phut*

8 ^aMic. 5:6

9 ^aJer. 16:16
^bGen. 21:20

10 ^aMic. 5:6
^bGen. 11:9

11 ^aMic. 5:6

14 ^a1 Chr. 1:12

15 ^aGen. 23:3

16 ^aGen. 14:7; 15:19-21

19 ^aNum. 34:2-12

21 ¹Or *the older brother of Japheth*

22 ^a1 Chr. 1:17-28 ^bLuke 3:36

23 ¹LXX *Meshech* and 1 Chr. 1:17

24 ^aGen. 11:12
¹So with MT, Vg., Tg.; LXX *Arphaxad begot Cainan, and Cainan begot Salah* (cf. Luke 3:35, 36)

25 ^a1 Chr. 1:19
¹Lit. *Division*

28 ¹*Ebal*, 1 Chr. 1:22

32 ^aGen. 10:1
^bGen. 9:19; 11:8

CHAPTER 11

1 ¹Lit. *lip*

2 ^aGen. 10:10; 14:1

3 ¹Lit. *burn*

11 From that land he went ^ato Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah,

12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).

13 Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,

14 Pathrusim, and Casluhim ^a(from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim).

15 Canaan begot Sidon his first-born, and ^aHeth;

16 ^athe Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite;

17 the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite;

18 the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed.

19 ^aAnd the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

20 These *were* the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.

21 And *children* were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, ¹the brother of Japheth the elder.

22 The ^asons of Shem *were* Elam, Asshur, ^bArphaxad, Lud, and Aram.

23 The sons of Aram *were* Uz, Hul, Gether, and ¹Mash.

24 ¹Arphaxad begot ^aSalah, and Salah begot Eber.

25 ^aTo Eber were born two sons: the name of one was ¹Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

26 Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

28 ¹Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling place was from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east.

31 These *were* the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

32 ^aThese *were* the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; ^band from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.

The Tower of Babel

11 Now the whole earth had one language and one ¹speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land ^aof Shinar, and they dwelt there.

3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and ^bbake them thoroughly." They had brick

for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a ^bname for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

5 "But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have ^bone language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

7 "Come, let Us go down and there ^bconfuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there ^bover the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

9 Therefore its name is called ¹Babel, ^abecause there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Shem's Descendants

10 "This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood.

11 After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

12 Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah.

13 After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

14 Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber.

15 After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

16 "Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot ^bPeleg.

17 After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.

18 Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu.

19 After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters.

20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot "Serug.

21 After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters.

22 Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor.

23 After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

24 Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot "Terah.

25 After he begot Terah, Nahor

4 ^aDeut. 1:28;
9:1 ^bGen. 6:4
^cDeut. 4:27

5 ^aGen. 18:21

6 ^aGen. 9:19
^bGen. 11:1
^cPs. 2:1

7 ^aGen. 1:26
^bEx. 4:11

8 ^a[Luke 1:51]
^bGen. 10:25,
32

9 ^a1 Cor.
14:23 ¹Lit.
Confusion,
Babylon

10 ^aGen.
10:22-25

12 ^aLuke 3:35

16 ^a1 Chr. 1:19
^bLuke 3:35

20 ^aLuke 3:35

24 ^aJosh. 24:2

26 ^a1 Chr. 1:26
¹Abraham,
Gen. 17:5

27 ^aGen. 11:31;
17:5

29 ^aGen. 17:15;
20:12 ^bGen.
22:20, 23;
24:15 ¹Sarah,
Gen. 17:15

30 ^aGen.
16:1, 2

31 ^aGen. 12:1
^bActs 7:4
^cGen. 10:19

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aActs 7:2, 3
^bGen. 13:9

2 ^aDeut. 26:5
^bGen. 22:17;
24:35 ^cGen.
28:4

3 ^aNum. 24:9
^bActs 3:25 ^cIs.
41:27

5 ^aGen. 14:14
^bGen. 11:31
^cGen. 13:18
¹Lit. *souls*

6 ^aHeb. 11:9
^bDeut. 11:30
^cGen. 10:18,
19 ¹Heb. *Alon*
Moreh

7 ^aGen. 17:1;
18:1 ^bGen.
13:15; 15:18;
17:8 ¹Lit. *seed*

lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters.

26 Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot ¹Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Terah's Descendants

27 This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.

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

29 Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was "Sarai," and the name of Nahor's wife, ^bMilcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah.

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

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

32 So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.

Promises to Abram

12 Now the LORD had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father's house,
To a land that I will show you.
2 "I will make you a great nation;
^bI will bless you
And make your name great;
^cAnd you shall be a blessing.
3 "I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who
curses you;
And in ^byou all the families
of the earth shall be
blessed."

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

5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the ¹people whom they had acquired ^bin Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan.

6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, ^bas far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. "And the Canaanites were then in the land.

7 "Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ^b"To your descen-

dants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

9 So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

Abram in Egypt

10 Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance.

12 "Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

13 "Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."

14 So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very beautiful.

15 The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house.

16 He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

17 But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

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

19 "Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way."

20 So Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

Abram Inherits Canaan

13 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South.

2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

4 to the place of the altar which

7 Gen. 13:4, 18; 22:9

8 Gen. 4:26; 13:4; 21:33

9 Gen. 13:1, 3; 20:1; 24:62
Heb. Negev

10 Gen. 26:1
bPs. 105:13
cGen. 43:1

11 Gen. 12:14; 26:7; 29:17

12 Gen. 20:11; 26:7

13 Gen. 20:1-18; 26:6-11
bGen. 20:12
Lit. my soul

16 Gen. 20:14
bGen. 13:2

17 1 Chr. 16:21

18 Gen. 20:9, 10; 26:10

20 a[Prov. 21:1]

CHAPTER 13

1 Gen. 12:4; 14:12, 16

bGen. 12:9
Heb. Negev

2 Gen. 24:35; 26:14

3 Gen. 12:8, 9

4 Gen. 12:7, 8; 21:33
bPs. 116:17

6 Gen. 36:7
Lit. bear

7 Gen. 26:20
bGen. 12:6; 15:20, 21

8 1 Cor. 6:7

9 Gen. 20:15; 34:10
bGen. 13:11, 14

c[Rom. 12:18]

10 Gen. 19:17-29

bGen. 19:24
cGen. 2:8, 10
dDeut. 34:3

12 Gen. 19:24, 25, 29
bGen. 14:12; 19:1

13 Gen. 18:20, 21
bGen. 6:11; 39:9

14 Gen. 13:11
bGen. 28:14

15 Acts 7:5
b2 Chr. 20:7
Lit. seed

16 Gen. 22:17

18 Gen. 26:17
bGen. 14:13
cGen. 23:2; 35:27
dGen. 8:20; 22:8, 9

Heb. Alon Mamre

CHAPTER 14

1 Gen. 10:10; 11:2
bIs. 11:11; 21:2
Heb. goyim

he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

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

6 Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.

8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.

9 "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

10 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.

12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.

14 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

15 "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

16 "And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

17 "Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

18 Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.

Lot's Captivity and Rescue

14 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations,

2 *that* they made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela (that is, ^bZoar).

3 All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).

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

5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that *were* with him came and attacked ^athe Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, ^athe Zuzim in Ham, ^athe Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6 ^aand the Horites in their mountain of Seir, as far as El Paran, which is by the wilderness.

7 Then they turned back and came to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwell ^ain Hazezon Tamar.

8 And the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim

9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of ^ainations, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five.

10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of ^aasphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; *some* fell there, and the remainder fled ^bto the mountains.

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

12 They also took Lot, Abram's ^abrother's son ^bwho dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the ^aHebrew, for ^bhe dwelt by ^athe terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; ^aand they *were* allies with Abram.

14 Now ^awhen Abram heard that ^bhis brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained *servants* who were ^aborn in his own house, and went in pursuit ^aas far as Dan.

15 He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants ^aattacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is ^anorth of Damascus.

16 So he ^abrought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom ^awent out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the ^bKing's Valley), ^aafter his return from ^athe defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who *were* with him.

2 ^aDeut. 29:23

^bGen. 13:10;

19:22

3 ^aNum. 34:12

4 ^aGen. 9:26

5 ^aGen. 15:20

^bDeut. 2:20

^cDeut. 2:10

6 ^aDeut. 2:12,

22

7 ^a2 Chr. 20:2

9 ¹Heb. *goyim*

10 ^aGen. 11:3

^bGen. 19:17,

30

11 ^aGen. 14:16,

21

12 ^aGen. 11:27;

12:5 ^bGen.

13:12

13 ^aGen. 39:14;

40:15 ^bGen.

13:18 ^cGen.

14:24; 21:27,

32 ¹Heb. *Alon*

Mamre

14 ^aGen. 19:29

^bGen. 13:8;

14:12 ^cGen.

12:5; 15:3;

17:7 ^dDeut.

34:1

15 ^aIs. 41:2, 3

¹Lit. *on the*

left hand of

16 ^aGen. 31:18

17 ^a1 Sam.

18:6 ^b2 Sam.

18:18 ^cHeb.

7:1 ¹Lit. *striking*

18 ^aHeb.

7:1–10 ^bGen.

18:5 ^cPs.

110:4 ^dActs

16:17

19 ^aRuth 3:10

^bGen. 14:22

20 ^aGen. 24:27

^bHeb. 7:4

¹one-tenth

21 ¹Lit. *souls*

22 ^aGen. 14:2,

8, 10 ^bDan.

12:7 ^cGen.

14:19

23 ^a2 Kin. 5:16

CHAPTER 15

1 ^aDan. 10:1

^bGen. 21:17;

26:24 ^cDeut.

33:29 ^dProv.

11:18 ¹Or

your reward

shall be very

great

2 ^aGen. 17:18

^bActs 7:5 ¹am

childless

3 ^aGen. 14:14

¹a *servant*

4 ^a2 Sam. 7:12

5 ^aPs. 147:4

^bJer. 33:22

^cEx. 32:13

^dGen. 17:19

6 ^aRom. 4:3, 9,

22 ^bPs. 32:2;

106:31

7 ^aGen. 12:1

^bGen. 11:28,

31 ^cPs. 105:42,

44

8 ^aLuke 1:18

10 ^aJer. 34:18

Abram and Melchizedek

18 Then ^aMelchizedek king of Salem brought out ^bbread and wine; he was ^athe priest of ^aGod Most High.

19 And he blessed him and said:

^a“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,

^bPossessor of heaven and earth;

20 And ^ablessed be God Most High,

Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”

And he ^bgave him ¹a tithe of all.

21 Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the ¹persons, and take the goods for yourself.”

22 But Abram ^asaid to the king of Sodom, “I ^bhave raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, ^athe Possessor of heaven and earth,

23 “that ^aI will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich’—

24 “except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.”

God's Covenant with Abram

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram ^ain a vision, saying, ^b“Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your ^ashield, ¹your exceedingly ^agreat reward.”

2 ^aBut Abram said, “Lord GOD, what will You give me, ^bseeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

3 Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed ^a“one! born in my house is my heir!”

4 And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who ^awill come from your own body shall be your heir.”

5 Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and ^acount the ^bstars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall you ^adescendants be.”

6 And he ^abelieved in the LORD, and He ^baccounted it to him for righteousness.

7 Then He said to him, “I *am* the LORD, who ^abrought you out of ^bUr of the Chaldeans, ^ato give you this land to inherit it.”

8 And he said, “Lord GOD, ^ahow shall I know that I will inherit it?”

9 So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

10 Then he brought all these to Him and ^acut them in two, down the

middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut ^bthe birds in two.

11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 Now when the sun was going down, ^aa deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.

13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is not* theirs, and will serve them, and ^bthey will afflict them four hundred years.

14 "And also the nation whom they serve ^cI will judge; afterward ^bthey shall come out with great possessions.

15 "Now as for you, ^ayou shall ¹go ^bto your fathers in peace; ^cyou shall be buried at a good old age.

16 "But ^din the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity ^eof the Amorites ^fis not yet complete."

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that ^gpassed between those pieces.

18 On the same day the LORD ^hmade a covenant with Abram, saying:

^b"To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

19 "the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,

20 "the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

21 "the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Hagar and Ishmael

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, ^ahad borne him no children. And she had ^ban Egyptian maid-servant whose name was ^cHagar.

2 "So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD ^bhas restrained me from bearing children. Please, ^cgo in to my maid; perhaps I shall ^dobtain children by her." And Abram ^eheeded the voice of Sarai.

3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram ^ahad dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan.

4 So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became ^adespised in her ^beyes.

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, ¹"My wrong *be* upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. ^aThe LORD judge between you and me."

6 "So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai

10 ^bLev. 1:17
12 ^aGen. 2:21;
28:11
13 ^aEx. 1:11
^bEx. 12:40
14 ^aEx. 6:6
^bEx. 12:36
15 ^aJob 5:26
^bGen. 25:8;
47:30 ^cGen.
25:8 ^dDie and
join your
ancestors
16 ^aEx. 12:41
^b1 Kin. 21:26
^cMatt. 23:32
17 ^aJer. 34:18,
19
18 ^aGen. 24:7
^bGen. 12:7;
17:8

CHAPTER 16

1 ^aGen. 11:30;
15:2, 3 ^bGen.
12:16; 21:9
^cGal. 4:24
2 ^aGen. 30:3
^bGen. 20:18
^cGen. 30:3, 9
^dGen. 3:17
¹Lit. *be built
up from*
3 ^aGen. 12:4, 5
4 ^aProv.
30:21, 23]
¹sight
5 ^aGen. 31:53
¹The wrong
done to me *be*
6 ^a1 Pet. 3:7
^bEx. 2:15
7 ^aGen. 21:17,
18; 22:11, 15;
31:11 ^bGen.
20:1; 25:18
^cEx. 15:22
9 ^a[Titus 2:9]
10 ^aGen. 17:20
11 ^aLuke 1:13,
31 ¹Lit. *God
Hears*
12 ^aGen. 21:20
^bGen. 25:18
13 ^aGen. 31:42
¹Heb. *El Roi*
²Seen the
back of
14 ^aGen. 24:62
^bNum. 13:26
¹Lit. *Well of
the One Who
Lives and
Sees Me*
15 ^aGal. 4:22

CHAPTER 17

1 ^aGen. 12:7;
18:1 ^bGen.
28:3; 35:11
^c2 Kin. 20:3
^dDeut. 18:13
¹Heb. *El
Shaddai*
2 ^aGen. 15:18
^bGen. 12:2;
13:16; 15:5;
18:18
4 ^a[Rom. 4:11,
12, 16] ¹Lit.
*multitude of
nations*
5 ^aNeh. 9:7
^bNeh. 4:17
¹Lit. *Exalted
Father* ²Lit.
*Father of a
Multitude* ^{3a}
multitude of
6 ^aGen. 17:16;
35:11 ^bMatt.
1:6

dealt harshly with her, ^bshe fled from her presence.

7 Now the ^aAngel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, ^bby the spring on the way to ^cShur.

8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

9 The Angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and ^asubmit yourself under her hand."

10 Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, ^a"I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude."

11 And the Angel of the LORD said to her:

^a"Behold, you *are* with child,

^aAnd you shall bear a son.

You shall call his name

¹Ishmael,

Because the LORD has heard

your affliction.

12 ^aHe shall be a wild man;

His hand *shall be* against every man,

And every man's hand against him.

^bAnd he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here ²seen Him ^awho sees me?"

14 Therefore the well was called ^aBeer Lahai Roi; ¹observe, it is ^bbetween Kadesh and Bered.

15 So ^aHagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

The Sign of the Covenant

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD ^aappeared to Abram and said to him, ^b"¹ *am* ¹Almighty God; ^cwalk before Me and be ^dblameless.

2 "And I will make My ^acovenant between Me and you, and ^bwill multiply you exceedingly."

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

4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be ^aa father of ^bmany nations.

5 "No longer shall ^ayour name be called ¹Abram, but your name shall be ²Abraham; ^bfor I have made you a father of ³many nations.

6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make ^anations of you, and ^bkings shall come from you.

7 "And I will ^aestablish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, ^bto be God to you and ^cyour descendants after you.

8 "Also ^aI give to you and your descendants after you the land ^bin¹ which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and ^aI will be their God."

9 And God said to Abraham: "As for you, ^ayou shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

10 "This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: ^aEvery male child among you shall be circumcised;

11 "and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be ^aa sign of the covenant between Me and you.

12 "He who is eight days old among you ^ashall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant.

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

14 "And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person ^ashall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but ¹Sarah *shall* be her name.

16 "And I will bless her ^aand also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* ^bof nations; ^ckings of peoples shall be from her."

17 Then Abraham fell on his face ^aand laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall *a child* be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child*?"

18 And Abraham ^asaid to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!"

19 Then God said: "No, ^aSarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My ^bcovenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his descendants after him.

20 "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and ^awill multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget ^btwelve princes, ^cand I will make him a great nation.

21 "But My ^acovenant I will establish with Isaac, ^bwhom Sarah shall bear to you at this ^cset time next year."

7 ^a[Gal. 3:17]
^bGen. 26:24;
28:13 ^cRom.
9:8

8 ^aActs 7:5
^bGen. 23:4;
28:4 ^cLev.
26:12 ¹Lit. *of your sojournings*

9 ^aEx. 19:5

10 ^aActs 7:8

11 ^aEx. 12:13,
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12 ^aLev. 12:3

14 ^aEx.
4:24-26

15 ¹Lit.
Princess

16 ^aGen. 18:10
^bGen. 35:11
^cGen. 17:6;
36:31

17 ^aGen. 17:3;
18:12; 21:6

18 ^aGen. 18:23

19 ^aGen. 18:10;
21:2; ^bGen.
22:16

20 ^aGen. 16:10
^bGen.
25:12-16
^cGen. 21:13,
18

21 ^aGen.
26:2-5 ^bGen.
21:2 ^cGen.
18:14

27 ^aGen. 18:19

CHAPTER 18

1 ^aGen. 13:18;
14:13 ¹Heb.
Alon Mamre

2 ^aHeb. 13:2
^bGen. 19:1

4 ^aGen. 19:2;
24:32; 43:24

5 ^aJudg. 6:18,
19; 13:15, 16
^bJudg. 19:5
^cGen. 19:8;
33:10

8 ^aGen. 19:3

9 ^aGen. 24:67

10 ^a2 Kin. 4:16
^bRom. 9:9

11 ^aGen. 17:17
^bGen. 31:35
¹Lit. *the manner of women had ceased to be with Sarah*

12 ^aGen. 17:17

22 Then He finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very same day, as God had said to him.

24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

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

26 That very same day Abraham was circumcised, and his son Ishmael;

27 and ^aall the men of his house, born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

The Son of Promise

18 Then the LORD appeared to him by ¹the ^aterebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.

2 "So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; ^band when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,

3 and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.

4 "Please let ^aa little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

5 "And ^aI will bring a morsel of bread, that ^byou may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, ^cinasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said."

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes."

7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

8 So ^ahe took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, ^ain the tent."

10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you ^aaccording to the time of life, and behold, ^bSarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

11 Now ^aAbraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* ¹Sarah ^bhad passed the age of childbearing.

12 Therefore Sarah ^alaughed within

herself, saying, ^b"After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my ^clord being old also?"

13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a *child*, since I am old?'"

14 ^a"Is anything too hard for the LORD? ^bAt the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

16 Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them ^ato send them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, ^a"Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,

18 "since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be ^b'blessed in him?"

19 "For I have known him, in order ^athat he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

20 And the LORD said, "Because ^athe outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their ^bsin is very grave,

21 ^a"I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, ^bI will know."

22 Then the men turned away from there ^aand went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

23 And Abraham ^acame near and said, ^b"Would You also ^c'destroy the ^d'righteous with the wicked?"

24 "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?"

25 "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so ^athat the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! ^bShall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

26 So the LORD said, ^a"If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."

27 Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who *am* ^abut dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord:

28 "Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack* of five?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it."

29 And he spoke to Him yet again

12 ^bLuke 1:18
^c1 Pet. 3:6

14 ^aJer. 32:17
^bGen. 17:21;
18:10

16 ^aRom. 15:24

17 ^aPs. 25:14

18 ^a[Acts 3:25,
26

19 ^a[Deut. 4:9,
10; 6:6, 7]

20 ^aGen. 4:10;
19:13 ^bGen.
13:13

21 ^aGen. 11:5
^bDeut. 8:2;
13:3

22 ^aGen. 18:16;
19:1

23 ^a[Heb.
10:22] ^bNum.
16:22 ^cJob
9:22 ^dGen.
20:4

25 ^aIs. 3:10, 11
^bDeut. 1:16,
17; 32:4

26 ^aJer. 5:1

27 ^a[Gen. 3:19]

32 ^aJudg. 6:39
^bJames 5:16

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aGen. 18:2,
16, 22 ^bGen.
18:1-5

2 ^a[Heb. 13:2]
^bGen. 18:4;
24:32 ^cLuke
24:28

3 ^aGen. 18:6-8
^bEx. 12:8

5 ^aIs. 3:9
^bJudg. 19:22
^cGen. 4:1

6 ^aJudg. 19:23

8 ^aJudg. 19:24
^bGen. 18:5

9 ^a2 Pet. 2:7, 8
^bEx. 2:14 ¹As
a resident
alien

and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty."

30 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty."

32 Then he said, ^a"Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" ^bAnd He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."

33 So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

Sodom's Depravity

19 Now ^athe two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and ^bLot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.

2 And he said, "Here now, my lords, please ^a'turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and ^bwash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, ^c"No, but we will spend the night in the open square."

3 But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. ^aThen he made them a feast, and baked ^bunleavened bread, and they ate.

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

5 ^a"And they called to Lot and said to him, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight?' ^bBring them out to us that we ^c'may know them *carnally*.'"

6 So ^aLot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him,

7 and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!"

8 ^a"See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, ^bsince this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof."

9 And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one ^a'came in to ^b'stay *here*, ^cand he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door.

10 But the men reached out their

hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.

11 And they ^astruck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary *trying to find the door.*

Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

12 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—*take them out of this place!*

13 "For we will destroy this place, because the ^aoutcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and ^bthe LORD has sent us to destroy it."

14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, ^awho had married his daughters, and said, ^b"Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" ^cBut to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, ^a"Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."

16 And while he lingered, the men ^atook hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the ^bLORD being merciful to him, ^cand they brought him out and set him outside the city.

17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that ^ahe said, ^b"Escape for your life! ^cDo not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape ^dto the mountains, lest you be ^edestroyed."

18 Then Lot said to them, "Please, ^ano, my lords!

19 "Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die.

20 "See now, this city is near *enough* to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live."

21 And he said to him, "See, ^aI have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken.

22 "Hurry, escape there. For ^aI cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore ^bthe name of the city was called ^cZoar.

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

24 Then the LORD rained ^abrimstone and ^bfire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.

25 So He ^aoverthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and ^bwhat grew on the ground.

11 ^aGen. 20:17

12 ^{a2} Pet. 2:7, 9

13 ^aGen. 18:20
^{b1} Chr. 21:15

14 ^aMatt. 1:18
^bNum. 16:21, 24, 26, 45
^cEx. 9:21

15 ^aRev. 18:4

16 ^{a2} Pet. 2:7
^bLuke 18:13
^cPs. 34:22

17 ^aJer. 48:6
^bMatt. 24:16–18

^cGen. 14:10
¹LXX, Syr.,
Vg. *they* ²Lit.
swept away

18 ^aActs 10:14

21 ^aJob 42:8, 9

22 ^aEx. 32:10
^bGen. 13:10;
14:2 ¹Lit. *Little or Insignificant*

24 ^aDeut. 29:23 ^bLev. 10:2

25 ^aPs. 107:34
¹*devastated*

26 ^aLuke 17:32

27 ^aGen. 18:22

28 ^aRev. 9:2;
18:9

29 ^aGen. 8:1;
18:23

30 ^aGen. 19:17,
19

31 ^aGen. 16:2,
4; 38:8, 9

32 ^a[Mark 12:19] ¹Lit.
seed

34 ¹Lit. *seed*

37 ^aDeut. 2:9

38 ^aDeut. 2:19

CHAPTER 20

1 ^aGen. 18:1
^bGen. 12:9;
16:7, 14 ^cGen. 26:1, 6

2 ^aGen. 12:11–13; 26:7 ^bGen. 12:15

3 ^aPs. 105:14
^bJob 33:15
^cGen. 20:7

26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became ^aa pillar of salt.
27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where ^ahe had stood before the LORD.

28 Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, ^athe smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God ^aremembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

The Descendants of Lot

30 Then Lot went up out of Zoar and ^adwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.

31 Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and *there is no man on the earth* ^ato come in to us as is the custom of all the earth.

32 "Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we ^amay preserve the ^blineage of our father."

33 So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

34 It happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in *and* lie with him, that we may preserve the ^blineage of our father."

35 Then they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.

37 The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; ^ahe is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; ^ahe is the father of the people of Ammon to this day.

Abraham and Abimelech

20 And Abraham journeyed from ^athere to the South, and dwelt between ^bKadesh and Shur, and ^cstayed in Gerar.

2 Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, ^a"She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and ^btook Sarah.

3 But ^aGod came to Abimelech ^bin a dream by night, and said to him, ^c"Indeed you *are* a dead man

because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is ¹a man's wife."

4 But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, ^awill You slay a righteous nation also?"

5 "Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He is my brother.' ^aIn the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this."

6 And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For ^aI also withheld you from sinning ^bagainst Me; therefore I did not let you touch her."

7 "Now therefore, restore the man's wife: ^afor he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore *her*, ^bknow that you shall surely die, you ^aand all who *are* yours."

8 So Abimelech rose early in the morning, called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were very much afraid.

9 And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I ¹offended you, ^athat you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me ^bthat ought not to be done."

10 Then Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you have in view, that you have done this thing?"

11 And Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely ^athe fear of God is not in this place; and ^bthey will kill me on account of my wife."

12 "But indeed ^ashe is truly my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife."

13 "And it came to pass, when ^aGod caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, ^bsay of me, "He is my brother."'"

14 Then Abimelech ^atook sheep, oxen, and male and female servants, and gave *them* to Abraham; and he restored Sarah his wife to him.

15 And Abimelech said, "See, ^amy land is before you; dwell where it pleases you."

16 Then to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand *pieces* of silver; ^aindeed this ^bvindicates you ^cbefore all who *are* with you and before everybody." Thus she was rebuked.

17 So Abraham ^aprayed to God; and God ^bhealed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore *children*;

18 for the LORD ^ahad closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

3 ¹Lit. *married to a husband*

4 ^aGen. 18:23-25

5 ^a2 Kin. 20:3 ¹innocence

6 ^a1 Sam. 25:26, 34 ^bGen. 39:9

7 ^a1 Sam. 7:5 ^bGen. 2:17 ^cNum. 16:32, 33

9 ^aGen. 26:10; 39:9 ^bGen. 34:7 ¹sinned against

11 ^aProv. 16:6 ^bGen. 12:12; 26:7

12 ^aGen. 11:29

13 ^aGen. 12:1-9, 11 ^bGen. 12:13; 20:5

14 ^aGen. 12:16

15 ^aGen. 13:9; 34:10; 47:6

16 ^aGen. 26:11 ^bGen. 24:65

¹Lit. *is a covering of the eyes for you to all* ²Or justified

17 ^aJob 42:9 ^bGen. 21:2

18 ^aGen. 12:17

CHAPTER 21

1 ^a1 Sam. 2:21 ^b[Gal. 4:23, 28]

2 ^aHeb. 11:11, 12 ^bGen. 17:21; 18:10, 14

3 ^aGen. 17:19, 21 ¹Lit.

Laughter

4 ^aActs 7:8 ^bGen. 17:10, 12

5 ^aGen. 17:1, 17

6 ^aIs. 54:1 ^bLuke 1:58 ¹Lit. *made laughter for me*

7 ^aGen. 18:11, 12

9 ^aGen. 16:1, 4, 15 ^b[Gal. 4:29] ¹Lit. *laughing*

10 ^aGal. 3:18; 4:30

11 ^aGen. 17:18 ¹distressing

12 ^a[Rom. 9:7, 8]

13 ^aGen. 16:10; 17:20; 21:18; 25:12-18

¹descendant

14 ^aJohn 8:35

¹A water bottle made of skins

17 ^aEx. 3:7 ^bGen. 22:11

Isaac Is Born

21 And the LORD ^avisited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah ^aas He had spoken.

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

3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—^aIsaac.¹

4 Then Abraham ^acircumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, ^aas God had commanded him.

5 Now ^aAbraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

6 And Sarah said, ^a"God has ¹made me laugh, and all who hear ^bwill laugh with me."

7 She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? ^aFor I have borne *him* a son in his old age."

Hagar and Ishmael Depart

8 So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned.

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar ^athe Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, ^bscoffing.¹

10 Therefore she said to Abraham, ^a"Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *namely* with Isaac."

11 And the matter was very ¹displeasing in Abraham's sight ^abecause of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for ^ain Isaac your seed shall be called."

13 "Yet I will also make ^aa nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your ¹seed."

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and ¹a skin of water; and putting *it* on her shoulder, he gave *it* and the boy to Hagar, and ^asent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.

15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.

16 Then she went and sat down across from *him* at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, "Let me not see the death of the boy." So she sat opposite *him*, and lifted her voice and wept.

17 And ^aGod heard the voice of the lad. Then the ^bangel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is."

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

19 Then ^a"God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.

20 So God ^a"was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness,^b and became an archer.

21 He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother ^a"took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

A Covenant with Abimelech

22 And it came to pass at that time that ^a"Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, ^b"God is with you in all that you do.

23 "Now therefore, ^a"swear¹ to me by God that you will not deal falsely with me, with my offspring, or with my posterity; but that according to the kindness that I have done to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have dwelt."

24 And Abraham said, "I will swear."

25 Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's servants ^a"had seized.

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

27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them ^a"made a ¹covenant.

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

29 Then Abimelech asked Abraham, ^a"What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves?"

30 And he said, "You will take ^athese seven ewe lambs from my hand, that ^a"they may be my witness that I have dug this well."

31 Therefore he ^a"called that place ¹Beersheba, because the two of them swore an oath there.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba. So Abimelech rose with Phicol, the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines.

33 Then ^aAbraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and ^a"there called on the name of the LORD, ^b"the Everlasting God.

34 And Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines many days.

Abraham's Faith Confirmed

22 Now it came to pass after these things that ^a"God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, ^a"your only son Isaac, whom you

18 ^aGen. 16:10; 21:13; 25:12-16

19 ^aNum. 22:31

20 ^aGen. 28:15; 39:2, 3, 21 ^bGen. 16:12

21 ^aGen. 24:4

22 ^aGen. 20:2, 14; 26:26 ^bGen. 26:28

23 ^aJosh. 2:12 ¹take an oath

25 ^aGen. 26:15, 18, 20-22

27 ^aGen. 26:31; 31:44 ¹treaty

29 ^aGen. 33:8

30 ^aGen. 31:48, 52

31 ^aGen. 21:14; 26:33 ¹Lit. Well of the Oath or Well of the Seven

33 ^aGen. 4:26; 12:8; 13:4; 26:25 ^bDeut. 32:40; 33:27

CHAPTER 22

1 ^aHeb. 11:17

2 ^aGen. 22:12, 16 ^bJohn 5:20 ^c2 Chr. 3:1 ^dGen. 8:20; 31:54

5 ^a[Heb. 11:19] ¹Or young man

6 ^aJohn 19:17

7 ¹Or goat

8 ^aJohn 1:29, 36 ^bEx. 12:3-6

9 ^a[Heb. 11:17-19]

11 ^aGen. 16:7-11; 21:17, 18; 31:11

12 ^a1 Sam. 15:22 ^bJames 2:21, 22 ^cGen. 22:2, 16

14 ¹Heb. YHWH Yireh

16 ^aPs. 105:9

17 ^aGen. 17:16; 26:3, 24 ^bGen. 15:5; 26:4 ^cGen. 13:16; 32:12

^blove, and go ^ato the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a ^a"burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

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

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and ^a"laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the ^a"lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the ^a"lamb for a ^bburnt offering." So the two of them went together.

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

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

11 But the ^a"Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, ^a"Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for ^bnow I know that you fear God, since you have not ^a"withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind ^ahim was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, ¹The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: ^a"By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—

17 "blessing I will ^abless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants ^bas the stars of the heaven ^aand as the sand which is on

the seashore; and ^ayour descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 ^a"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, ^bbecause you have obeyed My voice."

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to ^aBeersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

The Family of Nahor

20 Now it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, "Indeed ^aMilcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

21 ^a"Huz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father ^bof Aram, 22 "Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel."

23 And ^aBethuel begot ¹Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Thahash, and Maachah.

Sarah's Death and Burial

23 Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; *these were the years of the life of Sarah.*

2 So Sarah died in ^aKirjath Arba (that is, ^bHebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

3 Then Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke to the sons of ^aHeth, saying,

4 ^a"I am a foreigner and a visitor among you. ^bGive me property for a burial place among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,

6 "Hear us, my lord: You are ^aa mighty prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places. None of us will withhold from you his burial place, that you may bury your dead."

7 Then Abraham stood up and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Heth.

8 And he spoke with them, saying, "If it is your wish that I bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and ¹meet with Ephron the son of Zohar for me,

9 "that he may give me the cave of ^aMachpelah which he has, which is at the end of his field. Let him give it to me at the full price, as property for a burial place among you."

10 Now Ephron dwelt among the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the presence of the sons of Heth, all who ^aentered at the gate of his city, saying,

11 ^a"No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field and the cave that is in it; I give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people. I give it to you. Bury your dead!"

12 Then Abraham bowed himself

17 ^dGen. 24:60

18 ^aGen. 12:3; 18:18; 26:4; ^bGen. 18:19; 22:3, 10; 26:5

19 ^aGen. 21:31

20 ^aGen. 11:29; 24:15

21 ^aJob 1:1; ^bJob 32:2

23 ^aGen. 24:15; ¹Rebecca, Rom. 9:10

CHAPTER 23

2 ^aJosh. 14:15; 15:13; 21:11; ^bGen. 13:18; 23:19

3 ^aGen. 10:15; 15:20

4 ^a[Gen. 17:8] ^bActs 7:5, 16

6 ^aGen. 13:2; 14:14; 24:35; ¹Lit. prince of God

8 ¹entreat

9 ^aGen. 25:9

10 ^aGen. 23:18; 34:20, 24

11 ^{a2} Sam. 24:21-24

15 ^aEx. 30:13

16 ^aJer. 32:9, 10

17 ^aGen. 25:9; 49:29-32; 50:13

20 ^aJer. 32:10, 11

CHAPTER 24

1 ^aGen. 18:11; 21:5; ^bGen. 12:2; 13:2; 24:35

2 ^aGen. 15:2; ^bGen. 24:10; 39:4-6; ^cGen. 47:29

3 ^aGen. 14:19, 22; ^bDeut. 7:3; ¹take an oath

4 ^aGen. 28:2; ^bGen. 12:1

7 ^aGen. 12:1; 24:3; ^bGen. 12:7; 13:15; 15:18; 17:8; ^cEx. 23:20, 23; 33:2; ¹Lit. seed

down before the people of the land; 13 and he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, "If you will give it, please hear me. I will give you money for the field; take it from me and I will bury my dead there."

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

15 "My lord, listen to me; the land is worth four hundred ^ashekels of silver. What is that between you and me? So bury your dead."

16 And Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham ^aweighed out the silver for Ephron which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, currency of the merchants.

17 So ^athe field of Ephron which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, which were within all the surrounding borders, were deeded

18 to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

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

20 So the field and the cave that is in it ^awere deeded to Abraham by the sons of Heth as property for a burial place.

A Bride for Isaac

24 Now Abraham ^awas old, well advanced in age; and the LORD ^bhad blessed Abraham in all things.

2 So Abraham said ^ato the oldest servant of his house, who ^bruled over all that he had, "Please, ^cput your hand under my thigh,

3 "and I will make you ^aswear¹ by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that ^byou will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;

4 ^a"but you shall go ^bto my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

5 And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?"

6 But Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there.

7 "The LORD God of heaven, who ^atook me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, ^b"To your ¹descendants I give this land," ^cHe will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

8 "And if the woman is not willing

to follow you, then “you will be released from this oath; only do not take my son back there.”

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

10 Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed, “for all his master’s goods *were* in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to ^bthe city of Nahor.

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

12 Then he “said, “O LORD God of my master Abraham, please ^bgive me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

13 “Behold, *here* ^aI stand by the well of water, and ^bthe daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.

14 “Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, ‘Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink’—*let her be the one* You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And “by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master.”

15 And it happened, “before he had finished speaking, that behold, ^bRebekah,¹ who was born to Bethuel, son of “Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder.

16 Now the young woman “was very beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up.

17 And the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher.”

18 “So she said, “Drink, my lord.” Then she quickly let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink.

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

20 Then she quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, ran back to the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man, wondering at her, remained silent so as to know whether “the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

22 So it was, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden “nose ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten *shekels* of gold, 23 and said, “Whose daughter are you? Tell me, please, is there room in your father’s house for us ¹to lodge?”

24 So she said to him, “I *am* the

8 ^aJosh. 2:17–20

10 ^aGen. 24:2, 22 ^bGen. 11:31, 32; 22:20; 27:43; 29:5

11 ^aEx. 2:16

12 ^aEx. 3:6, 15 ^bNeh. 1:11

13 ^aGen. 24:43 ^bEx. 2:16

14 ^aJudg. 6:17, 37

15 ^aIs. 65:24 ^bGen. 24:45; 25:20 ^cGen. 22:20, 23 ¹Rebecca, Rom. 9:10

16 ^aGen. 12:11; 26:7; 29:17

18 ^a[1 Pet. 3:8, 9]

21 ^aGen. 24:12–14, 27, 52

22 ^aEx. 32:2, 3

23 ¹to spend the night

24 ^aGen. 22:23; 24:15

26 ^aEx. 4:31

27 ^aEx. 18:10 ^bGen. 32:10 ^cGen. 24:21, 48

29 ^aGen. 29:5, 13

31 ^aJudg. 17:2

32 ^aGen. 43:24 ^bGen. 19:2

33 ^aJohn 4:34

35 ^aGen. 13:2; 24:1

36 ^aGen. 21:1–7 ^bGen. 21:10; 25:5

37 ^aGen. 24:2–4

38 ^aGen. 24:4

39 ^aGen. 24:5

40 ^aGen. 24:7 ^bGen. 5:22, 24; 17:1 ¹make your way successful

41 ^aGen. 24:8

daughter of Bethuel, Milcah’s son, whom she bore to Nahor.”

25 Moreover she said to him, “We have both straw and feed enough, and room to lodge.”

26 Then the man “bowed down his head and worshiped the LORD.

27 And he said, “Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken ^bHis mercy and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, the LORD “led me to the house of my master’s brethren.”

28 So the young woman ran and told her mother’s household these things.

29 Now Rebekah had a brother whose name was “Laban, and Laban ran out to the man by the well.

30 So it came to pass, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister’s wrists, and when he heard the words of his sister Rebekah, saying, “Thus the man spoke to me,” that he went to the man. And there he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And he said, “Come in, “O blessed of the LORD! Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and a place for the camels.”

32 Then the man came to the house. And he unloaded the camels, and “provided straw and feed for the camels, and water to ^bwash his feet and the feet of the men who *were* with him.

33 Food was set before him to eat, but he said, “I will not eat until I have told about my errand.” And he said, “Speak on.”

34 So he said, “I *am* Abraham’s servant.

35 “The LORD “has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.

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

37 “Now my master “made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell;

38 “but you shall go to my father’s house and to my family, and take a wife for my son.’

39 “And I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’ 40 “But he said to me, ‘The LORD,

^bbefore whom I walk, will send His angel with you and ‘prosper your way; and you shall take a wife for my son from my family and from my father’s house.

41 “You will be clear from this oath

when you arrive among my family; for if they will not give *her* to you, then you will be released from my oath.'

42 "And this day I came to the well and said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, if You will now prosper the way in which I go,

43 "behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass that when the virgin comes out to draw *water*, and I say to her, "Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink,"

44 'and she says to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also,"—*let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.*'

45 "But before I had finished ^bspeaking in my heart, there was Rebekah, coming out with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the well and drew *water*. And I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'

46 "And she made haste and let her pitcher down from her *shoulder*, and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels a drink also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels a drink also.

47 "Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter *are you*?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists.

48 "And I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to ^btake the daughter of my master's brother for his son.

49 "Now if you will ^adeal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "^aThe thing comes from the LORD; we cannot ^bspeak to you either bad or good.

51 "^aHere is Rebekah before you; take *her* and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the LORD has spoken."

52 And it came to pass, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that ^ahe worshiped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth.

53 Then the servant brought out ^ajewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave *them* to Rebekah. He also gave ^bprecious things to her brother and to her mother.

54 And he and the men who *were* with him ate and drank and stayed all night. Then they arose in the morning, and he said, "^aSend me away to my master."

55 But her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman stay with us *a few days*, at least ten; after that she may go."

56 And he said to them, "Do not

42 ^aGen. 24:12

43 ^aGen. 24:13

45 ^aGen. 24:15
^b1 Sam. 1:13

48 ^aGen. 24:26,
52 ^bGen.
22:23; 24:27

49 ^aJosh. 2:14

50 ^aPs. 118:23
^bGen. 31:24,
29

51 ^aGen. 20:15

52 ^aGen. 24:26,
48

53 ^aEx. 3:22;
11:2; 12:35
^b2 Chr. 21:3

54 ^aGen. 24:56,
59; 30:25

56 ¹delay

59 ^aGen. 35:8

60 ^aGen. 17:16
^bGen. 22:17;
28:14

62 ^aGen. 16:14;
25:11

63 ^aJosh. 1:8

64 ^aJosh. 15:18

67 ^aGen. 25:20;
29:20 ^bGen.
23:1, 2; 38:12

CHAPTER 25

1 ^a1 Chr. 1:32,
33

2 ^a1 Chr. 1:32,
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5 ^aGen. 24:35,
36

6 ^aGen. 21:14
^bJudg. 6:3

¹hinder me, since the LORD has prospered my way; send me away so that I may go to my master."

57 So they said, "We will call the young woman and ask her personally."

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

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

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her:

"Our sister, *may you become*
^a*The mother of thousands of ten*
thousands;
^b*And may your descendants*
possess
The gates of those who hate
them."

61 Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed.

62 Now Isaac came from the way of ^aBeer Lahai Roi, for he dwelt in the South.

63 And Isaac went out ^ato meditate in the field in the evening; and he lifted his eyes and looked, and there, the camels *were* coming.

64 Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Isaac ^ashe dismounted from her camel;

65 for she had said to the servant, "Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took a veil and covered herself.

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

67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he ^atook Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac ^bwas comforted after his mother's *death*.

Abraham and Keturah

25 Abraham again took a wife, and her name was ^aKeturah.

2 And ^ashe bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

3 Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leumim.

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

5 And ^aAbraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

6 But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he ^asent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to ^bthe country of the east.

Abraham's Death and Burial

7 This is the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years.

8 Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.

9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite,

10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.

11 And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai Roi.

The Families of Ishmael and Isaac

12 Now this is the genealogy of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid-servant, bore to Abraham.

13 And these were the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, 15 Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

16 These were the sons of Ishmael and these were their names, by their towns and their settlements, twelve princes according to their nations.

17 These were the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.

18 (Shur dwelt from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria.) He died in the presence of all his brethren.

19 This is the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac.

20 Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian.

21 Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said to her:

"Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other,

8 ^aGen. 15:15; 47:8, 9 ^bGen. 25:17; 35:29; 49:29, 33

9 ^aGen. 35:29; 50:13 ^bGen. 23:9, 17; 49:30

10 ^aGen. 23:3-16 ^bGen. 49:31

11 ^aGen. 16:14

12 ^aGen. 11:10, 27; 16:15

13 ^{a1} Chr. 1:29-31

15 ¹MT *Hadad*

16 ^aGen. 17:20 ¹*camp*s

17 ^aGen. 25:8; 49:33

18 ^{a1} Sam. 15:7 ^bGen. 16:12 ¹*fell*

19 ^aGen. 36:1, 9 ^bMatt. 1:2

20 ^aGen. 22:23; 24:15, 29, 67 ^bGen. 24:29

21 ^{a1} Chr. 5:20 ^bRom. 9:10-13

22 ^{a1} Sam. 1:15; 9:9; 10:22

23 ^aGen. 17:4-6, 16; 24:60 ^{b2} Sam. 8:14 ^cRom. 9:12

25 ^aGen. 27:11, 16, 23 ¹*Lit. Hair*y

26 ^aHos. 12:3 ^bGen. 27:36 ¹*Supplanter* or *Deceitful*, *lit. One Who Takes the Heel*

27 ^aGen. 27:3, 5 ^bJob 1:1, 8 ^cHeb. 11:9 ¹*Lit. complete*

28 ^aGen. 27:4, 19, 25, 31 ^bGen. 27:6-10

30 ¹*Lit. Red*

32 ^aMark 8:36, 37

33 ^aHeb. 12:16 ¹*Take an oath*

34 ^aEcc. 8:15 ^bHeb. 12:16, 17

CHAPTER 26

1 ^aGen. 12:10 ^bGen. 20:1, 2

2 ^aGen. 12:7; 17:1; 18:1; 35:9 ^bGen. 12:1

3 ^aHeb. 11:9 ^bGen. 28:13, 15 ^cGen. 12:7; 13:15; 15:18 ^dGen. 22:16

4 ^aGen. 15:5; 22:17 ^bGen. 12:3; 22:18

5 ^aGen. 22:16, 18

7 ^aGen. 12:13; 20:2, 12, 13 ^bProv. 29:25

"And the older shall serve the younger."

24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb.

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

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

27 So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

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

Esau Sells His Birthright

29 Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary.

30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.

31 But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."

32 And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?"

33 Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Isaac and Abimelech

26 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.

2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.

3 "Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

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

5 "because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, "She is my sister"; for he was afraid to say, "She is my wife," because he

thought, "lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she is ^abeautiful to behold."

8 Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, ¹showing endearment to Rebekah his wife.

9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Quite obviously she is your wife; so how could you say, 'She is my sister?'" Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.'"

10 And Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might soon have lain with your wife, and ^ayou would have brought guilt on us."

11 So Abimelech charged all his people, saying, "He who ^atouches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year ^aa hundredfold; and the LORD ^bblessed him.

13 The man ^abegan to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;

14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines ^aenvied him.

15 Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells ^awhich his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for ^ayou are much mightier than we."

17 Then Isaac departed from there and ^apitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

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

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

20 But the herdsmen of Gerar ^aquarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well ¹Esek, because they quarreled with him.

21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that ^aone also. So he called its name ¹Sitnah.

22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name ¹Rehoboth, because he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall ^bbe fruitful in the land." 23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba.

24 And the LORD ^aappeared to him the same night and said, ^b"I am the

7 ^cGen. 12:11; 24:16; 29:17

8 ¹*caressing*

10 ^aGen. 20:9

11 ^aPs. 105:15

12 ^aMatt. 13:8, 23; Mark 4:8 ^bGen. 24:1; 25:3, 11; 26:3; Job 42:12; Prov. 10:22

13 ^aGen. 24:35; [Prov. 10:22]

14 ^aGen. 37:11; Eccl. 4:4

15 ^aGen. 21:25, 30

16 ^aEx. 1:9

17 ¹*camped*

18 ^aGen. 21:31

20 ^aGen. 21:25

¹Lit. *Quarrel*

21 ¹Lit. *Enmity*

22 ^aGen. 17:6; 28:3; 41:52; Ex. 1:7 ¹Lit. *Spaciousness*

24 ^aGen. 26:2

^bGen. 17:7, 8; 24:12; Ex. 3:6; Acts 7:32

^cGen. 15:1

^aGen. 26:3, 4

25 ^aGen. 12:7, 8; 13:4, 18; 22:9; 33:20

^bGen. 21:33; Ps. 116:17

26 ^aGen. 21:22

27 ^aJudg. 11:7

^bGen. 26:16

28 ^aGen. 21:22, 23 ¹*treaty*

29 ^aGen. 24:31; Ps. 115:15

30 ^aGen. 19:3

31 ^aGen. 21:31

33 ^aGen. 21:31; 28:10 ¹Lit. *Oath or Seven*

²Lit. *Well of the Oath or Well of the Seven*

34 ^aGen. 28:8; 36:2

35 ^aGen. 27:46; 28:1, 8

CHAPTER 27

1 ^aGen. 35:28

^bGen. 48:10; 1 Sam. 3:2

2 ^a[Prov. 27:1; James 4:14]

3 ^aGen. 25:27, 28

4 ^aGen. 27:19, 25, 27, 31; 48:9, 15, 16; 49:28; Deut. 33:1; Heb. 11:20 ¹*tasty*

God of your father Abraham; ^ado not fear, for ^dI am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."

25 So he ^bbuilt an altar there and ^bcalled on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

26 Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, ^aand Phicol the commander of his army.

27 And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, ^asince you hate me and have ^bsent me away from you?"

28 But they said, "We have certainly seen that the LORD ^ais with you. So we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a ¹covenant with you,

29 'that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. ^aYou are now the blessed of the LORD.'"

30 ^aSo he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

31 Then they arose early in the morning and ^aswore an oath with one another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 It came to pass the same day that Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."

33 So he called it ¹Shebah. ^aTherefore the name of the city is ²Beersheba to this day.

34 ^aWhen Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

35 And ^athey were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

Isaac Blesses Jacob

27 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was ^aold and ^bhis eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am."

2 Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I ^ado not know the day of my death.

3 ^aNow therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me.

4 "And make me ¹savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul ^amay bless you before I die."

5 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring it.

6 So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her

son, saying, "Indeed I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,

7 "Bring me game and make ¹savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death."

8 "Now therefore, my son, ^aobey my voice according to what I command you.

9 "Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make ^asavory food from them for your father, such as he loves.

10 "Then you shall take *it* to your father, that he may eat *it*, and that he ^amay bless you before his death."

11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Look, ^aEsau my brother is a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth-skinned man.

12 "Perhaps my father will ^afeel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring ^aa curse on myself and not a blessing."

13 But his mother said to him, "^aLet your curse *be* on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get *them* for me."

14 And he went and got *them* and brought *them* to his mother, and his mother ^amade ¹savory food, such as his father loved.

15 Then Rebekah took ^athe choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

17 Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 So he went to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who *are* you, my son?"

19 Jacob said to his father, "I *am* Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, ^athat your soul may bless me."

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

21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I ^amay feel you, my son, whether you *are* really my son Esau or not."

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

23 And he did not recognize him, because ^ahis hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

24 Then he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He said, "I *am*."

25 He said, "Bring *it* near to me,

7 ¹tasty

8 ^aGen. 27:13, 43

9 ^aGen. 27:4

10 ^aGen. 27:4; 48:16

11 ^aGen. 25:25

12 ^aGen. 27:21, 22 ^bGen. 9:25; Deut. 27:18

13 ^aGen. 43:9; 1 Sam. 25:24; 2 Sam. 14:9; Matt. 27:25

14 ^aProv. 23:3; Luke 21:34 ¹tasty

15 ^aGen. 27:27

19 ^aGen. 27:4

21 ^aGen. 27:12

23 ^aGen. 27:16

25 ^aGen. 27:4, 10, 19, 31

27 ^aGen. 29:13 ^bSong 4:11; Hos. 14:6

28 ^aHeb. 11:20

^bGen. 27:39; Deut. 33:13, 28; 2 Sam. 1:21; Ps. 133:3; Prov. 3:20; Mic. 5:7; Zech. 8:12

^cGen. 45:18; Num. 18:12; ^dDeut. 7:13; 33:28

29 ^aGen. 9:25; 25:23; Is. 45:14; 49:7; 60:12, 14

^bGen. 37:7, 10; 49:8 ^cGen. 12:2, 3; Zeph. 2:8, 9

31 ^aGen. 27:4

¹tasty

33 ^aGen. 25:23; 28:3, 4; Num. 23:20; Rom. 11:29

34 ^a[Heb. 12:17]

36 ^aGen. 25:26, 32-34 ¹Supplanter or Deceitful, lit. One Who Takes the Heel

37 ^a2 Sam. 8:14 ^bGen. 27:28, 29 ¹provided support for

and I will eat of my son's game, so ^athat my soul may bless you." So he brought *it* near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

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

27 And he came near and ^akissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said:

"Surely, ^bthe smell of my son *Is* like the smell of a field Which the LORD has blessed.

28 Therefore may ^aGod give you

Of ^bthe dew of heaven,

Of ^cthe fatness of the earth,

And ^aplenty of grain and wine.

29 ^aLet peoples serve you.

And nations bow down to you.

Be master over your brethren,

And ^blet your mother's sons

bow down to you.

^cCursed *be* everyone who curses

you,

And blessed *be* those who bless

you!"

Esau's Lost Hope

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

31 He also had made ¹savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and ^aeat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me."

32 And his father Isaac said to him, "Who *are* you?" So he said, "I *am* your son, your firstborn, Esau."

33 Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought *it* to me? I ate all of *it* before you came, and I have blessed him—^aand indeed he shall be blessed."

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, ^ahe cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me—me also, O my father!"

35 But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing."

36 And Esau said, "^aIs he not rightly named ¹Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

37 Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, "^aIndeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with ^bgrain and wine I have ¹sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?"

38 And Esau said to his father,

"Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.
39 Then Isaac his father answered and said to him:

"Behold, your dwelling shall be of the ¹fatness of the earth, And of the dew of heaven from above.

- 40 By your sword you shall live, And you shall serve your brother; And it shall come to pass, when you become restless, That you shall break his yoke from your neck."

Jacob Escapes from Esau

41 So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, ^b"The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."
42 And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, "Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you by intending to kill you.
43 "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran.
44 "And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away,
45 "until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?"
46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

28 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and ¹charged him, and said to him: ^b"You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.
2 "Arise, go to ^bPadan Aram, to the house of ^bBethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of ^aLaban your mother's brother.

- 3 "May ^aGod Almighty bless you, And make you ^bfruitful and multiply you, That you may be an assembly of peoples;
4 And give you ^athe blessing of Abraham, To you and your descendants with you, That you may inherit the land

^bIn¹ which you are a stranger, Which God gave to Abraham."

38 ^aHeb. 12:17
39 ^aHeb. 11:20 ¹fertility
40 ^aGen. 25:23; 27:29 ^b2 Kin. 8:20-22
41 ^aGen. 26:27; 32:3-11; 37:4, 5, 8 ^bGen. 50:2-4, 10
^cObad. 10 ¹are soon here
42 ^aPs. 64:5
43 ^aGen. 11:31; 25:20; 28:2, 5
44 ^aGen. 31:41
46 ^aGen. 26:34, 35; 28:8 ^bGen. 24:3

CHAPTER 28

1 ^aGen. 27:33 ^bGen. 24:3 ¹commanded
2 ^aHos. 12:12 ^bGen. 25:20 ^cGen. 22:23
^aGen. 24:29; 27:43; 29:5
3 ^aGen. 17:16; 35:11; 48:3 ^bGen. 26:4, 24
4 ^aGen. 12:2, 3; 22:17 ^bGen. 17:8; 23:4; 36:7 ¹Lit. Of your sojournings
8 ^aGen. 24:3; 26:34, 35; 27:46
9 ^aGen. 26:34, 35 ^bGen. 36:2, 3 ^cGen. 25:13
10 ^aHos. 12:12 ^bGen. 12:4, 5; 27:43; 29:4
12 ^aGen. 31:10; 41:1 ^bJohn 1:51
13 ^aGen. 35:1; 48:3 ^bGen. 26:24 ^cGen. 13:15, 17; 26:3; 35:12
14 ^aGen. 13:16; 22:17 ^bGen. 13:14, 15 ^cGen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4
15 ^aGen. 26:3, 24; 31:3 ^bGen. 48:16 ^cGen. 35:6; 48:21 ^dDeut. 7:9; 31:6, 8 ^eNum. 23:19 ¹protect
16 ^aEx. 3:5
18 ^aGen. 31:13, 45 ^bLev. 8:10-12
19 ^aJudg. 1:23, 26 ¹Lit. House of God
20 ^aJudg. 11:30 ^bGen. 28:15

5 So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

Esau Marries Mahalath

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

7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram.

8 Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac.

9 So Esau went to Ishmael and took ^bMahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

Jacob's Vow at Bethel

10 Now Jacob went out from Beer-sheba and went toward ^bHaran.

11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

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

13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: ^b"I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

14 "Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep¹ you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place ¹Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If ^bGod will be with me, and keep

me in this way that I am going, and give me ^cbread to eat and clothing to put on,

21 "so that ^aI come back to my father's house in peace, ^bthen the LORD shall be my God.

22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar ^ashall be God's house, ^band of all that You give me I will surely give a ^ctenth to You."

Jacob Meets Rachel

29 So Jacob went on his journey ^aand came to the land of the people of the East.

2 And he looked, and saw a ^cwell in the field; and behold, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. A large stone was on the well's mouth.

3 Now all the flocks would be gathered there; and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth, water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the well's mouth.

4 And Jacob said to them, "My brethren, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from ^aHaran."

5 Then he said to them, "Do you know ^aLaban the son of Nahor?" And they said, "We know him."

6 So he said to them, "^aIs he well?" And they said, "^aHe is well. And look, his daughter Rachel ^bis coming with the sheep."

7 Then he said, "Look, it is still ^ahigh day; it is not time for the cattle to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go and feed ^athem."

8 But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and they have rolled the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep."

9 Now while he was still speaking with them, ^aRachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

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

11 Then Jacob ^akissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was ^aher father's relative and that he was Rebekah's son. ^bSo she ran and told her father.

13 Then it came to pass, when Laban heard the report about Jacob his sister's son, that ^ahe ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. So he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, "^aSurely you are my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.

20 ^c1 Tim. 6:8

21 ^aJudg.

11:31; 2 Sam.

19:24, 30

^bDeut. 26:17;

2 Sam. 15:8

22 ^aGen. 35:7,

14 ^bGen.

14:20; [Lev.

27:30]; Deut.

14:22 ¹tithe

CHAPTER 29

1 ^aGen. 25:6;

Num. 23:7;

Judg. 6:3, 33;

Hos. 12:12

2 ^aGen. 24:10,

11; Ex. 2:15,

16

4 ^aGen. 11:31;

28:10

5 ^aGen. 24:24,

29; 28:2

6 ^aGen. 43:27

^bGen. 24:11;

Ex. 2:16, 17

7 ¹early in the

day

9 ^aEx. 2:16

10 ^aEx. 2:17

11 ^aGen. 33:4;

45:14, 15

12 ^aGen. 13:8;

14:14, 16; 28:5

^bGen. 24:28

13 ^aGen.

24:29-31;

Luke 15:20

14 ^aGen. 2:23;

37:27; Judg.

9:2; 2 Sam.

5:1; 19:12, 13

15 ^aGen. 30:28;

31:41

17 ^aGen. 12:11,

14; 26:7 ¹Or

weak

18 ^aGen. 31:41;

2 Sam. 3:14;

Hos. 12:12

20 ^aGen. 30:26;

Hos. 12:12

21 ^aJudg. 15:1

22 ^aJudg.

14:10; John

2:1, 2

24 ^aGen. 30:9,

10

25 ^aGen. 27:35;

31:7; 1 Sam.

28:12

26 ¹Lit. place

27 ^aGen. 31:41;

Judg. 14:2

29 ^aGen.

30:3-5

30 ^aGen.

29:17-20;

Deut.

21:15-17

^bGen. 30:26;

31:41; Hos.

12:12

31 ^aPs. 127:3

^bGen. 30:1

¹Lit. hated

32 ^aGen. 16:11;

31:42; Ex. 3:7;

4:31; Deut.

26:7; Ps. 25:18

¹Lit. See, a

Son

33 ¹Lit. hated

Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, ^awhat should your wages be?"

16 Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 Leah's eyes were ^adelicate, but Rachel was ^abeautiful of form and appearance.

18 Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "^aI will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."

19 And Laban said, "^aIt is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."

20 So Jacob ^aserved seven years for Rachel, and they seemed ^aonly a few days to him because of the love he had for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may ^ago in to her."

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and ^amade a feast.

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

24 And Laban gave his maid ^aZilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid.

25 So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you ^adeceived me?"

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

27 ^a"Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years."

28 Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also.

29 And Laban gave his maid ^aBilhah to his daughter Rachel as a maid.

30 Then Jacob also went in to Rachel, and he also ^aloved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban ^bstill another seven years.

The Children of Jacob

31 When the LORD ^asaw that Leah was ^aunloved, He ^bopened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

32 So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name ^aReuben; for she said, "The LORD has surely ^alooked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me."

33 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am ^aunloved, He has therefore given me this son

also." And she called his name ²Simeon.

34 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called ¹Levi.

35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name ¹Judah.¹ Then she stopped bearing.

30 Now when Rachel saw that ¹she bore Jacob no children, Rachel ¹envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, ¹or else I die!"

2 And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, "¹Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

3 So she said, "Here is ¹my maid Bilhah; go in to her, ¹and she will bear ¹a child on my knees, that I also may ¹have children by her."

4 Then she gave him Bilhah her maid ¹as wife, and Jacob went in to her.

5 And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

6 Then Rachel said, "God has ¹judged my case; and He has also ¹heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name ¹Dan.

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

8 Then Rachel said, "With ¹great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and indeed I have prevailed." So she called his name ²Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and ¹gave her to Jacob as wife.

10 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

11 Then Leah said, "¹A troop comes!" So she called his name ²Gad.

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

13 Then Leah said, "I am happy, for the daughters ¹will call me blessed." So she called his name ¹Asher.

14 Now Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "¹Please give me ¹some of your son's mandrakes."

15 But she said to her, "¹Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" And Rachel said, "Therefore he will lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."

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

33 ²Lit. *Heard*

34 ¹Lit. *Attached*

35 ¹Gen. 49:8; Matt. 1:2 ¹Lit. *Praise*

CHAPTER 30

1 ¹Gen. 16:1, 2; 29:31 ¹Gen. 37:11 ¹Sam. 1:5, 6; [Job 5:2]

2 ¹Gen. 16:2; 1 Sam. 1:5

3 ¹Gen. 16:2 ¹Gen. 50:23; Job 3:12 ¹Gen. 16:2, 3 ¹Lit. *be built up by her*

4 ¹Gen. 16:3, 4

6 ¹Gen. 18:25; Ps. 35:24; 43:1; Lam. 3:59 ¹Lit. *Judge*

8 ¹Lit. *wrestlings of God* ¹Lit. *My Wrestling*

9 ¹Gen. 30:4

11 ¹So with Or., Syr., Tg.; Kt., LXX, Vg. *in fortune* ²Lit. *Troop or Fortune*

13 ¹Prov. 31:28; Luke 1:48 ¹Lit. *Happy*

14 ¹Gen. 25:30

15 ¹[Num. 16:9, 13]

18 ¹Lit. *Wages*

20 ¹Lit. *Dwelling*

21 ¹Gen. 34:1 ¹Lit. *Judgment*

22 ¹Gen. 19:29; 1 Sam. 1:19;

20 ¹Gen. 29:31

23 ¹Sam. 1:6; Is. 4:1; Luke 1:25

24 ¹Gen. 35:16-18 ¹Lit. *He Will Add*

25 ¹Gen. 24:54;

56 ¹Gen. 18:33

26 ¹Gen. 29:18-20, 27;

30; Hos. 12:12

27 ¹Gen. 26:24; 39:3; Is. 61:9

28 ¹Gen. 29:15; 31:7, 41

29 ¹Gen. 31:6, 38-40; Matt. 24:45; Titus 2:10

30 ¹[1 Tim. 5:8] ¹Lit. *at my foot*

32 ¹Gen. 31:8

33 ¹Ps. 37:6

17 And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.

18 Leah said, "God has given me my wages, because I have given my maid to my husband." So she called his name ¹Issachar.

19 Then Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son.

20 And Leah said, "God has endowed me ¹with a good endowment; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name ¹Zebulun.

21 Afterward she bore a ¹daughter, and called her name ¹Dinah.

22 Then God ¹remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and ¹opened her womb.

23 And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away ¹my reproach."

24 So she called his name ¹Joseph, and said, "¹The LORD shall add to me another son."

Jacob's Agreement with Laban

25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "¹Send me away, that I may go to ¹my own place and to my country.

26 "Give ¹me my wives and my children ¹for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service which I have done for you."

27 And Laban said to him, "Please stay, if I have found favor in your eyes, for ¹I have learned by experience that the LORD has blessed me for your sake."

28 Then he said, "Name me your wages, and I will give ¹it."

29 So Jacob said to him, "You know how I have served you and how your livestock has been with me.

30 "For what you had before I ¹came was little, and it has increased to a great amount; the LORD has blessed you ¹since my coming. And now, when shall I also ¹provide for my own house?"

31 So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep your flocks:

32 "Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and ¹these shall be my wages.

33 "So my ¹righteousness will answer for me in time to come, when the subject of my wages comes before you: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the lambs, will be considered stolen, if ¹it is with me."

34 And Laban said, "Oh, that it were according to your word!"

35 So he removed that day the male goats that were "speckled and spotted, all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons.

36 Then he put three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 Now "Jacob took for himself rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white strips in them, and exposed the white which was in the rods.

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

39 So the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted.

40 Then Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; but he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them with Laban's flock.

41 And it came to pass, whenever the stronger livestock conceived, that Jacob placed the rods before the eyes of the livestock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the flocks were feeble, he did not put *them* in; so the feeble were Laban's and the stronger Jacob's.

43 Thus the man "became exceedingly prosperous, and "had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

Jacob Flees from Laban

31 Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this "wealth."

2 And Jacob saw the "countenance of Laban, and indeed it was not *favorable* toward him as before.

3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will *be* with you."

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

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

6 "And "you know that with all my might I have served your father.

7 "Yet your father has deceived me and "changed my wages *ten*

35 ^aGen. 31:9-12

37 ^aGen. 31:9-12

43 ^aGen. 12:16; 30:30 ^bGen. 13:2; 24:35; 26:13, 14

CHAPTER 31

1 ^aPs. 49:16

2 ^aGen. 4:5 ^bDeut. 28:54

3 ^aGen. 28:15, 20, 21; 32:9 ^bGen. 46:4

5 ^aGen. 31:2, 3 ^bGen. 21:22; 28:13, 15; 31:29, 42, 53; Is. 41:10; Heb. 13:5 ¹Lit. *face*

6 ^aGen. 30:29; 31:38-41

7 ^aGen. 29:25; 31:41 ^bNum. 14:22; Neh. 4:12; Job 19:3; Zech. 8:23 ^cGen. 15:1; 20:6; 31:29; Job 1:10; Ps. 37:28; 105:14

8 ^aGen. 30:32

9 ^aGen. 31:1, 16

11 ^aGen. 16:7-11; 22:11, 15; 31:13; 48:16

12 ^aGen. 31:42; Ex. 3:7; Ps. 139:3; Eccl. 5:8

13 ^aGen. 28:16-22; 35:1, 6, 15 ^bGen. 31:3; 32:9

14 ^aGen. 2:24

15 ^aGen. 29:15, 20, 23, 27; Neh. 5:8

18 ^aGen. 17:8; 33:18; 35:27

19 ^aGen. 31:30, 34; 35:2; Judg. 17:5; 1 Sam. 19:13; Hos. 3:4 ¹Heb. *teraphim*

21 ^aGen. 46:28; 2 Kin. 12:17; Luke 9:51, 53 ¹Lit. *set his face toward*

23 ^aGen. 13:8

24 ^aGen. 20:3; 31:29; 46:2-4; Job 33:15; Matt. 1:20 ^bGen. 24:50; 31:7, 29

times, but God "did not allow him to hurt me.

8 "If he said thus: "The speckled shall be your wages," then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said thus: "The streaked shall be your wages," then all the flocks bore streaked.

9 "So God has "taken away the livestock of your father and given *them* to me.

10 "And it happened, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks *were* streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted.

11 "Then "the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, 'Here I am.'

12 "And He said, 'Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks *are* streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for "I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.

13 'I *am* the God of Bethel, "where you anointed the pillar *and* where you made a vow to Me. Now *arise*, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.'

14 Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15 "Are we not considered strangers by him? For "he has sold us, and also completely consumed our money.

16 "For all these riches which God has taken from our father *are really* ours and our children's; now then, whatever God has said to you, do it."

17 Then Jacob rose and set his sons and his wives on camels.

18 And he carried away all his livestock and all his possessions which he had gained, his acquired livestock which he had gained in Padan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of "Canaan.

19 Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the "household¹ idols that were her father's.

20 And Jacob stole away, unknown to Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he intended to flee.

21 So he fled with all that he had. He arose and crossed the river, and "headed¹ toward the mountains of Gilead.

Laban Pursues Jacob

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

23 Then he took "his brethren with him and pursued him for seven days' journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gilead.

24 But God "had come to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, "Be careful that you *be* speak to Jacob neither good nor bad."

25 So Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountains of Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob: "What have you done, that you have stolen away unknown to me, and ^acarried away my daughters like captives ^{taken} with the sword?"

27 "Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me, and not tell me; for I might have sent you away with joy and songs, with timbrel and harp?"

28 "And you did not allow me ^ato kiss my sons and my daughters. Now ^byou have done foolishly in so doing.

29 "It is in my power to do you harm, but the ^aGod of your father spoke to me ^blast night, saying, 'Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.'

30 "And now you have surely gone because you greatly long for your father's house, ^{but} why did you ^a'steal my gods?'"

31 Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was ^aafraid, for I said, 'Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force.'

32 "With whomever you find your gods, ^a'do not let him live. In the presence of our brethren, identify what I have of yours and take it with you." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, into Leah's tent, and into the two maids' tents, but he did not find ^{them}. Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the ^{household} idols, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laban ²searched all about the tent but did not find ^{them}.

35 And she said to her father, "Let it not displease my lord that I cannot ^a'rise before you, for the manner of women ^{is} with me." And he searched but did not find the ^{household} idols.

36 Then Jacob was angry and rebuked Laban, and Jacob answered and said to Laban: "What is my ^{trespass}? What is my sin, that you have so hotly pursued me?"

37 "Although you have searched all my things, what part of your household things have you found? Set it here before my brethren and my brethren, that they may judge between us both!"

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

39 ^a"That which was torn ^{by beasts} I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. ^bYou required it from my hand,

26 ^a1 Sam. 30:2

28 ^aGen. 31:55; Ruth 1:9, 14; 1 Kin. 19:20; Acts 20:37 ^b1 Sam. 13:13

29 ^aGen. 28:13; 31:5, 24, 42, 53 ^bGen. 31:24

30 ^aGen. 31:19; Josh. 24:2; Judg. 17:5; 18:24

31 ^aGen. 26:7; 32:7, 11

32 ^aGen. 44:9

34 ¹Heb. *teraphim* ¹Lit. *felt*

35 ^aEx. 20:12; Lev. 19:32 ¹Heb. *teraphim*

36 ¹*transgression*

39 ^aEx. 22:10 ^bEx. 22:10-13

41 ^aGen. 29:20, 27-30 ^bGen. 31:7

42 ^aGen. 31:5, 29, 53; Ps. 124:1, 2 ^bGen. 31:53; Is. 8:13 ^cGen. 29:32; Ex. 3:7 ^dGen. 31:24, 29; 1 Chr. 12:17

44 ^aGen. 21:27, 32; 26:28 ^bJosh. 24:27 ¹*treaty*

45 ^aGen. 28:18; 35:14; Josh. 24:26, 27

47 ¹Lit., in *Aram., Heap of Witness* ²Lit., in *Heb., Heap of Witness*

48 ^aJosh. 24:27

49 ^aJudg. 10:17; 11:29; 1 Sam. 7:5, 6 ¹Lit. *Watch*

53 ^aGen. 16:5 ^bGen. 21:23 ^cGen. 31:42 ¹A reference to God

55 ^aGen. 29:11, 13; 31:28, 43

^{whether} stolen by day or stolen by night.

40 "There I was! In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep departed from my eyes.

41 "Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I ^a'served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and ^byou have changed my wages ten times.

42 ^a"Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and ^bthe Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. ^cGod has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and ^d'rebuked you last night."

Laban's Covenant with Jacob

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

44 "Now therefore, come, ^alet us make a ^{covenant}, ^byou and I, and let it be a witness between you and me."

45 So Jacob ^a'took a stone and set it up as a pillar.

46 Then Jacob said to his brethren, "Gather stones." And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there on the heap.

47 Laban called it ¹Jegar Sahadutha, but Jacob called it ²Galeded.

48 And Laban said, ^a"This heap is a witness between you and me this day." Therefore its name was called Galeded.

49 also ^aMizpah,¹ because he said, "May the LORD watch between you and me when we are absent one from another.

50 "If you afflict my daughters, or if you take ^{other} wives besides my daughters, ^{although} no man is with us—see, God is witness between you and me!"

51 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Here is this heap and here is ^{this} pillar, which I have placed between you and me.

52 "This heap is a witness, and ^{this} pillar is a witness, that I will not pass beyond this heap to you, and you will not pass beyond this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

53 "The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, and the God of their father ^a'judge between us." And Jacob ^b'swore by ^cthe ¹Fear of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread. And they ate bread and stayed all night on the mountain.

55 And early in the morning Laban arose, and ^a'kissed his sons and

daughters and ^bblessed them. Then Laban departed and ^creturned to his place.

Esau Comes to Meet Jacob

32 So Jacob went on his way, and ^athe angels of God met him.

2 When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's ^acamp." And he called the name of that place ¹Mahanaim.

3 Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother ^ain the land of Seir, ^bthe ^ccountry of Edom.

4 And he commanded them, saying, "^aSpeak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob says: 'I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now.

5 "^aI have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that ^bI may find favor in your sight.' "

6 Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and ^ahe also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men ^aare with him."

7 So Jacob was greatly afraid and ^adistressed; and he divided the people that ^awere with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies.

8 And he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and ^aattacks it, then the other company which is left will escape."

9 ^aThen Jacob said, ^b"O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD ^awho said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you';

10 "I am not worthy of the least of all the ^amercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with ^amy staff, and now I have become two companies.

11 ^a"Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and ^aattack me and ^bthe mother with the children.

12 ^a"For ^aYou said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the ^bsand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "

13 So he lodged there that same night, and took what ^acame to his hand as ^aa present for Esau his brother:

14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15 thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals.

16 Then he delivered ^athem to the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and put some dis-

55 ^bGen. 28:1
^cGen. 18:33;
30:25; Num.
24:25

CHAPTER 32

1 ^aNum. 22:31;
2 Kin. 6:16;

17; [Ps. 34:7;
91:1; Heb.
1:14]

2 ^aJosh. 5:14;
Ps. 103:21;

148:2; Luke
2:13 ¹Lit. *Dou-*
ble Camp

3 ^aGen. 14:6;
33:14, 16

^bGen. 25:30;
36:6-9; Deut.
2:5; Josh. 24:4

¹Lit. *field*
4 ^aProv. 15:1

5 ^aGen. 30:43
^bGen. 33:8, 15

6 ^aGen. 33:1
7 ^aGen. 32:11;
35:3

8 ¹Lit. *strikes*
9 ^a[Ps. 50:15]
^bGen. 28:13;

31:42 ^cGen.
31:3, 13

10 ^aGen. 24:27
^bJob 8:7

11 ^aPs. 59:1, 2
^bHos. 10:14

¹Lit. *strike*
12 ^aGen.
28:13-15

^bGen. 22:17
13 ^aGen. 43:11

¹he had
received
20 ^a[Prov.
21:14]

22 ^aNum.
21:24; Deut.
3:16; Josh.
12:2

23 ¹across
24 ^aJosh.
5:13-15; Hos.
12:2-4 ¹dawn

25 ^aMatt.
26:41; 2 Cor.
12:7 ¹struck

26 ^aLuke 24:28
^bHos. 12:4

28 ^aGen. 35:10;
1 Kin. 18:31;

2 Kin. 17:34
^bHos. 12:3, 4

^cGen. 25:31;
27:33 ¹Lit.

Prince with
God

29 ^aJudg.
13:17, 18

^bGen. 35:9
30 ^aGen. 16:13;
Ex. 24:10, 11;

33:20; Num.
12:8; Deut.
5:24; Judg.
6:22; Is. 6:5;

[Matt. 5:8;
1 Cor. 13:12]

¹Lit. *Face of*
God

31 ¹Lit. *Face of*
God; same as
Peniel, v. 30

32 ¹struck

CHAPTER 33

1 ^aGen. 32:6

tance between successive droves." 17 And he commanded the first one, saying, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going? Whose ^aare these in front of you?'

18 "then you shall say, 'They ^aare your servant Jacob's. It is a present sent to my lord Esau; and behold, he also is behind us.' "

19 So he commanded the second, the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, "In this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;

20 "and also say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us.' " For he said, "I will ^aappease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

21 So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.

Wrestling with God

22 And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, ^aand crossed over the ford of Jabbok.

23 He took them, sent them ^aover the brook, and sent over what he had.

24 Then Jacob was left alone; and ^aa Man wrestled with him until the ^bbreaking of day.

25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He ^atouch- ed the socket of his hip; and ^athe socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.

26 And ^aHe said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, ^a"I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."

28 And He said, ^a"Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but ^bIsrael; for you have ^bstruggled with God and ^awith men, and have pre- vailed."

29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, ^a"Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He ^bblessed him there.

30 So Jacob called the name of the place ¹Peniel: "For ^aI have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

31 Just as he crossed over ¹Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.

32 Therefore to this day the chil- dren of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He ^atouch- ed the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank.

Jacob and Esau Meet

33 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, ^aEsau was coming, and with him were four

hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants.

2 And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last.

3 Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

6 Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down.

7 And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down.

8 Then Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company which I met?" And he said, "These are to find favor in the sight of my lord."

9 But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."

10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me."

11 "Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." So he urged him, and he took it.

12 Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey; let us go, and I will go before you."

13 But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are weak, and the flocks and herds which are nursing are with me. And if the men should drive them hard one day, all the flock will die."

14 "Please let my lord go on ahead before his servant. I will lead on slowly at a pace which the livestock that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come to my lord in Seir."

15 And Esau said, "Now let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

3 ^aGen. 18:2; 42:6

4 ^aGen. 32:28
^bGen. 45:14, 15

5 ^aGen. 48:9; [Ps. 127:3]; Is. 8:18

8 ^aGen. 32:13-16
^bGen. 32:5

10 ^aGen. 43:3; 2 Sam. 3:13; 14:24, 28, 32

11 ^aJudg. 1:15; 1 Sam. 25:27; 30:26
^bGen. 30:43; Ex. 33:19
^c2 Kin. 5:23
^dLit. all

14 ^aGen. 32:3; 36:8
^bcan stand it

15 ^aGen. 34:11; 47:25; Ruth 2:13

17 ^aJosh. 13:27; Judg. 8:5; Ps. 60:6
^bshelters
^cLit. Booths

18 ^aJohn 3:23
^bGen. 12:6; 35:4; Josh. 24:1; Judg. 9:1; Ps. 60:6
^cOr to Shalem, a city of

19 ^aJosh. 24:32; John 4:5
^bLit. the field

20 ^aGen. 35:7
^bLit. God, the God of Israel

CHAPTER 34

1 ^aGen. 30:21

2 ^aGen. 20:2

3 ^bLit. clung to
^ctenderly

4 ^aJudg. 14:2

5 ^a2 Sam. 13:22
^bkept silent

7 ^aDeut. 22:20-30; Josh. 7:15; Judg. 20:6
^bDeut. 23:17; 2 Sam. 13:12

12 ^aEx. 22:16, 17; Deut. 22:29
^bbride-price

13 ^aGen. 31:7; Ex. 8:29

14 ^aEx. 12:48
^bJosh. 5:2-9

Jacob Comes to Canaan

18 Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city.

19 And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money.

20 Then he erected an altar there and called it El Eloe Israel.

The Dinah Incident

34 Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her.

3 His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman.

4 So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young woman as a wife."

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field; so Jacob held his peace until they came.

6 Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved and very angry, because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing which ought not to be done.

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife."

9 "And make marriages with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to yourselves."

10 "So you shall dwell with us, and the land shall be before you. Dwell and trade in it, and acquire possessions for yourselves in it."

11 Then Shechem said to her father and her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give."

12 "Ask me ever so much dowry and gift, and I will give according to what you say to me; but give me the young woman as a wife."

13 But the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father, and spoke deceitfully, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

14 And they said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a reproach to us."

15 "But on this *condition* we will consent to you: If you will become as we *are*, if every male of you is circumcised,

16 "then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us; and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.
17 "But if you will not heed us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and be gone."

18 And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son.

19 So the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob's daughter. He was "more honorable than all the household of his father.

20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the "gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying:

21 "These men *are* at peace with us. Therefore let them dwell in the land and trade in it. For indeed the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters to us as wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 "Only on this *condition* will the men consent to dwell with us, to be one people: if every male among us is circumcised as they *are* circumcised.

23 "Will not their livestock, their property, and every animal of theirs be ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will dwell with us."

24 And all who went out of the gate of his city heeded Hamor and Shechem his son; every male was circumcised, all who "went out of the gate of his city.

25 Now it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Jacob, "Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came boldly upon the city and killed all the males.

26 And they "killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because their sister had been defiled.

28 They took their sheep, their oxen, and their donkeys, what was in the city and what was in the field, 29 and all their wealth. All their little ones and their wives they took captive; and they plundered even all that was in the houses.

30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have "troubled me "by making me obnoxious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; "and since I *am* few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and kill me. I shall be destroyed, my household and I."

31 But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a harlot?"

19 ^a1 Chr. 4:9

20 ^aGen. 19:1; 23:10; Ruth 4:1, 11; 2 Sam. 15:2

24 ^aGen. 23:10, 18

25 ^aGen. 29:33, 34; 42:24; 49:5-7

26 ^aGen. 49:5, 6

30 ^aGen. 49:6 ^bJosh. 7:25 ^cEx. 5:21;

1 Sam. 13:4; 2 Sam. 10:6

^aGen. 46:26; 27; Deut. 4:27; 1 Chr. 16:19; Ps. 105:12

CHAPTER 35

1 ^aGen. 28:19; 31:13 ^bGen. 28:13 ^cGen. 27:43

2 ^aGen. 18:19; Josh. 24:15 ^bGen. 31:19, 30, 34; Josh. 24:2, 14, 23 ^cEx. 19:10, 14; Lev. 13:6

3 ^aGen. 32:7, 24; Ps. 107:6 ^bGen. 28:15, 20; 31:3, 42

4 ^aHos. 2:13 ^bJosh. 24:26; Judg. 9:6 ^cIdols

5 ^aEx. 15:16; 23:27; [Deut. 2:25; 11:25]; Josh. 2:9; 1 Sam. 14:15

6 ^aGen. 28:19, 22; 48:3

7 ^aGen. 33:20; 35:3; Eccl. 5:4 ^bGen. 28:13

¹Lit. *God of the House of God*

8 ^aGen. 24:59 ¹Lit. *Terebinth of Weeping*

9 ^aJosh. 5:13; Dan. 10:5 ^bGen. 32:29; Hos. 12:4

10 ^aGen. 17:5 ^bGen. 32:28

11 ^aGen. 17:1; 28:3; 48:3, 4; Ex. 6:3 ^bGen. 9:1, 7 ^cGen. 17:5, 6, 16; 28:3; 48:4

12 ^aGen. 12:7; 13:15; 26:3, 4; 28:13; 48:4; Ex. 32:13

13 ^aGen. 17:22; 18:33 ¹departed

14 ^aGen. 28:18, 19; 31:45

15 ^aGen. 28:19

Jacob's Return to Bethel

35 Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to "Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, "who appeared to you "when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."

2 And Jacob said to his "household and to all who were with him, "Put away "the foreign gods that *are* among you, "purify yourselves, and change your garments.

3 "Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, "who answered me in the day of my distress "and has been with me in the way which I have gone."

4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign "gods which were in their hands, and the "earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under "the terebinth tree which was by Shechem.

5 And they journeyed, and "the terror of God was upon the cities that were all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

6 So Jacob came to "Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.

7 And he "built an altar there and called the place "El Bethel, because "there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 Now "Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree. So the name of it was called "Allon Bachuth.

9 Then "God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and "blessed him.

10 And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; "your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, "but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel.

11 Also God said to him: "I *am* God Almighty. "Be fruitful and multiply; "a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.

12 "The "land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land."

13 Then God "went" up from him in the place where He talked with him.

14 So Jacob "set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, "Bethel.

Death of Rachel

16 Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath,

Rachel labored in childbirth, and she had hard labor.

17 Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear; you will have this son also."

18 And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name ¹Ben-Oni; but his father called him ²Benjamin.

19 So ^aRachel died and was buried on the way to ^bEphrath (that is, Bethlehem).

20 And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

21 Then Israel journeyed and pitched his tent beyond ^athe tower of Eder.

22 And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and ^alay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard about it.

Jacob's Twelve Sons

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

23 the sons of Leah were ^aReuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun;

24 the sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin;

25 the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant, were Dan and Naphtali;

26 and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maidservant, were Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Padan Aram.

Death of Isaac

27 Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at ^aMamre, or ^bKirjath Arba¹ (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had dwelt.

28 Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years.

29 So Isaac breathed his last and died, and ^awas ¹gathered to his people, being old and full of days. And ^bhis sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

The Family of Esau

36 Now this is the genealogy of Esau, ^awho is Edom.

2 ^aEsau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the ^bHittite; ^aAholibamah¹ the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 and ^aBasemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

4 Now ^aAdah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel.

5 And ¹Aholibamah bore Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. These were the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6 Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the persons of his household, his cattle and all his animals, and all his goods

17 ^aGen. 30:24; 1 Sam. 4:20

18 ¹Lit. Son of My Sorrow
²Lit. Son of the Right Hand

19 ^aGen. 48:7
^bRuth 1:2; 4:11; Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:6

20 ^a1 Sam. 10:2

21 ^aMic. 4:8

22 ^aGen. 49:4; 1 Chr. 5:1

23 ^aGen. 29:31-35; 30:18-20; 46:8; Ex. 1:1-4

27 ^aGen. 13:18; 18:1; 23:19
^bJosh. 14:15
¹Lit. Town or City of Arba

29 ^aGen. 15:15; 25:8; 49:33
^bGen. 25:9; 49:31 ¹Joined his ancestors

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1 ^aGen. 25:30

2 ^aGen. 26:34; 28:9 ^b2 Kin. 7:6
^cGen. 36:25 ¹Or Oholibamah

3 ^aGen. 28:9

4 ^a1 Chr. 1:35

5 ¹Or Oholibamah

7 ^aGen. 13:6; 11 ^bGen. 17:8; 28:4; Heb. 11:9

8 ^aGen. 32:3; Deut. 2:5; Josh. 24:4
^bGen. 36:1, 19

10 ^a1 Chr. 1:35

11 ¹Zephi, 1 Chr. 1:36

12 ^aEx. 17:8-16; Num. 24:20; Deut. 25:17-19; 1 Sam. 15:2, 3

14 ¹Or Oholibamah

16 ¹Sam. omits Chief Korah

18 ¹Or Oholibamah

20 ^a1 Chr. 1:38-42 ^bGen. 14:6; Deut. 2:12, 22

22 ¹Homam, 1 Chr. 1:39

which he had gained in the land of Canaan, and went to a country away from the presence of his brother Jacob.

7 ^aFor their possessions were too great for them to dwell together, and ^bthe land where they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock.

8 So Esau dwelt in ^aMount Seir. ^bEsau is Edom.

9 And this is the genealogy of Esau the father of the Edomites in Mount Seir.

10 These were the names of Esau's sons: ^aEliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, ¹Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 Now Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she bore ^aAmalek to Eliphaz. These were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.

13 These were the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

14 These were the sons of ¹Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon. And she bore to Esau: Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.

The Chiefs of Edom

15 These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn son of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz,

16 ¹Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief Amalek. These were the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. They were the sons of Adah.

17 These were the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, and Chief Mizzah. These were the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

18 And these were the sons of ¹Aholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief Jeush, Chief Jaalam, and Chief Korah. These were the chiefs who descended from Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah.

19 These were the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these were their chiefs.

The Sons of Seir

20 ^aThese were the sons of Seir ^bthe Horite who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.

22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and ¹Hemam. Lotan's sister was Timna.

23 These were the sons of Shobal:

¹Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, ²Shepho, and Onam.

24 These were the sons of Zibeon: both Ajah and Anah. This was the Anah who found the ¹water in the wilderness as he pastured ^athe donkeys of his father Zibeon.

25 These were the children of Anah: Dishon and ¹Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 These were the sons of ¹Dishon: ²Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

27 These were the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and ¹Akan.

28 These were the sons of Dishan: ^aUz and Aran.

29 These were the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, Chief Anah.

30 Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, and Chief Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

The Kings of Edom

31 ^aNow these were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel:

32 Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 And when Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

34 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

35 And when Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Avith.

36 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.

37 And when Samlah died, Saul of ^aRehoboth-by-the-River reigned in his place.

38 When Saul died, Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.

39 And when Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor died, ¹Hadar reigned in his place; and the name of his city was ²Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

The Chiefs of Esau

40 And these were the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their families and their places, by their names: Chief Timnah, Chief ¹Alvah, Chief Jetheth,

41 Chief ¹Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,

42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,

43 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwelling places in

23 ¹Atian,
1 Chr. 1:40
²Shephi,
1 Chr. 1:40

24 ^aLev. 19:19
¹So with MT,
Vg. (*hot springs*); LXX
Jamin; Tg.
mighty men;
Talmud *mules*

25 ¹Or *Oholibamah*

26 ¹Heb. *Dishan*
²*Hamran*,
1 Chr. 1:41

27 ¹*Jaakan*,
1 Chr. 1:42

28 ^aJob 1:1

31 ^aGen. 17:6,
16; 35:11;
1 Chr. 1:43

37 ^aGen. 10:11

39 ¹Sam., Syr.
Hadad and
1 Chr. 1:50
²Pal, 1 Chr.
1:50

40 ¹Aliah,
1 Chr. 1:51

41 ¹Or *Oholibamah*

43 ¹Heb.
Edom

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1 ^aGen. 17:8;
23:4; 28:4;
36:7; Heb. 11:9
¹*sojourner*,
temporary
resident

2 ^aGen. 35:25,
26; 1 Sam.
2:22-24

3 ^aGen. 44:20
^bGen. 37:23,
32; Judg. 5:30;
1 Sam. 2:19

4 ^aGen. 27:41;
49:23; 1 Sam.
17:28; John
15:18-20

7 ^aGen. 42:6,
9; 43:26; 44:14

9 ^aGen. 46:29;
47:25

10 ^aGen. 27:29

11 ^aMatt.
27:17, 18; Acts
7:9 ^bDan.
7:28; Luke
2:19, 51

12 ^aGen.
33:18-20

14 ^aGen. 13:18;
23:2, 19;
35:27; Josh.
14:14, 15;
Judg. 1:10

the land of their possession. Esau was the father of ¹the Edomites.

Joseph Dreams of Greatness

37 Now Jacob dwelt in the land ^awhere his father was a ¹stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought ^aa bad report of them to his father.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was ^athe son of his old age. Also he ^bmade him a tunic of *many* colors.

4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they ^ahated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

7 ^a"There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, ^athe sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and ^ayour brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"

11 And ^ahis brothers envied him, but his father ^bkept the matter in mind.

Joseph Sold by His Brothers

12 Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in ^aShechem.

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

14 Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of ^aHebron, and he went to Shechem.

15 Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?"

16 So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. *¶*Please tell me where they are feeding *their flocks*."

17 And the man said, "They have departed from here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in *¶*Dothan.

18 Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, *¶*they conspired against him to kill him.

19 Then they said to one another, "Look, this *¶*dreamer is coming!

20 *¶*"Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!"

21 But *¶*Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him."

22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him"—that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

23 So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they *¶*stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of *many* colors that was on him.

24 Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; *there was* no water in it.

25 *¶*And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of *¶*Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, *¶*balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry *them* down to Egypt.

26 So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is *there* if we kill our brother and *¶*conceal his blood?

27 "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and *¶*let not our hand be upon him, for he is *¶*our brother and *¶*our flesh." And his brothers listened.

28 Then *¶*Midianite traders passed by; so *the brothers* pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, *and* sold him to the Ishmaelites for *¶*twenty *shekels* of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

29 Then Reuben returned to the pit, and indeed Joseph was not in the pit; and he *¶*tore his clothes.

30 And he returned to his brothers and said, "The lad *is* no more; and I, where shall I go?"

31 So they took *¶*Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

32 Then they sent the tunic of *many* colors, and they brought *it* to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?"

33 And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A *¶*wild beast

16 ^aSong 1:7

17 ^{a2} Kin. 6:13

18 ^{a1} Sam.

19:1; Ps.

31:13; 37:12,

32; Matt.

21:38; 26:3, 4;

27:1; Mark

14:1; John

11:53; Acts

23:12

19 ¹Lit. *master of dreams*

20 ^aGen. 37:22;

Prov. 1:11

21 ^aGen. 42:22

23 ^aMatt. 27:28

25 ^aProv. 30:20

^bGen. 16:11,

12; 37:28, 36;

39:1 ^cJer. 8:22

26 ^aGen. 37:20

27 ^{a1} Sam.

18:17 ^bGen.

42:21 ^cGen.

29:14

28 ^aGen. 37:25;

Judg. 6:1-3;

8:22, 24 ^bGen.

45:4, 5; Ps.

105:17; Acts

7:9 ^cMatt. 27:9

29 ^aGen. 37:34;

44:13; Job

1:20

30 ^aGen. 42:13,

36

31 ^aGen. 37:3,

23

33 ^aGen. 37:20

34 ^aGen. 37:29;

2 Sam. 3:31

^bGen. 50:10

35 ^{a2} Sam.

12:17 ^bGen.

25:8; 35:29;

42:38; 44:29,

31

36 ^aGen. 39:1

¹MT *Medan-*

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1 ^{a2} Kin. 4:8

2 ^aGen. 34:2

^{b1} Chr. 2:3

3 ^aGen. 46:12;

Num. 26:19

4 ^aGen. 46:12;

Num. 26:19

5 ^aNum. 26:20

6 ^aGen. 21:21

^bRuth 4:12

7 ^aGen. 46:12;

Num. 26:19

^{b1} Chr. 2:3

8 ^aDeut. 25:5;

6; Matt. 22:24

9 ^aDeut. 25:6

10 ^aGen. 46:12;

Num. 26:19

¹Lit. *was evil in the eyes of*

11 ^aRuth 1:12;

13 ^bLev. 22:13

12 ^{a2} Sam.

13:39

13 ^aJosh.

15:10, 57;

Judg. 14:1

14 ^aProv. 7:12

has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces."

34 Then Jacob *¶*tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and *¶*mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters *¶*arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For *¶*I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him.

36 Now *¶*the *¶*Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh *and* captain of the guard.

Judah and Tamar

38 It came to pass at that time that Judah departed from his brothers, and *¶*visited a certain Adullamite whose name was Hirah.

2 And Judah *¶*saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was *¶*Shua, and he married her and went in to her.

3 So she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name *¶*Er.

4 She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name *¶*Onan.

5 And she conceived yet again and bore a son, and called his name *¶*Shelah. He was at Chezib when she bore him.

6 Then Judah *¶*took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was *¶*Tamar.

7 But *¶*Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, *and* the LORD killed him.

8 And Judah said to Onan, "Go in to *¶*your brother's wife and marry her, and raise up an heir to your brother."

9 But Onan knew that the heir would not be *¶*his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he emitted on the ground, lest he should give an heir to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did *¶*displeased the LORD; therefore He killed *¶*him also.

11 Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, *¶*"Remain a widow in your father's house till my son Shelah is grown." For he said, "Lest he also die like his brothers." And Tamar went and dwelt *¶*in her father's house.

12 Now in the process of time the daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, died; and Judah *¶*was comforted, and went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, saying, "Look, your father-in-law is going up *¶*to Timnah to shear his sheep."

14 So she took off her widow's garments, covered *herself* with a veil and wrapped herself, and *¶*sat in an open place which was on the way

to Timnah; for she saw ^bthat Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him as a wife.

15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, because she had covered her face.

16 Then he turned to her by the way, and said, "Please let me come in to you"; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. So she said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

17 And he said, "I will send a young goat from the flock." So she said, ^b"Will you give me a pledge till you send it?"

18 Then he said, "What pledge shall I give you?" So she said, "Your signet and cord, and your staff that is in your hand." Then he gave *them* to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

19 So she arose and went away, and ^alaid aside her veil and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah sent the young goat by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand, but he did not find her.

21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, "Where is the harlot who was ^aopenly by the roadside?" And they said, "There was no harlot in this *place*."

22 So he returned to Judah and said, "I cannot find her. Also, the men of the place said there was no harlot in this *place*."

23 Then Judah said, "Let her take *them* for herself, lest we be shamed; for I sent this young goat and you have not found her."

24 And it came to pass, about three months after, that Judah was told, saying, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has ^aplayed the harlot; furthermore she is ^bwith child by harlotry." So Judah said, "Bring her out ^aand let her be burned!"

25 When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man to whom these belong, *I am* with child." And she said, "Please determine whose these are—the signet and cord, and staff."

26 So Judah ^aacknowledged *them* and said, ^b"She has been more righteous than I, because ^cI did not give her to Shelah my son." And he ^anever knew her again.

27 Now it came to pass, at the time for giving birth, that behold, twins were in her womb.

28 And so it was, when she was giving birth, that *the one* put out *his* hand; and the midwife took a scarlet *thread* and bound it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."

29 Then it happened, as he drew back his hand, that his brother came out unexpectedly; and she said, "How did you break through? *This*

14 ^bGen. 38:11, 26

17 ^aJudg. 15:1; Ezek. 16:33
^bGen. 38:20

18 ^aGen. 38:25; 41:42

19 ^aGen. 38:14

21 ¹*in full view*

24 ^aJudg. 19:2
^bLev. 20:14; 21:9; Deut. 22:21 ¹*pregnant*

25 ^aGen. 37:32; 38:18

26 ^aGen. 37:33
^{b1} Sam. 24:17
^cGen. 38:14
^dJob 34:31, 32

29 ^aGen. 46:12; Num. 26:20; Ruth 4:12; 1 Chr. 2:4; Matt. 1:3 ¹*Lit. Breach or Breakthrough*

30 ^aGen. 46:12; 1 Chr. 2:4; Matt. 1:3

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1 ^aGen. 12:10; 43:15 ^bGen. 37:36; Ps. 105:17 ^cGen. 37:28; 45:4

2 ^aGen. 26:24, 28; 28:15; 35:3; 39:3, 21, 23; 1 Sam. 16:18; 18:14, 28; Acts 7:9

3 ^aPs. 1:3 ¹*to be a success*

4 ^aGen. 18:3; 19:19; 39:21
^bGen. 24:2, 10; 39:8, 22; 41:40
¹*Lit. in his hand*

5 ^aGen. 18:26; 30:27; 2 Sam. 6:11

6 ^aGen. 29:17; 1 Sam. 16:12
¹*Care* ²*Food*

7 ^{a2} Sam. 13:11 ¹*Lit. lifted up her eyes toward*

9 ^aLev. 20:10; Prov. 6:29, 32
^bGen. 20:6; 42:18; 2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 51:4

10 ^aProv. 1:10

12 ^aProv. 7:13

14 ^aGen. 14:13; 41:12 ¹*laugh at*

breach *be* upon you!" Therefore his name was called ^aPerez.¹

30 Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet *thread* on his hand. And his name was called ^aZerah.

Joseph a Slave in Egypt

39 Now Joseph had been taken ^adown to Egypt. And ^bPotiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, ^bbought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.

2 ^aThe LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD ^amade all he did ^ato prosper in his hand.

4 So Joseph ^afound favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him ^boverseer of his house, and all *that* he had he put ^aunder his authority.

5 So it was, from the time *that* he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that ^athe LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field.

6 Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's ^ahand, and he did not know what he had except for the ^abread which he ate. Now Joseph ^awas handsome in form and appearance.

7 And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife ^acast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, ^a"Lie with me."

8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.

9 ^a"There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you *are* his wife. ^aHow then can I do this great wickedness, and ^bsin against God?"

10 So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he ^adid not heed her, to lie with her *or* to be with her.

11 But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside,

12 that she ^acaught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

13 And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,

14 that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a ^aHebrew to ^amock us. He came in to me

to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.

15 "And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside."

16 So she kept his garment with her until his master came home.

17 Then she "spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me;

18 "so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside."

19 So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused.

20 Then Joseph's master took him and "put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He "gave¹ him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison "committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.

23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because "the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

The Prisoners' Dreams

40 It came to pass after these things that the "butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was "angry with his two officers, the chief butler and the chief baker.

3 "So he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; so they were in custody for a while.

5 Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, "had a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night and each man's dream with its own interpretation.

6 And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad.

7 So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?"

8 And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations

17 ^aEx. 23:1

19 ^aProv. 6:34, 35

20 ^aPs. 105:18
^bGen. 40:3, 15; 41:14

21 ^aActs 7:9.
10 ¹Caused him to be viewed with favor by

22 ^aGen. 39:4; 40:3, 4

23 ^aGen. 39:2, 3 ¹Lit. his hand

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1 ^aNeh. 1:11

2 ^aProv. 16:14

3 ^aGen. 39:1, 20, 23; 41:10

5 ^aGen. 37:5; 41:1

6 ¹dejected

7 ^aNeh. 2:2

8 ^aGen. 41:15
^b[Dan. 2:11, 20-22, 27, 28, 47]

12 ^aDan. 2:36; 4:18, 19 ^bGen. 40:18; 42:17

13 ^{a2} Kin. 25:27 ¹position

14 ^aLuke 22:42
^bJosh. 2:12

15 ^aGen. 37:26-28
^bGen. 39:20

16 ¹Or baskets of white bread

18 ^aGen. 40:12

19 ^aGen. 40:13
^bDeut. 21:22
¹Lit. up

20 ^aMatt. 14:6-10
^bMark 6:21
^cGen. 40:13, 19

21 ^aGen. 40:13
^bNeh. 2:1

22 ^aGen. 40:19

23 ^aEcc. 9:15, 16

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1 ^aGen. 40:5

belong to God? Tell *them* to me, please."

9 Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "Behold, in my dream a vine was before me,

10 "and in the vine were three branches; it was as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes.

11 "Then Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand."

12 And Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: The three branches ^bare three days.

13 "Now within three days Pharaoh will "lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler.

14 "But "remember me when it is well with you, and ^bplease show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.

15 "For indeed I was "stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; ^band also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon."

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and there were three ¹white baskets on my head.

17 "In the uppermost basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."

18 So Joseph answered and said, "This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets are three days.

19 "Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head from you and ^bhang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from you."

20 Now it came to pass on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he "made a feast for all his servants; and he "lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21 Then he "restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and ^bhe placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.

22 But he "hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but "forgot him.

Pharaoh's Dreams

41 Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that "Pharaoh had a dream; and behold, he stood by the river.

2 Suddenly there came up out of the river seven cows, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow.

3 Then behold, seven other cows

came up after them out of the river, ugly and gaunt, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the river.

4 And the ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven fine looking and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 He slept and dreamed a second time; and suddenly seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good.

6 Then behold, seven thin heads, blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them.

7 And the seven thin heads devoured the seven plump and full heads. So Pharaoh awoke, and indeed, *it was a dream.*

8 Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but *there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.*

9 Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day.

10 "When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker, 11 "we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream.

12 "Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream. 13 "And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him."

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and *there is no one who can interpret it.* But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it."

16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "*It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*"

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph: "Behold, in my dream I stood on the bank of the river.

18 "Suddenly seven cows came up out of the river, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow.

19 "Then behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and gaunt, such ugliness as I have never seen in all the land of Egypt.

20 "And the gaunt and ugly cows ate up the first seven, the fat cows.

21 "When they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they

6 ^aEx. 10:13; Ezek. 17:10

8 ^aDan. 2:1, 3; 4:5, 19 ^bEx. 7:11, 22; Is. 29:14; Dan. 1:20, 2:2; 4:7 ^cMatt. 2:1

9 ^aGen. 40:1, 14, 23

10 ^aGen. 40:2, 3 ^bGen. 39:20

11 ^aGen. 40:5; Judg. 7:15

12 ^aGen. 39:14; 43:32 ^bGen. 37:36 ^cGen. 40:12

13 ^aGen. 40:21, 22

14 ^aPs. 105:20 ^bDan. 2:25

^c[1 Sam. 2:8] ^d2 Kin. 25:27-29

15 ^aGen. 41:8, 12; Dan. 5:16

16 ^aDan. 2:30; Acts 3:12;

[2 Cor. 3:5] ^bGen. 40:8;

41:25, 28, 32; Deut. 29:29;

Dan. 2:22, 28, 47

17 ^aGen. 41:1

22 ¹Heads of grain

24 ^aGen. 41:8; Ex. 7:11; Is.

8:19; Dan. 4:7

25 ^aGen. 41:28, 32; Dan. 2:28,

29, 45; Rev. 4:1

26 ¹Heads of grain

27 ^a2 Kin. 8:1

28 ^a[Gen. 41:25, 32; Dan. 2:28]

29 ^aGen. 41:47

30 ^aGen. 41:54, 56 ^bGen.

47:13; Ps. 105:16

32 ^aGen. 41:25, 28; Num.

23:19; Is. 46:10, 11

34 ^a[Prov. 6:6-8] ¹over-seers

35 ^aGen. 41:48 ¹Lit. hand

36 ^aGen. 47:15, 19 ¹Lit. supply

²be cut off

37 ^aPs. 105:19; Acts 7:10

38 ^aNum.

27:18; [Job 32:8; Prov.

2:6]; Dan. 4:8, 9, 18; 5:11, 14;

6:3

had eaten them, for they were just as ugly as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 "Also I saw in my dream, and suddenly seven heads came up on one stalk, full and good.

23 "Then behold, seven heads, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them.

24 "And the thin heads devoured the seven good heads. So I told this to the magicians, but *there was no one who could explain it to me.*"

25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:

26 "The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads are seven years; the dreams are one.

27 "And the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty heads blighted by the east wind are seven years of famine.

28 "This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.

29 "Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt;

30 "but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land.

31 "So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe.

32 "And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 "Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 "Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.

35 "And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 "Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine."

Joseph's Rise to Power

37 So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

40 "You shall be ¹over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have ^aset you over all the land of Egypt."

42 Then Pharaoh ^atook his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he ^bclothed him in garments of fine linen ^cand put a gold chain around his neck.

43 And he had him ride in the second ^achariot which he had; ^band they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him ^cover all the land of Egypt.

44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I ^{am} Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name ¹Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife ^aAsenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over ^{all} the land of Egypt.

46 Joseph was thirty years old when he ^astood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth ¹abundantly.

48 So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them.

49 Joseph gathered very much grain, ^aas the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for ^{it} was immeasurable.

50 ^aAnd to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him.

51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn ¹Manasseh: "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my ^afather's house."

52 And the name of the second he called ¹Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be ^afruitful in the land of my affliction."

53 Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended.

54 ^aand the seven years of famine began to come, ^{as} Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; ^awhatever he says to you, do."

56 The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened ^{all}

40 ^aPs. 105:21; Acts 7:10 ¹In charge of

41 ^aGen. 42:6; Ps. 105:21; Dan. 6:3; Acts 7:10

42 ^aEsth. 3:10 ^bEsth. 8:2, 15 ^cDan. 5:7, 16, 29

43 ^aGen. 46:29 ^bEsth. 6:9 ^cGen. 42:6

45 ^aGen. 46:20 ¹Probably Egyptian for *God Speaks and He Lives*

46 ^a1 Sam. 16:21; 1 Kin. 12:6, 8; Dan. 1:19

47 ¹Lit. *by handfuls*

49 ^aGen. 22:17; Judg. 7:12; 1 Sam. 13:5

50 ^aGen. 46:20; 48:5

51 ^aPs. 45:10 ¹Lit. *Making Forgetful*

52 ^aGen. 17:6; 28:3; 49:22 ¹Lit. *Fruitfulness*

54 ^aPs. 105:16; Acts 7:11 ^bGen. 41:30

55 ^aJohn 2:5

56 ^aGen. 42:6 ¹Lit. *all that was in them*

57 ^aEzek. 29:12 ^bGen. 27:28, 37; 42:3

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1 ^aActs 7:12

2 ^aGen. 43:8; Ps. 33:18, 19; Is. 38:1

4 ^aGen. 42:38

5 ^aGen. 12:10; 26:1; 41:57; Acts 7:11

6 ^aGen. 41:41, 55 ^bGen. 37:7-10; 41:43; Is. 60:14

7 ^aGen. 45:1, 2 ¹harshly

9 ^aGen. 37:5-9 ¹Exposed parts

13 ^aGen. 37:30; 42:32; 44:20; Lam. 5:7

15 ^a1 Sam. 1:26; 17:55

16 ¹Lit. *bound*

the storehouses and ^asold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt.

57 ^aSo all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to ^bbuy *grain*, because the famine was severe in all lands.

Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt

42 When ^aJacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?"

2 And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may ^alive and not die."

3 So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt.

4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, ^a"Lest some calamity befall him."

5 And the sons of Israel went to buy *grain* among those who journeyed, for the famine was ^ain the land of Canaan.

6 Now Joseph was governor ^aover the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and ^bbowed down before him with ^{their} faces to the earth.

7 Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as ^aa stranger to them and spoke ¹roughly to them. Then he said to them, "Where do you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."

8 So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

9 Then Joseph ^aremembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You ^{are} spies! You have come to see the ¹nakedness of the land!"

10 And they said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food."

11 "We ^{are} all one man's sons; we ^{are} honest *men*; your servants are not spies."

12 But he said to them, "No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land."

13 And they said, "Your servants ^{are} twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and in fact, the youngest is with our father today, and one ^ais no more."

14 But Joseph said to them, "It is as I spoke to you, saying, 'You ^{are} spies!'"

15 "In this *manner* you shall be tested: ^aBy the life of Pharaoh, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here.

16 "Send one of you, and let him bring your brother; and you shall be ¹kept in prison, that your words may be tested to see whether ^{there} is any

truth in you; or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies!"

17 So he ¹put them all together in prison ³three days.

18 Then Joseph said to them the third day, "Do this and live, ^afor I fear God:

19 "If you are honest *men*, let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house; but you, go and carry grain for the famine of your houses.

20 "And ^abring your youngest brother to me; so your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so.

21 Then they said to one another, "^aWe are truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; ^btherefore this distress has come upon us."

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, "^aDid I not speak to you, saying, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now ^brequired of us."

23 But they did not know that Joseph understood *them*, for he spoke to them through an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself away from them and ^awept. Then he returned to them again, and talked with them. And he took ^bSimeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

The Brothers Return to Canaan

25 Then Joseph ^agave a command to fill their sacks with grain, to ^brestore every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. ^cThus he did for them.

26 So they loaded their donkeys with the grain and departed from there.

27 But as ^aone of *them* opened his sack to give his donkey feed at the encampment, he saw his money; and there it was, in the mouth of his sack.

28 So he said to his brothers, "My money has been restored, and there it is, in my sack!" Then their hearts ¹failed *them* and they were afraid, saying to one another, "What is this that God has done to us?"

29 Then they went to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan and told him all that had happened to them, saying:

30 "The man *who is* lord of the land ^aspoke ¹roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

31 "But we said to him, 'We are honest *men*; we are not spies.

32 "We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no *more*, and the youngest *is* with our father this day in the land of Canaan.'

33 "Then the man, the lord of the country, said to us, ^a'By this I will know that you are honest *men*: Leave one of your brothers *here* with me,

17 ^aGen. 40:4, 7, 12 ¹Lit. *gathered*

18 ^aGen. 22:12; 39:9; Ex. 1:17; Lev. 25:43; Neh. 5:15; Prov. 1:7; 9:10

20 ^aGen. 42:34; 43:5; 44:23

21 ^aGen. 37:26-28; 44:16; 45:3; Job 36:8, 9; Hos. 5:15 ^bProv. 21:13; Matt. 7:2

22 ^aGen. 37:21, 22, 29 ^bGen. 9:5, 6; 1 Kin. 2:32; 2 Chr. 24:22; Ps. 9:12; Luke 11:50, 51

24 ^aGen. 43:30; 45:14, 15 ^bGen. 34:25, 30; 43:14, 23

25 ^aGen. 44:1 ^bGen. 43:12 ^c[Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:17; 20, 21; 1 Pet. 3:9]

27 ^aGen. 43:21, 22

28 ¹sank

30 ^aGen. 42:7 ¹harshly

33 ^aGen. 42:15, 19, 20

34 ^aGen. 42:20; 43:3, 5 ^bGen. 34:10

35 ^aGen. 43:12, 15, 21

36 ^aGen. 43:14 ^bGen. 35:18; [Rom. 8:28, 31]

38 ^aGen. 37:22; 42:13; 44:20, 28 ^bGen. 42:4; 44:29 ^cGen. 37:35; 44:31

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1 ^aGen. 41:54, 57; 42:5; 45:6, 11

2 ^aGen. 42:2; 44:25

3 ^aGen. 42:20; 43:5; 44:23

6 ¹Lit. *wickedly*

8 ^aGen. 42:2; 47:19

9 ^aGen. 42:37; 44:32; Philem. 18, 19

take *food* for the famine of your households, and be gone.

34 'And bring your ^ayoungest brother to me; so I shall know that you are not spies, but *that* you are honest *men*. I will grant your brother to you, and you may ^btrade in the land.'

35 Then it happened as they emptied their sacks, that surprisingly ^aeach man's bundle of money was in his sack; and when they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father said to them, "You have ^abereaved me: Joseph is no *more*, Simeon is no *more*, and you want to take ^bBenjamin. All these things are against me."

37 Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring him *back* to you; put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you."

38 But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for ^ahis brother is dead, and he is left alone. ^bIf any calamity should befall him along the way in which you go, then you would ^cbring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave."

Joseph's Brothers Return with Benjamin

43 Now the famine was ^asevere in the land.

2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go ^aback, buy us a little food."

3 But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your ^abrother is with you.'

4 "If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.

5 "But if you will not send *him*, we will not go down; for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother *is* with you.'

6 And Israel said, "Why did you deal so ¹wrongfully with me as to tell the man whether you had still *another* brother?"

7 But they said, "The man asked us pointedly about ourselves and our family, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you *another* brother?' And we told him according to these words. Could we possibly have known that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"

8 Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may ^alive and not die, both we and you and also our little ones.

9 "I myself will be surety for him; from my hand you shall require him. ^aIf I do not bring him *back* to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.

10 "For if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned this second time."

11 And their father Israel said to them, "If it *must be* so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and *carry down* a present for the man—a little ^bbalm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

12 "Take double money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money *that* was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight.

13 "Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the man.

14 "And may God ^aAlmighty ^bgive you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother and Benjamin. ^cIf I am bereaved, I am bereaved!"

15 So the men took that present and Benjamin, and they took double money in their hand, and arose and went *down* to Egypt; and they stood before Joseph.

16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the *steward* of his house, "Take *these* men to my home, and slaughter ^aan animal and make ready; for *these* men will dine with me at noon."

17 Then the man did as Joseph ordered, and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 Now the men were *afraid* because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, "*It is* because of the money, which was returned in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may ^amake a case against us and seize us, to take us as slaves with our donkeys."

19 When they drew near to the steward of Joseph's house, they talked with him at the door of the house,

20 and said, "O sir, *we* indeed came down the first time to buy food;

21 "but *it* happened, when we came to the encampment, that we opened our sacks, and there, *each* man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight; so we have brought it back in our hand.

22 "And we have brought down other money in our hands to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks."

23 But he said, "Peace *be* with you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money." Then he brought *Simeon* out to them.

24 So the man brought the men into Joseph's house and *gave them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys feed.

25 Then they made the present ready for Joseph's coming at noon,

11 ^aGen. 32:20; 33:10; 43:25, 26; [Prov. 18:16] ^bGen. 37:25; Jer. 8:22; Ezek. 27:17

12 ^aGen. 42:25, 35; 43:21, 22

14 ^aGen. 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; 48:3 ^bGen. 39:21; Ps. 106:46 ^cGen. 42:36; Esth. 4:16

15 ^aGen. 39:1; 46:3, 6

16 ^aGen. 24:2; 39:4; 44:1 ¹Lit. *a slaughter*

18 ^aGen. 42:28 ¹Lit. *roll himself upon us*

20 ^aGen. 42:3, 10

21 ^aGen. 42:27, 35

23 ^aGen. 42:24

24 ^aGen. 18:4; 19:2; 24:32

26 ^aGen. 37:7, 10; 42:6; 44:14

27 ^aGen. 29:6; 42:11, 13; 43:7; 45:3; 2 Kin. 4:26

28 ^aGen. 37:7, 10

29 ^aGen. 35:17, 18 ^bGen. 42:13

30 ^a1 Kin. 3:26 ^bGen. 42:24; 45:2, 14, 15; 46:29

31 ^aGen. 43:25

32 ^aGen. 41:12; Ex. 1:15 ^bGen. 46:34; Ex. 8:26

33 ^aGen. 27:36; 42:7; Deut. 21:16, 17

34 ^aGen. 35:24; 45:22

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1 ^aGen. 43:16 ^bGen. 42:25 ¹Lit. *the one over*

4 ^a1 Sam. 25:21

for they heard that they would eat bread there.

26 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and ^abowed down before him to the earth.

27 Then he asked them about *their* well-being, and said, "Is your father well, the old man ^aof whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

28 And they answered, "Your servant our father is in good health; he is still alive." ^aAnd they bowed their heads down and prostrated themselves.

29 Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, ^ahis mother's son, and said, "Is this your younger brother ^bof whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son."

30 Now ^ahis heart yearned for his brother; so Joseph made haste and sought *somewhere* to weep. And he went into *his* chamber and ^bwept there.

31 Then he washed his face and came out; and he restrained himself, and said, "Serve the ^abread."

32 So they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat food with the ^aHebrews, for that is ^aan abomination to the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his ^abirth-right and the youngest according to his youth; and the men looked in astonishment at one another.

34 Then he took servings to them from before him, but Benjamin's serving was ^afive times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

Joseph's Cup

44 And he commanded ^athe steward of his house, saying, ^b"Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack.

2 "Also put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his grain money." So he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 As soon as the morning dawned, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys.

4 When they had gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, "Get up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you ^arepaid evil for good?'

5 "Is not this *the one* from which my lord drinks, and with which he indeed practices divination? You have done evil in so doing.'"

6 So he overtook them, and he spoke to them these same words.

7 And they said to him, "Why does my lord say these words? Far be it from us that your servants should do such a thing.

8 "Look, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan the money which we found in the mouth of our sacks. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house?

9 "With whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves."

10 And he said, "Now also let it be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and you shall be blameless."

11 Then each man speedily let down his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack.

12 So he searched. He began with the oldest and left off with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they tore their clothes, and each man loaded his donkey and returned to the city.

14 So Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there; and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joseph said to them, "What deed is this you have done? Did you not know that such a man as I can certainly practice divination?"

16 Then Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; here we are, my lord's slaves, both we and he also with whom the cup was found."

17 But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so; the man in whose hand the cup was found, he shall be my slave. And as for you, go up in peace to your father."

Judah Intercedes for Benjamin

18 Then Judah came near to him and said: "O my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's hearing, and do not let your anger burn against your servant; for you are even like Pharaoh.

19 "My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'

20 "And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, who is young; his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.'

21 "Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.'

22 "And we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.'

23 "But you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother

8 ^aGen. 43:21

9 ^aGen. 31:32

12 ¹*finished with*

13 ^aGen. 37:29, 34; Num. 14:6; 2 Sam. 1:11

14 ^aGen. 37:7, 10

16 ^a[Num. 32:23] ^bGen. 44:9

17 ^aProv. 17:15

18 ^aGen. 18:30, 32; Ex. 32:22

20 ^aGen. 37:3; 43:8; 44:30
^bGen. 42:38
^cGen. 46:19
^dGen. 42:4

21 ^aGen. 42:15, 20

23 ^aGen. 43:3, 5

25 ^aGen. 43:2

27 ^aGen. 30:22-24; 35:16-18; 46:19

28 ^aGen. 37:31-35

29 ^aGen. 42:36, 38; 44:31

30 ^a[1 Sam. 18:1; 25:29]

32 ^aGen. 43:9

33 ^aEx. 32:32

34 ¹*Lit. find*

CHAPTER 45

1 ^aActs 7:13

2 ^aGen. 43:30; 46:29

3 ^aGen. 43:27; Acts 7:13

4 ^aGen. 37:28; 39:1; Ps. 105:17

5 ^aGen. 45:7, 8; 50:20; Ps. 105:16, 17

6 ^aGen. 43:1; 47:4, 13

comes down with you, you shall see my face no more.'

24 "So it was, when we went up to your servant my father, that we told him the words of my lord.

25 "And our father said, 'Go back and buy us a little food.'

26 "But we said, 'We cannot go down; if our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we may not see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.'

27 "Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons;

28 'and the one went out from me, and I said, "Surely he is torn to pieces"; and I have not seen him since.

29 'But if you take this one also from me, and calamity befalls him, you shall bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave.'

30 "Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since this life is bound up in the lad's life,

31 "it will happen, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die. So your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32 "For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father forever.'

33 "Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers.

34 "For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me, lest perhaps I see the evil that would come upon my father?"

Joseph Revealed to His Brothers

45 Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it.

3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence.

4 And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

5 "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

6 "For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are

still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting.

7 “And God ^asent me before you to preserve a ^bposterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 “So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but ^aGod; and He has made me ^ba father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ^cruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 “Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph: “God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not ¹tarry.

10 ^a“You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children’s children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.

11 “There I will ^aprovide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for *there are* still five years of famine.”

12 “And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that *it is* ^amy mouth that speaks to you.

13 “So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and ^abring my father down here.”

14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.

15 Moreover he ^akissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

16 Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh’s house, saying, “Joseph’s brothers have come.” So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well.

17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: Load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan.

18 ‘Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat ^athe ¹fat of the land.

19 ‘Now you are commanded—do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come.

20 ‘Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.’ ”

21 Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them ^acarts,¹ according to the command of Pharaoh, and he gave them provisions for the journey.

22 He gave to all of them, to each man, ^achanges of garments; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred ^bpieces of silver and ^bfive changes of garments.

23 And he sent to his father these *things*: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female

7 ^aGen. 45:5; 50:20
¹remnant

8 ^a[Rom. 8:28]
^b[Is. 22:21]
^cGen. 41:43; 42:6

9 ¹delay

10 ^aGen. 46:28, 34; 47:1, 6

11 ^aGen. 47:12

12 ^aGen. 42:23

13 ^aActs 7:14

15 ^aGen. 48:10

18 ^aGen. 27:28; 47:6
¹The choicest produce

21 ^aGen. 45:19; 46:5
¹wagons

22 ^{a2} Kin. 5:5
^bGen. 43:34

26 ^aJob 29:24

27 ^aJudg. 15:19

CHAPTER 46

1 ^aGen. 21:31, 33; 26:32, 33; 28:10
^bGen. 26:24, 25; 28:13; 31:42; 32:9

2 ^aGen. 15:1; 22:11; 31:11

3 ^aGen. 17:1; 28:13
^bDeut. 26:5

4 ^aGen. 28:15; 31:3; 48:21
^bGen. 15:16; 50:12, 24, 25
^cGen. 50:1
¹Will close your eyes when you die

5 ^aActs 7:15
^bGen. 45:19–21
¹wagons

6 ^aDeut. 26:5

8 ^aEx. 1:1–4
^bNum. 26:4, 5

9 ^aEx. 6:14

10 ^aEx. 6:15
¹Nemuel, 1 Chr. 4:24
²Jarib, 1 Chr. 4:24
³Zerah, 1 Chr. 4:24

11 ^{a1} 1 Chr. 6:1, 16

12 ^{a1} 1 Chr. 2:3; 4:21
^bGen. 38:3, 7, 10

donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and food for his father for the journey.

24 So he sent his brothers away, and they departed; and he said to them, “See that you do not become troubled along the way.”

25 Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father.

26 And they told him, saying, “Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt.” ^aAnd Jacob’s heart stood still, because he did not believe them.

27 But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit ^aof Jacob their father revived.

28 Then Israel said, “*It is enough.* Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

Jacob’s Journey to Egypt

46 So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to ^aBeersheba, and offered sacrifices ^bto the God of his father Isaac.

2 Then God spoke to Israel ^ain the visions of the night, and said, “Jacob, Jacob!” And he said, “Here I am.”

3 So He said, “*I am* God, ^athe God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will ^bmake of you a great nation there.

4 ^a“I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely ^bbring you up *again*; and ^cJoseph ¹will put his hand on your eyes.”

5 Then ^aJacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the ¹carts ^bwhich Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, ^aJacob and all his descendants with him.

7 His sons and his sons’ sons, his daughters and his sons’ daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

8 Now ^athese *were* the names of the children of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: ^bReuben was Jacob’s firstborn.

9 The ^asons of Reuben *were* Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

10 ^aThe sons of Simeon *were* ¹Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, ²Jachin, ³Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman.

11 The sons of ^aLevi *were* Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 The sons of ^aJudah *were* ^bEr, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of

Canaan). ^cThe sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 The sons of Issachar were Tola, ¹Puvah, ²Job, and Shimron.

14 The ^asons of Zebulun were Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.

15 These were the ^asons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan Aram, with his daughter Dinah. All the persons, his sons and his daughters, were thirty-three.

16 The sons of Gad were ¹Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, ²Ezbon, Eri, ³Arodi, and Areli.

17 ^aThe sons of Asher were Jimnah, Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their sister. And the sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel.

18 ^aThese were the sons of Zilpah, ^bwhom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bore to Jacob: sixteen persons.

19 The ^asons of Rachel, ^bJacob's wife, were Joseph and Benjamin.

20 ^aAnd to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him.

21 ^aThe sons of Benjamin were Belah, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, ^bEhi, Rosh, ^cMuppim, ¹Huphim, and Ard.

22 These were the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: fourteen persons in all.

23 The son of Dan was ¹Hushim.

24 ^aThe sons of Naphtali were ¹Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and ²Shillem.

25 ^aThese were the sons of Bilhah, ^bwhom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob: seven persons in all.

26 ^aAll the persons who went with Jacob to Egypt, who came from his body, ^bbesides Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six persons in all.

27 And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. ^aAll the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy.

Jacob Settles in Goshen

28 Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, ^ato point out before him the way to Goshen. And they came ^bto the land of Goshen.

29 So Joseph made ready his ^achariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and ^bfell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Israel said to Joseph, ^a"Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive."

31 Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, ^a"I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, 'My brothers and those of my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me.

12 ^aGen. 38:29

13 ¹Puah.

Num. 26:23;

1 Chr. 7:1

²Jashub, Num.

26:24; 1 Chr.

7:1

14 ^aNum. 26:26

15 ^aGen. 35:23;

49:31

16 ¹Sam., LXX

Zephon and

Num. 26:15

²Ozni, Num.

26:16 ³Arod,

Num. 26:17

17 ^a1 Chr. 7:30

18 ^aGen. 30:10;

37:2 ^bGen.

29:24

19 ^aGen. 35:24

^bGen. 44:27

20 ^aGen. 41:45,

50-52; 48:1

21 ^a1 Chr. 7:6;

8:1 ^bNum.

26:38 ^cNum.

26:39

¹Hupham,

Num. 26:39

23 ¹Shuham,

Num. 26:42

24 ^aNum. 26:48

¹Jahziel,

1 Chr. 7:13

²Shallum,

1 Chr. 7:13

25 ^aGen. 30:5, 7

^bGen. 29:29

26 ^aEx. 1:5

^bGen. 35:11

27 ^aDeut. 10:22

28 ^aGen. 31:21

^bGen. 47:1

29 ^aGen. 41:43

^bGen. 45:14, 15

30 ^aLuke 2:29,

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31 ^aGen. 47:1

32 ^aGen. 47:3

33 ^aGen. 47:2, 3

34 ^aGen. 47:3

^bGen. 30:35;

34:5; 37:17

^cGen. 43:32

¹loathsome

CHAPTER 47

1 ^aGen. 46:31

^bGen. 45:10;

46:28; 50:8

2 ^aActs 7:13

3 ^aGen. 46:33

^bGen. 46:32, 34

4 ^aDeut. 26:5

^bGen. 43:1

^cGen. 46:34

6 ^aGen. 20:15;

45:10, 18;

47:11 ^bGen.

47:4

7 ^aGen. 47:10;

48:15, 20

9 ^a[Heb. 11:9,

13] ^bGen.

47:28 ^c[Job

14:1] ^aGen.

5:5; 11:10, 11;

25:7, 8; 35:28

¹Lit. *sojourn-*

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32 ^aAnd the men are ^ashepherds, for their occupation has been to feed livestock; and they have brought their flocks, their herds, and all that they have.'

33 ^a"So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, ^a"What is your occupation?"

34 ^a"that you shall say, 'Your servants' ^aoccupation has been with livestock ^bfrom our youth even till now, both we ^aand also our fathers,' that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is ^aan¹ abomination to the Egyptians."

47 Then Joseph ^awent and told Pharaoh, and said, ^a"My father and my brothers, their flocks and their herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan; and indeed they are in ^bthe land of Goshen."

2 And he took five men from among his brothers and ^apresented them to Pharaoh.

3 Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, ^a"What is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, ^b"Your servants are shepherds, both we ^aand also our fathers."

4 And they said to Pharaoh, ^a"We have come to dwell in the land, because your servants have no pasture for their flocks, ^bfor the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, please let your servants ^adwell in the land of Goshen."

5 Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, ^a"Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 ^a"The land of Egypt is before you. Have your father and brothers dwell in the best of the land; let them dwell ^bin the land of Goshen. And if you know ^aany competent men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock."

7 Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob ^ablessed Pharaoh.

8 Pharaoh said to Jacob, ^a"How old are you?"

9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, ^a"The days of the years of my pilgrimage are ^bone hundred and thirty years; ^cfew and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and ^athey have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage."

10 So Jacob ^ablessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of ^aRameses, ^bas Pharaoh had commanded.

12 Then Joseph provided ^ahis father, his brothers, and all his father's

10 ^aGen. 47:7

11 ^aEx. 1:11; 12:37 ^bGen. 47:6, 27

12 ^aGen. 45:11; 50:21

household with bread, according to the number in *their* families.

Joseph Deals with the Famine

13 Now *there* was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very severe, ^aso that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.

14 ^aAnd Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 So when the money failed in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us bread, for ^awhy should we die in your presence? For the money has failed."

16 Then Joseph said, "Give your livestock, and I will give you *bread* for your livestock, if the money is gone."

17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for the horses, the flocks, the cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys. Thus he ^ffed them with bread *in exchange* for all their livestock that year.

18 When that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is gone; my lord also has our herds of livestock. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands.

19 "Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants of Pharaoh; give us seed, that we may ^alive and not die, that the land may not be desolate."

20 Then Joseph ^abought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for every man of the Egyptians sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. So the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he ^fmoved them into the cities, from *one* end of the borders of Egypt to the *other* end.

22 ^aOnly the land of the ^bpriests he did not buy; for the priests had rations *allotted to them* by Pharaoh, and they ate their rations which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their lands.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Indeed I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh. Look, *here* is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.

24 "And it shall come to pass in the harvest that you shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh. Four-fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and for your

13 ^aGen. 41:30; Acts 7:11

14 ^aGen. 41:56; 42:6

15 ^aGen. 47:19

17 ¹supplied

19 ^aGen. 43:8

20 ^aJer. 32:43

21 ¹So with MT. Tg.; Sam., LXX, *Vg. made the people virtual slaves*

22 ^aLev. 25:34; Ezra 7:24 ^bGen. 41:45

25 ^aGen. 33:15

26 ^aGen. 47:22

27 ^aGen. 47:11 ^bGen. 17:6; 26:4; 35:11; 46:3; Ex. 1:7; Deut. 26:5; Acts 7:17

29 ^aDeut. 31:14; 1 Kin. 2:1 ^bGen. 24:2-4 ^cGen. 24:49; Josh. 2:14 ^dGen. 50:25

30 ^a2 Sam. 19:37 ^bGen. 49:29; 50:5-13; Heb. 11:21

31 ^aGen. 48:2; 1 Kin. 1:47; Heb. 11:21

CHAPTER 48

1 ^aGen. 41:51, 56; 46:20; 50:23; Josh. 14:4

2 ¹Collected his strength

3 ^aGen. 43:14; 49:25 ^bGen. 28:13, 19; 35:6, 9

4 ^aGen. 46:3 ^bGen. 35:12; Ex. 6:8 ^cGen. 17:8

5 ^aGen. 41:50; 46:20; 48:8; Josh. 13:7; 14:4

6 ¹children ²Who are born to you

7 ^aGen. 35:9, 16, 19, 20

food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones."

25 So they said, "You have saved ^aour lives; let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants."

26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, *that* Pharaoh should have one-fifth, ^aexcept for the land of the priests only, *which* did not become Pharaoh's.

Joseph's Vow to Jacob

27 So Israel ^adwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions there and ^bgrew and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

29 When the time ^adrew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please ^bput your hand under my thigh, and ^cdeal kindly and truly with me. ^dPlease do not bury me in Egypt,

30 "but ^elet me lie with my fathers; you shall carry me out of Egypt and ^fbury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said."

31 Then he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. So ^aIsrael bowed himself on the head of the bed.

Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons

48 Now it came to pass after these things that Joseph was told, "Indeed your father is sick"; and he took with him his two sons, ^aManasseh and Ephraim.

2 And Jacob was told, "Look, your son Joseph is coming to you"; and Israel ^astrengthened himself and sat up on the bed.

3 Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God ^aAlmighty appeared to me at ^bLuz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

4 "and said to me, 'Behold, I will ^amake you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and ^bgive this land to your descendants after you ^cas an everlasting possession.'

5 "And now your ^atwo sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, *are* mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

6 "Your ^aoffspring ^bwhom you beget after them shall be yours; they will be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

7 "But as for me, when I came from Padan, ^aRachel died beside me in the land of Canaan on the way, when *there* was but a little distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her

there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

8 Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who are these?"

9 And Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place." And he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them."

10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. Then Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

11 And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, God has also shown me your offspring!"

12 So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth.

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him.

14 Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.

15 And he blessed Joseph, and said:

"God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day,

16 The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

17 Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."

19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

20 So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'" And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

9 ^aGen. 27:4; 47:15

10 ^aGen. 27:1 ^bGen. 27:27; 45:15; 50:1

11 ^aGen. 45:26

14 ^aMatt. 19:15 ^bGen. 48:19 ^cJosh. 17:1

15 ^a[Heb. 11:21] ^bGen. 17:1; 24:40

16 ^aGen. 22:11, 15-18; 28:13-15; 31:11 ^bAmos 9:12 ^cNum. 26:34, 37

17 ^aGen. 48:14

19 ^aGen. 48:14 ^bNum. 1:33, 35

20 ^aRuth 4:11, 12

21 ^aGen. 28:15; 46:4; 50:24

22 ^aJosh. 24:32 ^bGen. 34:28 ¹Lit. *shoulder*

CHAPTER 49

1 ^aDeut. 33:1, 6-25 ^bIs. 2:2; 39:6

3 ^aGen. 29:32

4 ^aGen. 35:22

5 ¹*violence*

6 ^aProv. 1:15, 16 ^bPs. 26:9 ^cGen. 34:26 ¹*lamed*

7 ^aJosh. 19:1, 9; 21:1-42

8 ^aDeut. 33:7 ^bPs. 18:40 ^c1 Chr. 5:2

9 ^a[Rev. 5:5] ^bNum. 23:24; 24:9 ¹*couches*

10 ^aNum. 24:17; ^bPs. 60:7 ^cIs. 11:1 ^dPs. 2:6-9; 72:8-11 ¹A symbol of kingship

21 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers."

22 "Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

Jacob's Last Words to His Sons

49 And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:

2 "Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, And listen to Israel your father.

3 "Reuben, you are my firstborn, My might and the beginning of my strength, The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power.

4 Unstable as water, you shall not excel, Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it— He went up to my couch.

5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers; Instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling place.

6 "Let not my soul enter their council; Let not my honor be united to their assembly; For in their anger they slew a man, And in their self-will they hamstrung an ox.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob And scatter them in Israel.

8 "Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes;

And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine,

- He washed his garments in wine,
And his clothes in the blood of grapes.
- 12 His eyes *are* darker than wine,
And his teeth whiter than milk.
- 13 "Zebulun^a shall dwell by the haven of the sea;
He *shall become* a haven for ships,
And his border shall ^badjoin Sidon.
- 14 "Issachar^a is a strong donkey,
Lying down between two burdens;
- 15 He saw that rest *was* good,
And that the land *was* pleasant;
He bowed ^ahis shoulder to bear *a burden*,
And became a band of slaves.
- 16 "Dan^a shall judge his people
As one of the tribes of Israel.
- 17 "Dan shall be a serpent by the way,
A viper by the path,
That bites the horse's heels
So that its rider shall fall backward.
- 18 "I have waited for your salvation, O LORD!
- 19 "Gad,^{a1} a troop shall ²tramp upon him,
But he shall ²triumph at last.
- 20 "Bread from ^aAsher *shall be* rich,
And he shall yield royal dainties.
- 21 "Naphtali^a is a deer let loose;
He uses beautiful words.
- 22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough,
A fruitful bough by a well;
His branches run over the wall.
- 23 The archers have ^abitterly grieved him,
Shot *at him* and hated him.
- 24 But his ^abow remained in strength,
And the arms of his hands were ¹made strong
By the hands of ^bthe Mighty God of Jacob
(^cFrom there ^ais the Shepherd, ^athe Stone of Israel),
- 25 "By the God of your father who will help you,
^bAnd by the Almighty ^awho will bless you
With blessings of heaven above,
Blessings of the deep that lies beneath,
Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
- 26 The blessings of your father
Have excelled the blessings of my ancestors,

13 ^aDeut. 33:18, 19
^bGen. 10:19

14 ^{a1} Chr. 12:32

15 ^{a1} Sam. 10:9

16 ^aDeut. 33:22

17 ^aJudg. 18:27

18 ^aIs. 25:9

19 ^aDeut. 33:20 ¹Lit. Troop ²Lit. raid

20 ^aDeut. 33:24

21 ^aDeut. 33:23

23 ^aGen. 37:4, 24

24 ^aJob 29:20
^bPs. 132:2, 5
^cGen. 45:11; 47:12 ^a[Ps. 23:1; 80:1] ^eIs. 28:16 ¹Or *supple*

25 ^aGen. 28:13; 32:9; 35:3; 43:23; 50:17
^bGen. 17:1; 35:11 ^cDeut. 33:13

26 ^aDeut. 33:15 ^bDeut. 33:16

27 ^aJudg. 20:21, 25
^bZech. 14:1

29 ^aGen. 15:15; 25:8; 35:29
^bGen. 47:30
^cGen. 23:16-20; 50:13

30 ^aGen. 23:3-20

31 ^aGen. 23:19, 20; 25:9 ^bGen. 35:29; 50:13

CHAPTER 50

1 ^aGen. 46:4, 29 ^{b2} Kin. 13:14

2 ^aGen. 50:26

3 ^aDeut. 34:8
¹Lit. *wept*

4 ^aEsth. 4:2

5 ^aGen. 47:29-31
^bIs. 22:16

- ^aUp to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills.
^bThey shall be on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.
- 27 "Benjamin is a ^aravenous wolf;
In the morning he shall devour the prey,
^bAnd at night he shall divide the spoil."
- 28 All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them; he blessed each one according to his own blessing.

Jacob's Death and Burial

- 29 Then he charged them and said to them: "I *am* to be gathered to my people; ^bbury me with my fathers ^ain the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
30 "in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre in the land of Canaan, ^awhich Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite as a possession for a burial place.
31 ^a"There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, ^bthere they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah.
32 "The field and the cave that *is* there were purchased from the sons of Heth."
33 And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.
- 50 Then Joseph ^afell on his father's face, and ^bwept over him, and kissed him.
- 2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to ^aembalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.
- 3 Forty days were required for him, for such are the days required for those who are embalmed; and the Egyptians ^amourned¹ for him seventy days.
- 4 Now when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to ^athe household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying,
5 ^a"My father made me swear, saying, 'Behold, I am dying; in my grave ^bwhich I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me.' Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father, and I will come back.'"
6 And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."
- 7 So Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the

servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 as well as all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. Only their little ones, their flocks, and their herds they left in the land of Goshen.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen, and it was a very great gathering.

10 Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and they ^amourned there with a great and very solemn lamentation. ^bHe observed seven days of mourning for his father.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a deep mourning of the Egyptians." Therefore its name was called ¹Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.

12 So his sons did for him just as he had commanded them.

13 For ^ahis sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre, which Abraham ^bbought with the field from Ephron the Hittite as property for a burial place.

14 And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father.

Joseph Reassures His Brothers

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, ^athey said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may ^aactually repay us for all the evil which we did to him."

16 So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying,

¹⁰ ^aActs 8:2
^{b1} Sam. 31:13

¹¹ ¹Lit.
Mourning of Egypt

¹³ ^aActs 7:16
^bGen.
23:16-20

¹⁵ ^a[Job 15:21]
¹fully

¹⁷ ^a[Prov.
28:13] ^bGen.
49:25

¹⁸ ^aGen.
37:7-10;
41:43; 44:14

¹⁹ ^aGen. 45:5
^{b2} Kin. 5:7

²⁰ ^aPs. 56:5
^b[Acts
3:13-15]

²¹ ^a[Matt.
5:44] ¹Lit. to
their hearts

²³ ^aJob 42:16
^bNum. 26:29;
32:39 ^cGen.
30:3

²⁴ ^aEx. 3:16,
17 ^bGen. 26:3;
35:12; 46:4

²⁵ ^aEx. 13:19
^bDeut. 1:8;
30:1-8 ^cEx.
13:19 *give
attention to*

17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; ^afor they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of ^bthe God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also went and ^afell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants."

19 Joseph said to them, ^a"Do not be afraid, ^bfor *am* I in the place of God?"

20 ^a"But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* ^bGod meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

21 "Now therefore, do not be afraid; ^aI will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke ¹kindly to them.

Death of Joseph

22 So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

23 Joseph saw Ephraim's children ^ato the third *generation*. ^bThe children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, ^cwere also brought up on Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but ^aGod will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land ^bof which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

25 Then ^aJoseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely ¹visit you, and ²you shall carry up my ³bones from here."

26 So Joseph died, *being* one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

The Second Book of Moses Called

EXODUS

EXODUS is the record of Israel's birth as a nation. Within the protective "womb" of Egypt, the Jewish family of seventy rapidly multiplies. At the right time, accompanied with severe "birth pains," an infant nation, numbering between two and three million people, is brought into the world where it is divinely protected, fed, and nurtured.

The Hebrew title, *We'elleh Shemoth*, "Now These Are the Names," comes from the first phrase in 1:1. Exodus begins with "Now" to show it as a continuation of Genesis. The Greek title is *Exodus*, a word meaning "exit," "departure," or "going out." The Septuagint uses this word to describe the book by its key event

(see 19:1, “gone out”). In Luke 9:31 and in Second Peter 1:15, the word *exodus* speaks of physical death (Jesus and Peter). This embodies Exodus’s theme of redemption, because redemption is accomplished only through death. The Latin title is *Liber Exodus*, “Book of Departure,” taken from the Greek title.

Israel’s Suffering in Egypt

NOW ^athese are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;

4 Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 All those ¹who were descendants of Jacob were ^aseventy² persons (for Joseph was in Egypt *already*).

6 And ^aJoseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.

7 ^aBut the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and ¹grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, ^awho did not know Joseph.

9 And he said to his people, “Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and ^amightier than we;

10 ^a“come, let us ^bdeal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.”

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them ^ato afflict them with their ^bburdens. And they built for Pharaoh ^asupply cities, Pithom ^aand Raameses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.

13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel ^aserve with ¹rigor.

14 And they ^amade their lives bitter with hard bondage—^bin mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the ^aHebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphras and the name of the other Puah;

16 and he said, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see *them* on the birthstools, if it is *a* son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.”

17 But the midwives ^afeared God, and did not do ^bas the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them,

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aGen. 46:8-27

5 ^aGen. 46:26, 27 ¹Lit. *who came from the loins of*

²DSS, LXX *seventy-five*; cf. Acts 7:14

6 ^aGen. 50:26

7 ^aActs 7:17 ¹became very numerous

8 ^aActs 7:18, 19

9 ^aGen. 26:16

10 ^aPs. 83:3, 4 ^bActs 7:19

11 ^aEx. 3:7; 5:6

^bEx. 1:14;

2:11; 5:4-9; 6:6

^c1 Kin. 9:19

^aGen. 47:11

13 ^aGen. 15:13 ¹harshness

14 ^aNum.

20:15 ^bPs. 81:6

15 ^aEx. 2:6

16 ^aActs 7:19

17 ^aProv. 16:6

^bDan. 3:16, 18

19 ^aJosh. 2:4

¹have vigor of life, bear

quickly, easily

20 ^a[Prov.

11:18]

¹became very numerous

21 ^a1 Sam.

2:35 ¹gave them families

22 ^aActs 7:19

¹Sam., LXX,

Tg. add to the Hebrews

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aEx. 6:16-20

2 ^aActs 7:20

3 ^aIs. 18:2

^bGen. 14:10

^cGen. 6:14 ^dIs.

19:6

4 ^aNum. 26:59

5 ^aActs 7:21

10 ^aActs 7:21

¹Heb.

Mosheh, lit.

Drawn Out

“Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?”

19 And ^athe midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women *are* not like the Egyptian women; for they ¹are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.”

20 ^aTherefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and ¹grew very mighty.

21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, ^athat He ¹provided households for them.

22 So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is ¹born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.”

Moses Is Born

2 And ^aa man of the house of Levi went and took *as wife* a daughter of Levi.

2 So the woman conceived and bore a son. And ^awhen she saw that he was a beautiful *child*, she hid him three months.

3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of ^abulrushes for him, daubed it with ^basphalt and ^cpitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds ^aby the river’s bank.

4 ^aAnd his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

5 Then the ^adaughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it.

6 And when she opened *it*, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.”

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?”

8 And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the maiden went and called the child’s mother.

9 Then Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became ^aher son. So she called his name ¹Moses, saying, “Because I drew him out of the water.”

Moses Flees to Midian

11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"

14 Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!"

15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 When they came to Reuel¹ their father, he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?"

19 And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."

20 So he said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread."

21 Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses.

22 And she bore him a son. He called his name Gershom,¹ for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

23 Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage.

24 So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.

Moses at the Burning Bush

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert,

11 ^aHeb.

11:24-26

12 ^aActs 7:24,

25

13 ^aActs

7:26-28

^bProv. 25:8

14 ^aActs 7:27,

28 ^bJudg. 6:27

15 ^aActs 7:29

^bEx. 3:1 ^cGen.

24:11; 29:2

¹the presence

of Pharaoh

16 ^aEx. 3:1;

4:18; 18:12

^bGen. 24:11,

13, 19; 29:6-10

^cGen. 30:38

17 ^aGen. 47:3

^bGen.

26:19-21

^cGen. 29:3, 10

18 ^aNum. 10:29

^bEx. 3:1; 4:18

¹Jethro, Ex.

3:1

20 ^aGen. 31:54;

43:25

21 ^aEx. 4:25;

18:2

22 ^aEx. 4:20;

18:3, 4 ^bActs

7:29 ¹Lit.

Stranger

There

²sojourner,

temporary

resident

23 ^aActs 7:34

^bDeut. 26:7

^cJames 5:4

24 ^aEx. 6:5

^bGen. 15:13;

22:16-18;

26:2-5;

28:13-15

^cGen. 12:1-3;

15:14; 17:1-14

25 ^aEx. 4:31

^bEx. 3:7

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aEx. 4:18

^bEx. 2:16 ^cEx.

18:5 ^dEx. 17:6

2 ^aDeut. 33:16

3 ^aActs 7:31

4 ^aDeut. 33:16

5 ^aJosh. 5:15

6 ^a[Matt.

22:32] ^b1 Kin.

19:13

7 ^aEx. 2:23-25

^bEx. 1:11 ^cEx.

2:25 ¹pain

8 ^aGen.

15:13-16; 46:4;

50:24; 25 ^bEx.

6:6-8; 12:51

^cDeut. 1:25;

8:7-9 ^dJer. 11:5

^eGen. 15:19-21

9 ^aEx. 2:23

^bEx. 1:11, 13,

14

10 ^a[Mic. 6:4]

11 ^aEx. 4:10;

6:12

12 ^aGen. 31:3

^bEx. 4:8; 19:3

14 ^a[John 8:24,

28, 58]

and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows."

8 "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites."

9 "Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them."

10 "Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your

fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, ^b"I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; 17 "and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey."

18 "Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

19 "But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand.

20 "So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go.

21 "And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed.

22 "But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

Miraculous Signs for Pharaoh

4 Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'

2 "So the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."

3 And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand),

5 "that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

6 Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bo-

15 ^aPs. 30:4; 97:12; 102:12; 135:13

16 ^aEx. 4:29
^bEx. 2:25; 4:31

17 ^aGen. 15:13-21; 46:4; 50:24, 25

18 ^aEx. 4:31
^bEx. 5:1, 3
^cNum. 23:3, 4, 15, 16

19 ^aEx. 5:2

20 ^aEx. 6:6; 9:15 ^bDeut. 6:22 ^cEx. 11:1; 12:31-37

21 ^aEx. 11:3; 12:36

22 ^aEx. 11:2
^bEx. 33:6 ^cJob 27:17

CHAPTER 4

5 ^aEx. 4:31; 19:9 ^bEx. 3:6, 15

6 ^aNum. 12:10

7 ^aDeut. 32:39

8 ^aEx. 7:6-13

9 ^aEx. 7:19, 20
¹The Nile

10 ^aEx. 3:11; 4:1; 6:12
¹heavy or dull of tongue; cannot talk very well

11 ^aPs. 94:9; 146:8

12 ^aIs. 50:4

13 ^aJon. 1:3

14 ^aNum. 11:1, 33 ^bNum. 26:59 ^cEx. 4:27

15 ^aEx. 4:12, 30; 7:1, 2
^bNum. 23:5; 12 ^cDeut. 5:31

16 ^aEx. 7:1, 2

18 ^aEx. 2:21; 3:1; 4:18
^bJudg. 18:6

19 ^aEx. 3:1; 18:1 ^bGen. 46:3, 6 ^cEx. 2:15, 23

20 ^aEx. 18:2-5
^bNum. 20:8, 9, 11

21 ^aEx. 3:20; 11:9, 10

som, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow.

7 And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh.

8 "Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign.

9 "And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour it on the dry land. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land."

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?"

12 "Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

13 But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send."

14 So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

15 "Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do.

16 "So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.

17 "And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."

Moses Goes to Egypt

18 So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

19 Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead."

20 Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before

Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But ^bhe will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.

22 "Then you shall ^asay to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: ^b'Israel is My son, ^cMy firstborn.

23 "So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed ^dhe will kill your son, your firstborn."

24 And it came to pass on the way, at the ^eencampment, that the LORD ^fmet him and sought to ^gkill him.

25 Then ^hZipporah took ^{ba} a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and ^ccast it at ^dMoses' feet, and said, "Surely you *are* a husband of blood to me!"

26 So He let him go. Then she said, "You *are* a husband of blood!"—because of the circumcision.

27 And the LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness ^ato meet Moses." So he went and met him on ^bthe mountain of God, and kissed him.

28 So Moses ^atold Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the ^bsigns which He had commanded him.

29 Then Moses and Aaron ^awent and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel.

30 "And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 So the people ^abelieved; and when they heard that the LORD had ^bvisited the children of Israel and that He ^chad looked on their affliction, then ^dthey bowed their heads and worshipped.

First Encounter with Pharaoh

5 Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may ^hhold ^aa feast to Me in the wilderness.'"

2 And Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, ^bnor will I let Israel go."

3 So they said, "The God of the Hebrews has ^amet with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with ^cpestilence or with the sword."

4 Then the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get *back* to your labor."

5 And Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land *are* many now, and you make them rest from their labor!"

6 So the same day Pharaoh commanded the ^ataskmasters of the people and their officers, saying,

7 "You shall no longer give the people straw to make ^bbrick as be-

21 ^bEx. 7:3, 13; 9:12, 35; 10:1, 20, 27; 14:4, 8; Deut. 2:30; Josh. 11:20; 1 Sam. 6:6; Is. 63:17; John 12:40; Rom. 9:18

22 ^aEx. 5:1 ^bIs. 63:16; 64:8; Hos. 11:1; [Rom. 9:4; 2 Cor. 6:16; 18] ^cJer. 31:9; [James 1:18]

23 ^aEx. 11:5; 12:29; Ps. 105:36; 135:8; 136:10

24 ^aGen. 42:27 ^bEx. 3:18; 5:3; Num. 22:22 ^cGen. 17:14

25 ^aEx. 2:21; 18:2 ^bGen. 17:14; Josh. 5:2, 3 ¹Lit. *made it touch* ²Lit. *his*

26 ¹*bride-groom*

27 ^aEx. 4:14 ^bEx. 3:1; 18:5; 24:13

28 ^aEx. 4:15; 16 ^bEx. 4:8, 9

29 ^aEx. 3:16; 12:21

30 ^aEx. 4:15; 16

31 ^aEx. 3:18; 4:8, 9; 19:9 ^bGen. 50:24; Ex. 3:16 ^aEx. 2:25; 3:7 ^aGen. 24:26; Ex. 12:27; 1 Chr. 29:20

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aEx. 3:18; 7:16; 10:9 ¹*keep a pilgrim-feast*

2 ^{a2} Kin. 18:35; 2 Chr. 32:14; Job 21:15 ^bEx. 3:19; 7:14

3 ^aEx. 3:18; 7:16 ^bEx. 4:24; Num. 23:3 ^cEx. 9:15

4 ^aEx. 1:11; 2:11; 6:6

5 ^aEx. 1:7, 9

6 ^aEx. 1:11; 3:7; 5:10, 13, 14

7 ^aEx. 1:14

14 ^aEx. 5:6 ^bIs. 10:24

21 ^aEx. 6:9; 14:11; 15:24; 16:2 ¹Lit. *our scent to stink before*

fore. Let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 "And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. You shall not reduce it. For they are idle; therefore they cry out, saying, 'Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God.'

9 "Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labor in it, and let them not regard false words."

10 And the taskmasters of the people and their officers went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh: 'I will not give you straw.

11 'Go, get yourselves straw where you can find it; yet none of your work will be reduced.'"

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

13 And the taskmasters forced *them* to hurry, saying, "Fulfill your work, your daily quota, as when there was straw."

14 Also the ^aofficers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were ^bbeaten and were asked, "Why have you not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and today, as before?"

15 Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why are you dealing thus with your servants?

16 "There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, 'Make brick!' And indeed your servants *are* beaten, but the fault is in your own people."

17 But he said, "You *are* idle! Idle! Therefore you say, 'Let us go *and* sacrifice to the LORD.'

18 "Therefore go now *and* work; for no straw shall be given you, yet you shall deliver the quota of bricks."

19 And the officers of the children of Israel saw *that* they were in trouble after it was said, "You shall not reduce any bricks from your daily quota."

20 Then, as they came out from Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron who stood there to meet them.

21 "And they said to them, 'Let the LORD look on you and judge, because you have made ^hus abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us.'

Israel's Deliverance Assured

22 So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why is it You have sent me?

23 "For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil

to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all."

6 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For ^awith a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand ^bhe will drive them out of his land."

2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I *am* ¹the LORD."

3 "I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as ^bGod Almighty, but by My name ^c'LORD' I was not known to them."

4 "I have also ¹established My covenant with them, ^bto give them the land of Canaan, the land of their ²pilgrimage, ^cin which they were ³strangers."

5 "And ^aI have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant."

6 "Therefore say to the children of Israel: '*I am* the LORD; ^bI will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will ^crescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with ¹an outstretched arm and with great judgments."

7 "I will ^atake you as My people, and ^bI will be your God. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God who brings you out ^cfrom under the burdens of the Egyptians."

8 "And I will bring you into the land which I ^aswore¹ to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I *am* the LORD."

9 So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; ^bbut they did not heed Moses, because of ^abanguish¹ of spirit and cruel bondage.

10 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

11 "Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel go out of his land."

12 And Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "The children of Israel have not heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh heed me, for ^aI *am* ¹of uncircumcised lips?"

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a ^ccommand¹ for the children of Israel and for Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

The Family of Moses and Aaron

14 These are the heads of their fathers' houses: ^aThe sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. These are the families of Reuben.

15 ^aAnd the sons of Simeon were ¹Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. These are the families of Simeon.

CHAPTER 6

¹Ex. 3:19

^bEx. 12:31, 33, 39

²Heb. YHWH

³Gen. 17:1;

35:9; 48:3;

^bGen. 28:3;

35:11 ^cPs.

68:4; 83:18

¹Heb. YHWH, traditionally

Jehovah

⁴Gen. 12:7;

15:18; 17:4, 7,

8; 26:3; 28:4;

¹³Lev. 25:23

^cGen. 28:4

¹made or ratified

²sojournings

³sojourners,

temporary

residents

⁵Ex. 2:24

⁶Deut. 6:12

^bDeut. 26:8

^cDeut. 7:8

¹Mighty

power

⁷2 Sam. 7:24

^bEx. 29:45, 46

^cEx. 5:4, 5

⁸Gen. 15:18;

26:3 ¹promised,

lit. *lifted up*

My hand

⁹Ex. 5:21

^bEx. 2:23 ¹Lit.

shortness

¹²Jer. 1:6

¹One who does not

speak well

¹³Deut.

31:14 ¹charge

¹⁴Gen. 46:9

¹⁵Gen. 46:10

¹Nemuel,

Num. 26:12

¹⁶Gen. 46:11

¹⁷^a1 Chr. 6:17

¹⁸^a1 Chr. 6:2,

18

¹⁹^a1 Chr.

6:19; 23:21

²⁰Ex. 2:1, 2

^bNum. 26:59

^cNum. 26:59

²¹^a1 Chr.

6:37, 38

²²^aLev. 10:4

²³Ruth 4:19,

²⁰^bLev. 10:1

^cEx. 28:1

²⁴^aNum.

26:11

²⁵^aNum. 25:7,

11

²⁶Ex. 7:4;

12:17, 51

¹hosts

²⁷Ps. 77:20

²⁹Ex. 6:11;

7:2

³⁰Ex. 4:10;

6:12 ¹One

who does not

speak well

CHAPTER 7

¹Ex. 4:16

^bEx. 4:15, 16

²Ex. 4:15

³Ex. 4:21;

9:12

16 These are the names of ^athe sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi were one hundred and thirty-seven.

17 ^aThe sons of Gershon were Libni and Shimi according to their families.

18 And ^athe sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were one hundred and thirty-three.

19 ^aThe sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of Levi according to their generations.

20 Now ^aAmram took for himself ^bJochebed, his father's sister, as wife; and she bore him ^cAaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were one hundred and thirty-seven.

21 ^aThe sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And ^athe sons of Uzziel were Mishael, Elzaphan, and Zithri.

23 Aaron took to himself Elisheba, daughter of ^aAmminadab, sister of Nahshon, as wife; and she bore him ^bNadab, Abihu, ^cEleazar, and Ithamar.

24 And ^athe sons of Korah were Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the families of the Korahites.

25 Eleazar, Aaron's son, took for himself one of the daughters of Putiel as wife; and ^ashe bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites according to their families.

26 These are the same Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their ^aarmies."¹

27 These are the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, ^ato bring out the children of Israel from Egypt. These are the same Moses and Aaron.

Aaron Is Moses' Spokesman

28 And it came to pass, on the day the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "*I am* the LORD. ^aSpeak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you."

30 But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, ^aI *am* ¹of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?"

7 I have made you ^aas God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be ^byour prophet.

2 "You shall speak all that I command you, And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land."

3 "And ^aI will harden Pharaoh's

heart, and ^bmultiply My ^csigns and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 "But ^aPharaoh will not heed you, so ^bthat I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My ¹armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt ^cby great judgments.

5 "And the Egyptians ^ashall know that I *am* the LORD, when I ^bstretch out My hand on Egypt and ^cbring out the children of Israel from among them."

6 Then Moses and Aaron ^adid so; just as the LORD commanded them, so they did.

7 And Moses *was* ^aeighty years old and ^bAaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Aaron's Miraculous Rod

8 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, '^aShow a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, '^bTake your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.'

10 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just ^aas the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it ^bbecame a serpent.

11 But Pharaoh also ^acalled the wise men and ^bthe ¹sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also ^cdid in like manner with their ²enchantments.

12 For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

The First Plague: Waters Become Blood

14 So the LORD said to Moses: "^aPharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.

15 "Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the ^awater, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and ^bthe rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand.

16 "And you shall say to him, '^aThe LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, '^aLet My people go, ^bthat they may ¹serve Me in the wilderness'; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

17 'Thus says the LORD: "By this ^ayou shall know that I *am* the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which *are* in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and ^bthey shall be turned ^cto blood.

18 "And the fish that *are* in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will ^aloathe¹ to drink the water of the river." ' "

³Ex. 11:9;
Acts 7:36 ^cEx.
4:7; Deut. 4:34

⁴Ex. 3:19, 20;
10:1; 11:9 ^bEx.
9:14 ^cEx. 6:6;
12:12 ¹hosts

⁵Ex. 7:17;
8:22; 14:4, 18;
Ps. 9:16 ^bEx.
9:15 ^cEx. 3:20;
6:6; 12:51

⁶Ex. 7:2

⁷Deut. 29:5;
31:2; 34:7;
Acts 7:23, 30
^bNum. 33:39

⁹Ex. 10:1; Is.
7:11; John
2:18; 6:30 ^bEx.
4:2, 3, 17

¹⁰Ex. 7:9
^bEx. 4:3

¹¹Gen. 41:8
^bDan. 2:2;

2 Tim. 3:8 ^cEx.
7:22; 8:7, 18;

2 Tim. 3:9;
Rev. 13:13, 14
¹soothsayers
²secret arts

¹⁴Ex. 8:15;
10:1, 20, 27

¹⁵Ex. 2:5;
8:20 ^bEx. 4:2,
3; 7:10

¹⁶Ex. 3:13,
18; 4:22 ^bEx.
3:12, 18; 4:23;
5:1, 3; 8:1
¹worship

¹⁷Ex. 5:2;
7:5; 10:2; Ps.
9:16; Ezek.
25:17 ^bEx. 4:9;
7:20 ^cRev.
11:6; 16:4, 6

¹⁸Ex. 7:24
¹be weary of
drinking

¹⁹Ex. 8:5, 6,
16; 9:22;
10:12, 21;
14:21, 26

²⁰Ex. 17:5
^bPs. 78:44;
105:29, 30

²¹Ex. 7:18

²²Ex. 7:11
^bEx. 8:7 ^cEx.
3:19; 7:3
¹secret arts

CHAPTER 8

¹Ex. 3:12, 18;
4:23; 5:1, 3

²Ex. 7:14; 9:2
^bRev. 16:13

³Ps. 105:30

⁵Ex. 7:19

⁶Ps. 78:45;
105:30

⁷Ex. 7:11, 22
¹secret arts

⁸Ex. 8:28;
9:28; 10:17;
Num. 21:7;

1 Kin. 13:6
¹Pray to,
Make supplication to

19 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *buckets* of wood and *pitchers* of stone.' "

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he ^alifted up the rod and struck the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the ^bwaters that *were* in the river were turned to blood.

21 The fish that *were* in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians ^acould not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 ^aThen the magicians of Egypt did ^bso with their ¹enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, ^aas the LORD had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this.

24 So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river.

25 And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.

The Second Plague: Frogs

8 And the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, ^athat they may serve Me.

2 "But if you ^arefuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all your territory with ^bfrogs.

3 "So the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your ^abedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls.

4 "And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants." ' "

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.'

6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and ^athe frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

7 ^aAnd the magicians did so with their ¹enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "^aEntreat¹ the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people;

and I will let the people ^bgo, that they may sacrifice to the LORD.”

9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, “Accept the honor of saying when I shall intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, *that* they may remain in the river only.”

10 So he said, “Tomorrow.” And he said, “*Let it be* according to your word, that you may know that *there* is no one like the LORD our God.

11 “And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only.”

12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses ^acried out to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh.

13 So the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields.

14 They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was ^arelief, ^bhe hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

The Third Plague: Lice

16 So the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become ¹lice throughout all the land of Egypt.’”

17 And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and ^ait became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 Now ^athe magicians so worked with their ¹enchantments to bring forth lice, but they ^bcould not. So there were lice on man and beast.

19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is ^athe ¹finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s ^bheart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.

The Fourth Plague: Flies

20 And the LORD said to Moses, “^aRise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: ^bLet My people go, that they may serve Me.

21 “Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of *flies* on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of *flies*, and also the ground on which they *stand*.

22 “And in that day ^aI will set apart the land of ^bGoshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of *flies* shall be there, in order that you may

8 ^bEx. 10:8, 24

10 ^aEx. 9:14; 15:11; Deut. 4:35, 39; 33:26; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Chr. 17:20; Ps. 86:8; Is. 46:9; Jer. 10:6, 7]

12 ^aEx. 8:30; 9:33; 10:18; 32:11; [James 5:16–18]

15 ^aEcc. 8:11 ^bEx. 7:14, 22; 9:34; 1 Sam. 6:6

16 ¹gnats

17 ^aPs. 105:31

18 ^aEx. 7:11, 12; 8:7 ^bDan. 5:8; 2 Tim. 3:8, 9 ¹secret arts

19 ^aEx. 7:5; 10:7; 1 Sam. 6:3, 9; Ps. 8:3; Luke 11:20 ^bEx. 8:15 ¹An act of God

20 ^aEx. 7:15; 9:13 ^bEx. 3:18; 4:23; 5:1, 3; 8:1

22 ^aEx. 9:4, 6, 26; 10:23; 11:6, 7; 12:13 ^bGen. 50:8 ^cEx. 7:5, 17; 10:2; 14:4 ^aEx. 9:29

23 ^aEx. 4:8 ¹Lit. *set a ransom*, Ex. 9:4; 11:7

24 ^aPs. 78:45; 105:31

26 ^aGen. 43:32; 46:34; [Deut. 7:25, 26; 12:31] ¹Put us to death by stoning

27 ^aEx. 3:18; 5:3 ^bEx. 3:12

28 ^aEx. 8:8, 15, 29, 32; 9:28; 1 Kin. 13:6

29 ^aEx. 8:8, 15

30 ^aEx. 8:12

32 ^aEx. 4:21; 8:8, 15; Ps. 52:2

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aEx. 4:23; 8:1 ^bEx. 7:16

2 ^aEx. 8:2

3 ^aEx. 7:4; 1 Sam. 5:6; Ps. 39:10; Acts 13:11

4 ^aEx. 8:22

6 ^aEx. 9:19, 20, 25; Ps. 78:48, 50

^aknow that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the ^aland.

23 “I will ^amake a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this ^asign shall be.”

24 And the LORD did so. ^aThick swarms of *flies* came into the house of Pharaoh, *into* his servants’ houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of *flies*.

25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.”

26 And Moses said, “It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing ^athe abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not ¹stone us?

27 “We will go ^athree days’ journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as ^bHe will command us.”

28 So Pharaoh said, “I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. ^aIntercede for me.”

29 Then Moses said, “Indeed I am going out from you, and I will entreat the LORD, that the swarms of *flies* may depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. But let Pharaoh not ^adeal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.”

30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and ^aentreated the LORD.

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; He removed the swarms of *flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained.

32 But Pharaoh ^ahardened his heart at this time also; neither would he let the people go.

The Fifth Plague: Livestock Diseased

9 Then the LORD said to Moses, ^a“Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: ‘Let My people go, that they may ^bserve Me.

2 “For if you ^arefuse to let *them* go, and still hold them,

3 “behold, the ^ahand of the LORD will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence.

4 “And ^athe LORD will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all *that* belongs to the children of Israel.”

5 Then the LORD appointed a set time, saying, “Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land.”

6 So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and ^aall the livestock of

Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died.
7 Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go.

The Sixth Plague: Boils

8 So the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 "And it will become fine dust in all the land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt."

10 Then they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered them toward heaven. And they caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast.

11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians.
12 But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh; and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

The Seventh Plague: Hail

13 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me,

14 "for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.

15 "Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth.

16 "But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.

17 "As yet you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go.

18 "Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now.

19 "Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die."

20 He who feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses.

21 But he who did not regard the

7 ^aEx. 7:14; 8:32

9 ^aRev. 16:2

10 ^aDeut. 28:27

11 ^a[Ex. 8:18, 19] ^bJob 2:7

12 ^aEx. 7:13 ^bEx. 4:21

13 ^aEx. 8:20 ^bEx. 9:1

14 ^aEx. 8:10

15 ^aEx. 3:20; 7:5 ^bEx. 5:3

16 ^a[Rom. 9:17, 18] ^bEx. 7:4, 5; 10:1; 11:9; 14:17 ^c1 Kin. 8:43

20 ^a[Prov. 13:13] ^bEx. 8:19; 10:7

22 ^aRev. 16:21

23 ^aJosh. 10:11

25 ^aPs. 78:47, 48; 105:32, 33

26 ^aEx. 8:22, 23; 9:4, 6; 10:23; 11:7; 12:13

27 ^aEx. 8:8 ^bEx. 9:34; 10:16, 17 ^c2 Chr. 12:6

28 ^aEx. 8:8, 28; 10:17 ^bEx. 8:25; 10:8, 24 ¹Pray to, ²Lit. *voices of God or sounds of God*

29 ^aIs. 1:15 ^bPs. 24:1

30 ^a[Is. 26:10]

31 ^aRuth 1:22; 2:23

32 ¹Lit. *darkened*

33 ^aEx. 8:12; 9:29

35 ^aEx. 4:21

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1 ^aJohn 12:40 ^bEx. 7:4; 9:16

2 ^aJoel 1:3

word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field.

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."

23 And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field.

26 "Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.

27 And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The LORD is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.

28 "Entreat the LORD, that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."

29 So Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD; the thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth is the LORD's.

30 "But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not yet fear the LORD God."

31 Now the flax and the barley were struck, for the barley was in the head and the flax was in bud.

32 But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for they are late crops.

33 So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to the LORD; then the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain was not poured on the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more; and he hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

The Eighth Plague: Locusts

10 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him,

2 "and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done

in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may ^bknow that I am the LORD.”

3 So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: ‘How long will you refuse to ^chumble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may ^bserve Me.

4 ‘Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring ^clocusts into your territory.

5 ‘And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and ^cthey shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field.

6 ‘They shall ^cfill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians—which neither your fathers nor your fathers’ fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.’” And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

7 Then Pharaoh’s ^cservants said to him, “How long shall this man be ^aa snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?”

8 So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, “Go, serve the LORD your God. Who are the ones that are going?”

9 And Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for ^c‘we must hold a feast to the LORD.’”

10 Then he said to them, “The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you.

11 “Not so! Go now, you *who* are men, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desired.” And they were driven ^cout from Pharaoh’s presence.

12 Then the LORD said to Moses, ^a“Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and ^beat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left.”

13 So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind on the land all that day and all *that* night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

14 And ^cthe locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. *They* were very severe; ^bpreviously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them.

15 For they ^ccovered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ^bate every herb

2 ^bEx. 7:5, 17; 8:22

3 ^a[1 Kin. 21:29; 2 Chr. 34:27]; Job 42:6; James 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6] ^bEx. 4:23; 8:1; 9:1

4 ^aProv. 30:27; Rev. 9:3

5 ^aEx. 9:32; Joel 1:4; 2:25

6 ^aEx. 8:3, 21

7 ^aEx. 7:5; 8:19; 9:20; 12:33 ^bEx. 23:33; Josh. 23:13; 1 Sam. 18:21; Eccl. 7:26; 1 Cor. 7:35

9 ^aEx. 5:1; 7:16

11 ^aEx. 10:28

12 ^aEx. 7:19 ^bEx. 10:5, 15

14 ^aDeut. 28:38; Ps. 78:46; 105:34 ^bJoel 1:4, 7; 2:1–11; Rev. 9:3

15 ^aEx. 10:5 ^bPs. 105:35

16 ^aEx. 8:8 ^bEx. 9:27

17 ^aEx. 8:8, 28; 9:28; 1 Kin. 13:6 ¹make supplication to

18 ^aEx. 8:30

19 ^aJoel 2:20

20 ^aEx. 4:21; 10:1; 11:10

21 ^aEx. 9:22 ¹Lit. *that one may feel the darkness*

22 ^aPs. 105:28; Rev. 16:10 ^bEx. 3:18

23 ^aEx. 8:22, 23

24 ^aEx. 8:8, 25; 10:8 ^bEx. 10:10

25 ¹Lit. *into our hands*

26 ^aEx. 10:9

27 ^aEx. 4:21; 10:1, 20; 14:4, 8

28 ^aEx. 10:11

29 ^aEx. 11:8; Heb. 11:27

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1 ^aEx. 12:31, 33, 39 ^bEx. 6:1; 12:39

of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Pharaoh called ^afor Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, ^b“I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

17 “Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and ^centreat¹ the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only.”

18 So he ^cwent out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them ^cinto the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territory of Egypt.

20 But the LORD ^chardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

The Ninth Plague: Darkness

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, ^a“Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, ¹darkness *which* may even be felt.”

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was ^cthick darkness in all the land of Egypt ¹three days.

23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. ^a“But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and ^csaid, “Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your ^blittle ones also go with you.”

25 But Moses said, “You must also give ¹us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

26 “Our ^clivestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.”

27 But the LORD ^chardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let them go.

28 Then Pharaoh said to him, ^a“Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!”

29 So Moses said, “You have spoken well. ^aI will never see your face again.”

Death of the Firstborn Announced

11 And the LORD said to Moses, ^a“I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. ^aAfterward he will let you go from here. ^bWhen he lets you go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether.

2 “Speak now in the hearing of the

people, and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, "articles of silver and articles of gold."

3 "And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man ^bMoses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

4 Then Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt;

5 "and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals.

6 "Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, ^bsuch as was not like it *before*, nor shall be like it again.

7 "But against none of the children of Israel ^bshall a dog ¹move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.'

8 "And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out." ^bThen he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.

9 But the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not heed you, so that ^bMy wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt."

10 So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

The Passover Instituted

12 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 "This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the 'tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

4 "And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.

5 "Your lamb shall be 'without¹ blemish, a male ²of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

6 "Now you shall keep it until the 'fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

2 ^aEx. 3:22; 12:35, 36

3 ^aEx. 3:21; 12:36 ^bDeut. 34:10-12

4 ^aEx. 12:12, 23, 29

5 ^aEx. 4:23; 12:12, 29

6 ^aEx. 12:30 ^bEx. 10:14

7 ^aEx. 8:22 ^bJosh. 10:21 ¹sharpen

8 ^aEx. 12:31-33 ^bHeb. 11:27

9 ^aEx. 3:19; 7:4; 10:1 ^bEx. 7:3; 9:16

10 ^aRom. 2:5

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2 ^aDeut. 16:1

3 ^aJosh. 4:19

5 ^a[1 Pet. 1:19] ¹perfect or sound ²a year old

6 ^aLev. 23:5

8 ^aNum. 9:12 ^bDeut. 16:7 ^c1 Cor. 5:8

9 ^aDeut. 16:7

10 ^aEx. 16:19; 23:18; 34:25

11 ^aEx. 12:13, 21, 27, 43 ¹Made ready to travel

12 ^aEx. 11:4, 5 ^bNum. 33:4 ^cEx. 6:2

14 ^aEx. 13:9 ^bLev. 23:4, 5 ^cEx. 12:17, 24; 13:10

15 ^aLev. 23:6 ^bGen. 17:14 ¹soul ²Put to death

16 ^aLev. 23:2, 7, 8

17 ^aEx. 12:14; 13:3, 10 ^bNum. 33:1 ¹hosts

18 ^aLev. 23:5-8

19 ^aEx. 12:15; 23:15; 34:18

21 ^a[Heb. 11:28]

7 'And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

8 'Then they shall eat the flesh on that 'night; 'roasted in fire, with 'unleavened bread and with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

9 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but 'roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.

10 'You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

11 'And thus you shall eat it: ¹with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. 'It is the LORD's Passover.

12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and ^bagainst all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: 'I *am* the LORD.

13 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 'So this day shall be to you 'a memorial; and you shall keep it as a ^bfeast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast ^cby an everlasting ordinance.

15 'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, ^bthat ¹person shall be ²cut off from Israel.

16 'On the first day *there shall be* 'a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but *that* which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you.

17 'So you shall observe *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*, for 'on this same day I will have brought your 'armies ^bout of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.

18 'In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

19 'For 'seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether *he is* a stranger or a native of the land.

20 'You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.'

21 Then 'Moses called for all the

^belders of Israel and said to them, ^c"Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*.

22 ^a"And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and ^bstrike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

23 ^a"For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the ^bblood on the ¹lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and ^cnot allow ^dthe destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

24 "And you shall ^aobserve this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever.

25 "It will come to pass when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, ^ajust as He promised, that you shall keep this service.

26 ^a"And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?'

27 "that you shall say, ^a"It is the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' So the people ^bbowed their heads and worshiped.

28 Then the children of Israel went away and ^adid so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn

29 ^a"And it came to pass at midnight that ^bthe LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was ¹in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of ^clivestock.

30 So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for *there* was not a house where *there* was not one dead.

The Exodus

31 Then he ^acalled for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, ^bboth you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have ^csaid.

32 ^a"Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also."

33 ^a"And the Egyptians ^bburied the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead."

34 So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.

21 ^bEx. 3:16
^cNum. 9:4

22 ^aHeb. 11:28
^bEx. 12:7

23 ^aEx. 11:4;
12:12, 13 ^bEx.
24:8 ^cRev. 7:3;
9:4 ^dHeb.
11:28 ¹Cross-
piece at top of
door

24 ^aEx. 12:14,
17; 13:5, 10

25 ^aEx. 3:8, 17

26 ^aEx. 10:2;
13:8, 14, 15

27 ^aEx. 12:11
^bEx. 4:31

28 ^a[Heb.
11:28]

29 ^aEx. 11:4, 5
^bNum. 8:17;
33:4 ^cEx. 9:6
¹in prison

31 ^aEx. 10:28,
29 ^bEx. 8:25;
11:1 ^cEx. 10:9

32 ^aEx. 10:9,
26

33 ^aEx. 10:7
^bPs. 105:38

35 ^aEx. 3:21,
22; 11:2, 3

36 ^aEx. 3:21
^bGen. 15:14

37 ^aNum. 33:3,
5 ^bGen. 47:11
^cEx. 38:26

38 ^aNum. 11:4
^bDeut. 3:19

39 ^aEx. 6:1;
11:1; 12:31-33

40 ^aActs 7:6
¹Length of the
stay ²Sam.,
LXX *Egypt*
and *Canaan*

41 ^aEx. 3:8, 10;
6:6; 7:4

42 ^aDeut. 16:1,
6 ¹night of
vigil

43 ^aNum. 9:14

44 ^aGen.
17:12, 13

45 ^aLev. 22:10

46 ^a[John
19:33, 36]

47 ^aEx. 12:6

48 ^aNum. 9:14
¹As a resident
alien

49 ^aNum.
15:15, 16

51 ^aEx. 12:41;
20:2 ^bEx. 6:26

35 Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians ^aarticles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.

36 ^a"And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them *what they requested*. Thus ^bthey plundered the Egyptians.

37 Then ^athe children of Israel journeyed from ^bRameses to Succoth, about ^csix hundred thousand men on foot, besides children.

38 A ^amixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of ^blivestock.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because ^athey were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.

40 Now the ¹sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in ²Egypt was ^afour hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years—on that very same day—it came to pass that ^aall the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It is ^aa ¹night of solemn observance to the LORD for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This is that night of the LORD, a solemn observance for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.

Passover Regulations

43 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is ^athe ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat it.

44 "But every man's servant who is bought for money, when you have ^acircumcised him, then he may eat it.

45 ^a"A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it.

46 "In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, ^anor shall you break one of its bones.

47 ^a"All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

48 "And ^awhen a stranger ¹dwells with you *and wants* to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it.

49 ^a"One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."

50 Thus all the children of Israel did; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

51 ^a"And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the LORD brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt ^baccording to their armies.

The Firstborn Consecrated

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 “Consecrate¹ to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and beast; it is Mine.”

The Feast of Unleavened Bread

3 And Moses said to the people: “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of ^bbondage; for ^bby strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this *place*. ^cNo leavened bread shall be eaten.

4 “On this day you are going out, in the month Abib.

5 “And it shall be, when the LORD ^abrings you into the ^bland of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He ^cswore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, ^dthat you shall keep this service in this month.

6 “Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day *there shall be* a feast to the LORD.

7 “Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And ^eno leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters.

8 “And you shall ^ftell your son in that day, saying, ‘*This is done* because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.’

9 “It shall be as ^aa sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD’s law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.

10 “You shall therefore keep this ¹ordinance in its season from year to year.

The Law of the Firstborn

11 “And it shall be, when the LORD ^abrings you into the land of the ^bCanaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you,

12 “that you shall ¹set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males *shall be* the LORD’s.

13 “But ^aevery firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons ^byou shall redeem.

14 “So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is this?’ that you shall say to him, ^b“By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

15 “And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us

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2 ^aLuke 2:23
¹Set apart

3 ^aDeut. 16:3
^bEx. 3:20; 6:1
^cEx. 12:8, 19
¹Lit. slaves

4 ^aEx. 12:2;
 23:15; 34:18

5 ^aEx. 3:8, 17
^bGen. 17:8
^cEx. 6:8 ^dEx. 12:25, 26

6 ^aEx. 12:15–20

7 ^aEx. 12:19

8 ^aEx. 10:2;
 12:26; 13:14

9 ^aDeut. 6:8;
 11:18

10 ^aEx. 12:14,
 24 ¹regulation

11 ^aEx. 13:5
^bNum. 21:3

12 ^aLev. 27:26
¹Lit. cause to pass over

13 ^aEx. 34:20
^bNum. 3:46,
 47; 18:15, 16

14 ^aDeut. 6:20
^bEx. 13:3, 9

15 ^aEx. 12:29

16 ^aEx. 13:9

17 ^aEx. 14:11
^bDeut. 17:16

18 ^aNum. 33:6

19 ^aGen. 50:24,
 25 ^bEx. 1:6;
 Deut. 33:13–17 ^cEx. 4:31 ¹give attention to

20 ^aNum. 33:6–8 ^bEx. 12:37

21 ^aDeut. 1:33

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2 ^aEx. 13:18
^bNum. 33:7
^cJer. 44:1

3 ^aPs. 71:11

4 ^aEx. 4:21;
 7:3; 14:17 ^bEx. 9:16; 14:17,
 18, 23 ^cEx. 7:5; 14:25

5 ^aPs. 105:25

6 ¹harnessed

7 ^aEx. 15:4

go, that ^athe LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

16 “It shall be as ^aa sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt.”

The Wilderness Way

17 Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people ^cchange their minds when they see war, and ^breturn to Egypt.”

18 So God ^aled the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the ^abones of ^bJoseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, “God will surely ¹visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.”

20 So ^athey took their journey from ^bSuccoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness.

21 And ^athe LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people.

The Red Sea Crossing

14 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 “Speak to the children of Israel, ^athat they turn and camp before ^bPi Hahiroth, between ^cMigdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea.

3 “For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, ^a“They are bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.”

4 “Then ^aI will harden Pharaoh’s heart, so that he will pursue them; and I ^bwill gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, ^cthat the Egyptians may know that *I am* the LORD.” And they did so.

5 Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and ^athe heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, “Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?”

6 So he ¹made ready his chariot and took his people with him.

7 Also, he took ^asix hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots

of Egypt with captains over every one of them.

8 And the LORD ^ahardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and ^athe children of Israel went out with boldness.

9 So the ^aEgyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel ^acried out to the LORD.

11 ^aThen they said to Moses, "Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?"

12 ^a"Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?' For it *would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

13 And Moses said to the people, ^a"Do not be afraid. ^bStand still, and see the ^a'salvation' of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall ^asee again no more forever.

14 ^a"The LORD will fight for you, and you shall ^a'hold' your peace."

15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

16 "But ^alift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

17 "And I indeed will ^aharden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will ^again honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen.

18 "Then the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

19 And the Angel of God, ^awho went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.

20 So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to *the one*, and it gave light by night to *the other*, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and ^amade

8 ^aEx. 14:4
^bNum. 33:3

9 ^aJosh. 24:6

10 ^aNeh. 9:9

11 ^aPs. 106:7, 8

12 ^aEx. 5:21;
6:9

13 ^{a2} Chr.
20:15, 17 ^bPs.
46:10, 11 ^cEx.
14:30; 15:2
^dDeut. 28:68
¹deliverance

14 ^aDeut. 1:30;
3:22 ^bIs.
30:15 ¹Lit. *be*
quiet

16 ^aNum. 20:8,
9, 11

17 ^aEx. 14:8
^bEx. 14:4

19 ^a[Is. 63:9]

21 ^aPs. 66:6;
106:9; 136:13,
14 ^bIs. 63:12,
13

22 ^aEx. 15:19
^bEx. 14:29;
15:8

24 ^aJudg. 7:19
^bEx. 13:21
¹confused

25 ^aEx. 7:5;
14:4, 14, 18
¹Sam., LXX,
Syr. *bound*

27 ^aJosh. 4:18
^bEx. 15:1, 7
¹Lit. *shook off*

28 ^aPs. 78:53;
106:11

29 ^aPs. 66:6;
78:52, 53

30 ^aPs. 106:8,
10 ^bPs. 58:10;
59:10
¹delivered

31 ^aJohn 2:11;
11:45 ¹Lit.
hand with
which the
LORD worked

CHAPTER 15

1 ^aPs. 106:12
^bIs. 12:1-6

2 ^aIs. 12:2
^bGen. 28:21,
22 ^cEx. 3:6,
15, 16 ^dIs. 25:1

the sea into dry *land*, and the waters were ^bdivided.

22 So ^athe children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry *ground*, and the waters were ^aa wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 Now it came to pass, in the morning ^awatch, that ^bthe LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He ^troubled the army of the Egyptians.

25 And He ^took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD ^a fights for them against the Egyptians."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."

27 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea ^areturned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD ^boverthrew¹ the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 Then ^athe waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained.

29 But ^athe children of Israel had walked on dry *land* in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 So the LORD ^asaved¹ Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel ^bsaw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 Thus Israel saw the great ¹work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and ^abelieved the LORD and His servant Moses.

The Song of Moses

15 Then ^aMoses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying:

"I will ^bsing to the LORD,
For He has triumphed
gloriously!

The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!

2 The LORD is my strength and
^asong,

And He has become my
salvation;

He is my God, and ^bI will praise
Him;

My ^afather's God, and I ^awill
exalt Him.

- 3 The LORD *is* a man of war;
The LORD *is* His ^bname.
- 4 ^aPharaoh's chariots and his
army He has cast into the
sea;
^bHis chosen captains also are
drowned in the Red Sea.
- 5 The depths have covered them;
^aThey sank to the bottom like a
stone.
- 6 "Your ^aright hand, O LORD, has
become glorious in power;
Your right hand, O LORD, has
dashed the enemy in pieces.
- 7 And in the greatness of Your
^aexcellence
You have overthrown those
who rose against You;
You sent forth ^bYour wrath;
It ^cconsumed them ^dlike
stubble.
- 8 And ^awith the blast of Your
nostrils
The waters were gathered
together;
^bThe floods stood upright like a
heap;
The depths ¹congealed in the
heart of the sea.
- 9 ^aThe enemy said, 'I will pursue,
I will overtake,
I will ^bdivide the spoil;
My desire shall be satisfied on
them.
I will draw my sword,
My hand shall destroy them.'
- 10 You blew with Your wind,
The sea covered them;
They sank like lead in the
mighty waters.
- 11 "Who^a *is* like You, O LORD,
among the ¹gods?
Who *is* like You, ^bglorious in
holiness,
Fearful in ^cpraises, ^ddoing
wonders?
- 12 You stretched out Your right
hand;
The earth swallowed them.
- 13 You in Your mercy have ^aled
forth
The people whom You have
redeemed;
You have guided *them* in Your
strength
To ^bYour holy habitation.
- 14 "The ^apeople will hear *and* be
afraid;
^bSorrow¹ will take hold of the
inhabitants of Philistia.
- 15 ^aThen ^bthe chiefs of Edom will
be dismayed;
^cThe mighty men of Moab,
Trembling will take hold of
them;
^dAll the inhabitants of Canaan
will ^emelt away.
- 16 ^aFear and dread will fall on
them;
By the greatness of Your arm

3 ^aRev. 19:11
^bPs. 24:8;
83:18

4 ^aEx. 14:28
^bEx. 14:7

5 ^aNeh. 9:11

6 ^aPs. 17:7;
118:15

7 ^aDeut. 33:26
^bPs. 78:49, 50
^cPs. 59:13 ^dIs.
5:24

8 ^aEx. 14:21,
22, 29 ^bPs.
78:13
¹became firm

9 ^aJudg. 5:30
^bIs. 53:12

11 ^{a1} Kin. 8:23
^bIs. 6:3 ^{c1} Chr.
16:25 ^dPs.
77:11, 14
¹mighty ones

13 ^a[Ps. 77:20]
^bPs. 78:54

14 ^aJosh. 2:9
^bPs. 48:6
¹Anguish

15 ^aGen. 36:15,
40 ^bDeut. 2:4
^cNum. 22:3, 4
^dJosh. 5:1
^eJosh. 2:9-11,
24

16 ^aJosh. 2:9
^{b1} Sam. 25:37
^cJer. 31:11

17 ^aPs. 44:2;
80:8, 15 ^bPs.
2:6; 78:54, 68
^cPs. 68:16;
76:2; 132:13,
14

18 ^aIs. 57:15

19 ^aEx. 14:23
^bEx. 14:28

20 ^aJudg. 4:4
^bNum. 26:59
^{c1} Sam. 18:6
^dJudg. 11:34;
21:21

21 ^{a1} Sam.
18:7 ^bEx. 15:1

22 ^aGen. 16:7;
20:1; 25:18
^bNum. 20:2

23 ^aNum. 33:8
¹Lit. *Bitter*

24 ^aEx. 14:11;
16:2

25 ^{a2} Kin. 2:21
^bJosh. 24:25
^cDeut. 8:2, 16
¹regulation

26 ^aDeut. 7:12,
15 ^bDeut.
28:27, 58, 60
^cEx. 23:25

27 ^aNum. 33:9

They will be ^bas still as a stone,
Till Your people pass over, O
LORD,
Till the people pass over
^cWhom You have purchased.

17 You will bring them in and
^aplant them
In the ^bmountain of Your
inheritance,
In the place, O LORD, *which* You
have made
For Your own dwelling,
The ^csanctuary, O Lord, *which*
Your hands have established.

18 "The^a LORD shall reign forever
and ever."

19 For the ^ahorses of Pharaoh went
with his chariots and his horsemen
into the sea, and ^bthe LORD brought
back the waters of the sea upon
them. But the children of Israel went
on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

The Song of Miriam

20 Then Miriam ^athe prophetess,
^bthe sister of Aaron, ^ctook the tim-
brel in her hand; and all the women
went out after her ^dwith timbrels
and with dances.

21 And Miriam ^aanswered them:

^b"Sing to the LORD,
For He has triumphed
gloriously!
The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!"

Bitter Waters Made Sweet

22 So Moses brought Israel from
the Red Sea; then they went out into
the Wilderness of ^aShur. And they
went three days in the wilderness
and found no ^bwater.

23 Now when they came to ^aMarah,
they could not drink the waters of
Marah, for they were bitter. There-
fore the name of it was called
¹Marah.

24 And the people ^acomplained
against Moses, saying, "What shall
we drink?"

25 So he cried out to the LORD, and
the LORD showed him a tree. ^aWhen
he cast it into the waters, the waters
were made sweet. There He ^bmade a
statute and an ¹ordinance for them,
and there ^cHe tested them,

26 ^aand said, ^a"If you diligently heed
the voice of the LORD your God and
do what *is* right in His sight, give
ear to His commandments and keep
all His statutes, I will put none of the
^bdiseases on you which I have
brought on the Egyptians. For I *am*
the LORD ^cwho heals you."

27 ^aThen they came to Elim, where
there were twelve wells of water
and seventy palm trees; so they
camped there by the waters.

Bread from Heaven

16 And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt.

2 Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not."

5 "And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

6 Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt."

7 "And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?"

8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD."

9 Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.'"

10 Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

13 So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp,

CHAPTER 16

¹Num. 33:10,

11; Ezek.

30:15 ^bEx.

12:6, 51; 19:1

²Ex. 14:11;

15:24; Ps.

106:25; 1 Cor.

10:10

³Ex. 17:3;

Num. 14:2, 3;

20:3; Lam. 4:9

^bNum. 11:4, 5

⁴Neh. 9:15;

Ps. 78:23-25;

105:40; [John

6:31-35];

1 Cor. 10:3

^bEx. 15:25;

Deut. 8:2, 16

^cJudg. 2:22

¹Lit. the portion of a day

in its day

⁵Ex. 16:22,

29; Lev. 25:21

⁶Ex. 6:7

⁷Ex. 16:10,

12; Is. 35:2;

40:5; John

11:4, 40

^bNum. 14:27;

17:5 ^cNum.

16:11

⁸1 Sam. 8:7;

Luke 10:16;

[Rom. 13:2];

1 Thess. 4:8

⁹Num. 16:16

¹⁰Ex. 13:21;

16:7; Num.

16:19; 1 Kin.

8:10

¹²Ex. 16:8;

Num. 14:27

^bEx. 16:6 ^cEx.

16:7; 1 Kin.

20:28; Joel

3:17

¹³Num.

11:31; Ps.

78:27-29;

105:40 ^bNum.

11:9

¹⁴Ex. 16:31;

Num. 11:7, 8;

Deut. 8:3;

Neh. 9:15; Ps.

78:24; 105:40

^bPs. 147:16

¹⁵Ex. 16:4;

Neh. 9:15; Ps.

78:24; [John

6:31, 49, 58];

1 Cor. 10:3

¹⁶Ex. 12:4

^bEx. 16:32, 36

¹⁸2 Cor. 8:15

¹⁹Ex. 12:10;

16:23; 23:18

²⁰listen to

²³Gen. 2:3;

Ex. 20:8-11;

23:12; 31:15;

35:2; Lev.

23:3; Neh.

9:13, 14

²⁴Ex. 16:20

²⁶Ex. 20:9,

10

²⁸2 Kin.

17:14; Ps.

78:10; 106:13

and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp.

14 And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

15 So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat."

16 "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.'"

17 Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less.

18 So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.

19 And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning."

20 Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.

21 So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

22 And so it was, on the sixth day, that they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.'"

24 So they laid it up till morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor were there any worms in it.

25 Then Moses said, "Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field."

26 "Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none."

27 Now it happened that some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none.

28 And the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?"

29 "See! For the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place;

let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called its name ¹Manna. And ²it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers *made* with honey.

32 Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

33 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations."

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up ²before the Testimony, to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel ²ate manna ¹forty years, ²until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

36 Now an omer is one-tenth of an ephah.

Water from the Rock

17 Then ²all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of ¹Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there* was no water for the people to drink.

2 ²Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you ²tempt the LORD?"

3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people ²complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our ¹livestock with thirst?"

4 So Moses ²cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to ¹stone me!"

5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which ²you struck the river, and go.

6 ²"Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 So he called the name of the place ²Massah¹ and ²Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they

31 ²Num. 11:7-9 ¹Lit. What, Ex. 16:15

33 ²Heb. 9:4

34 ²Num. 17:10

35 ²Deut. 8:3, 16 ¹Num. 33:38 ²Josh. 5:12

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1 ²Ex. 16:1 ¹Num. 33:11-15 ²Ex. 15:22

2 ²Num. 20:2, 13, 13 ¹Deut. 6:16

3 ²Ex. 16:2, 3 ¹Ex. 12:38

4 ²Ex. 14:15 ¹John 8:59; 10:31 ¹Put me to death by stoning

5 ²Ezek. 2:6 ¹Num. 20:8

6 ²Num. 20:10, 11

7 ²Num. 20:13, 24; 27:14 ¹Lit. Tempted ²Lit. Contention ³tested

8 ²Gen. 36:12

9 ²Ex. 4:20

11 ²a[James 5:16]

12 ¹Weary of being held up

14 ²Ex. 24:4; 34:27 ¹Sam. 15:3

15 ¹Heb. YHWH Nissi

16 ²Gen. 22:14-16 ¹Lit. a hand is upon the throne of the LORD

CHAPTER 18

1 ²Ex. 2:16, 18; 3:1 ¹Ps. 106:2, 8

2 ²Ex. 2:21; 4:20-26

3 ²Acts 7:29 ¹Ex. 2:22 ¹Lit. Stranger There ²sojourner, temporary resident

4 ²Gen. 49:25 ¹Lit. My God Is Help

5 ²Ex. 3:1, 12; 4:27; 24:13

7 ²Gen. 18:2

³tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Victory over the Amalekites

8 ²Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with ²the rod of God in my hand."

10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And so it was, when Moses ²held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands *became* ¹heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, ²"Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that ¹will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, ¹The-LORD-Is-My-Banner;

16 for he said, "Because ¹the LORD has ²sworn: the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Jethro's Advice

18 And ²Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that ¹God had done for Moses and for Israel His people—that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took ²Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

3 with her ²two sons, of whom the name of one was ¹Gershom (for he said, ²"I have been a ²stranger in a foreign land")

4 and the name of the other was ¹Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my ²help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh");

5 and Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness, where he was encamped at ²the mountain of God.

6 Now he had said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her."

7 So Moses ²went out to meet his

father-in-law, bowed down, and ^bkissed him. And they asked each other about *their* well-being, and they went into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and how the LORD had ^adelivered them.

9 Then Jethro rejoiced for all the ^agood which the LORD had done for Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro said, ^a"Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, and who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 "Now I know that the LORD is ^a"greater than all the gods; ^bfor in the very thing in which they ^bbehaved ^cproudly, *He* was above them."

12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, ^ttook a burnt ^aoffering and *other* sacrifices ^ato offer to God. And Aaron came with all the elders of Israel ^bto eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 And so it was, on the next day, that Moses ^asat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening.

14 So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone ^bsit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?"

15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because ^athe people come to me to inquire of God.

16 "When they have ^aa ^bdifficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws."

17 So Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is not good.

18 "Both you and these people who *are* with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; ^ayou are not able to perform it by yourself.

19 "Listen now to my voice; I will give you ^ccounsel, and God will be with you: Stand ^abefore God for the people, so that you may ^bbring the difficulties to God.

20 "And you shall ^ateach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and ^bthe work they must do.

21 "Moreover you shall select from all the people ^aable men, such as ^bfear God, ^cmen of truth, ^dhating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

7 ^bEx. 4:27

8 ^aEx. 15:6, 16

9 ^a[Is. 63:7-14]

10 ^aGen. 14:20

11 ^{a2} Chr. 2:5

^bEx. 1:10, 16,

22; 5:2, 7

^cLuke 1:51

¹acted *presumptuously*

12 ^aEx. 24:5

^bDeut. 12:7

¹So with MT.

LXX: Syr.,

Tg., Vg.

¹offered

13 ^aMatt. 23:2

14 ¹Sit as

judge

15 ^aLev. 24:12

16 ^aEx. 24:14

¹dispute

18 ^aNum.

11:14, 17

19 ^aEx. 4:16;

20:19 ^bNum.

9:8; 27:5

¹advice

20 ^aDeut. 5:1

^bDeut. 1:18

21 ^aActs 6:3

^{b2} Sam. 23:3

^cEzek. 18:8

^dDeut. 16:19

22 ^aDeut. 1:17

^bNum. 11:17

23 ^aEx. 16:29

25 ^aDeut. 1:15

26 ^aJob 29:16

¹difficult *mat-*

ters

27 ^aNum.

10:29, 30

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aNum. 33:15

2 ^aEx. 17:1

^bEx. 3:1, 12;

18:5

3 ^aActs 7:38

^bEx. 3:4

4 ^aDeut. 29:2

^bIs. 63:9 ¹*sus-*

tained

5 ^aEx. 15:26;

23:22 ^bDeut.

5:2 ^cPs. 135:4

^dEx. 9:29

6 ^a[1 Pet. 2:5;

9] ^bDeut. 7:6;

14:21; 26:19

7 ^aEx. 4:29, 30

¹set

8 ^aDeut. 5:27;

26:17

9 ^aEx. 19:16;

20:21; 24:15

^bDeut. 4:12, 36

22 "And let them judge the people at all times. ^aThen it will be *that* every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for ^bthey will bear *the burden* with you.

23 "If you do this thing, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people will also go to their ^a"place in peace."

24 So Moses heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

25 And ^aMoses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 So they judged the people at all times; the ^a"hard" cases they brought to Moses, but they judged every small case themselves.

27 Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and ^ahe went his way to his own land.

Israel at Mount Sinai

19 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, ^athey came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they had departed from ^aRephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before ^bthe mountain.

3 And ^aMoses went up to God, and the LORD ^bcalled to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

4 ^a"You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how ^bI ^{bore} you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

5 ^a"Now ^atherefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and ^bkeep My covenant, then ^cyou shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is ^a"Mine.

6 ^a"And you shall be to Me a ^a"kingdom of priests and a ^a"holy nation." These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

7 So Moses came and called for the ^aelders of the people, and ¹laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 Then ^aall the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

9 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you ^a"in the thick cloud, ^bthat the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." So Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

10 Then the LORD said to Moses,

"Go to the people and ^aconsecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes.

11 "And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

12 "You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves *that* you do *not* go up to the mountain or touch its base. ^aWhoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

13 'Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot *with an arrow*; whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain."

14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; ^ado not come near *your wives*."

16 Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were ^athunderings and lightning, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp ^btrembled.

17 And ^aMoses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

18 Now ^aMount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon ^bit in fire. ^cIts smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and ^dthe ^ewhole mountain quaked greatly.

19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, ^aMoses spoke, and ^bGod answered him by voice.

20 Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through ^ato gaze at the LORD, and many of them perish.

22 "Also let the ^apriests who come near the LORD ^bconsecrate themselves, lest the LORD ^cbreak out against them."

23 But Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, '^aSet bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.'"

24 Then the LORD said to him, "Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them."

10 ^aLev. 11:44, 45

12 ^aHeb. 12:20

15 ^a[1 Cor. 7:5]

16 ^aHeb.

12:18, 19

^bHeb. 12:21

17 ^aDeut. 4:10

18 ^aDeut. 4:11

^bEx. 3:2; 24:17

^cGen. 15:17;

19:28 ^dPs. 68:8

¹LXX *all the*

people

19 ^aHeb. 12:21

^bPs. 81:7

21 ^a1 Sam.

6:19

22 ^aEx. 19:24;

24:5 ^bLev.

10:3; 21:6-8

^c2 Sam. 6:7, 8

23 ^aEx. 19:12

CHAPTER 20

1 ^aDeut. 5:22

2 ^aHos. 13:4

^bEx. 13:3

¹slaves

3 ^aJer. 25:6;

35:15

4 ^aDeut.

4:15-19; 27:15

5 ^aIs. 44:15, 19

^bDeut. 4:24

^cNum. 14:18,

33 ¹worship

²punishing

6 ^aDeut. 7:9

7 ^aLev. 19:12

^bMic. 6:11

8 ^aLev. 26:2

9 ^aLuke 13:14

10 ^aGen. 2:2, 3

^bNeh.

13:16-19

11 ^aEx. 31:17

12 ^aLev. 19:3

^bDeut. 5:16,

33; 6:2; 11:8, 9

13 ^aRom. 13:9

14 ^aMatt. 5:27

^bDeut. 5:18

15 ^aLev. 19:11,

13

16 ^aDeut. 5:20

17 ^a[Eph. 5:3,

5] ^b[Matt.

5:28]

25 So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

The Ten Commandments

20 And God spoke ^aall these words, saying:

2 ^a"I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ^bout of the house of ¹bondage.

3 ^a"You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 ^a"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of *anything* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

5 ^ayou shall not bow down to them nor ¹serve them.

^bFor I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, ^cvisiting² the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

6 but ^ashowing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 ^a"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD ^bwill not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

8 ^a"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 ^aSix days you shall labor and do all your work,

10 but the ^aseventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, ^bnor your stranger who is within your gates.

11 For ^ain six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

12 ^a"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be ^blong upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

13 ^a"You shall not murder.

14 ^a"You shall not commit ^badultery.

15 ^a"You shall not steal.

16 ^a"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 ^a"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; ^byou shall

not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

The People Afraid of God's Presence

18 Now ^aall the people ^bwitnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain ^csmoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.

19 Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but ^blet not God speak with us, lest we die."

20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; ^bfor God has come to test you, and ^cthat His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

21 So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near ^athe thick darkness where God was.

The Law of the Altar

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you ^afrom heaven.'

23 'You shall not make *anything* to be ^awith Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves.

24 'An altar of ^aearth you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, ^byour sheep and your oxen. In every ^cplace where I ^drecord My name I will come to you, and I will ^ebless you.

25 'And ^aif you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you ^buse your tool on it, you have profaned it.

26 'Nor shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your ^anakedness may not be exposed on it.'

The Law Concerning Servants

21 "Now these are the ^ajudgments which you shall ^bset before them:

2 ^a"If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing.

3 "If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he *comes in* married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 "If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

5 ^a"But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,'

6 "then his master shall bring him to the ^ajudges. He shall also bring

18 ^aHeb. 12:18,
^bRev. 1:10,
12 ^cEx. 19:16,
18

19 ^aHeb. 12:19
^bDeut. 5:5,
23–27

20 ^a[Is. 41:10,
13] ^b[Deut.
13:3] ^cIs. 8:13

21 ^aEx. 19:16

22 ^aDeut. 4:36;
5:24, 26

23 ^aEx. 32:1,
2, 4

24 ^aEx. 20:25;
27:1–8 ^bEx.
24:5 ^c2 Chr.
6:6 ^dGen. 12:2
^ecause My
name to be
remembered

25 ^aDeut. 27:5
^bJosh. 8:30, 31

26 ^aEx. 28:42,
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1 ^aDeut. 4:14;
6:1 ^bordi-
nances

2 ^aJer. 34:14

5 ^aDeut.
15:16, 17

6 ^aEx. 12:12;
22:8, 9

7 ^aNeh. 5:5

8 ^aLit. *is evil
in the eyes of*

10 ^a[1 Cor. 7:3,
5]

12 ^a[Matt.
26:52]

13 ^aDeut. 19:4,
5 ^b1 Sam.
24:4, 10, 18
^cNum. 35:11

14 ^aDeut.
19:11, 12
^b1 Kin.
2:28–34

16 ^aDeut. 24:7
^bGen. 37:28
^cEx. 22:4

17 ^aMark 7:10

19 ^a2 Sam.
3:29 ^bexempt
from punish-
ment

21 ^aLev.
25:44–46

22 ^aEx. 18:21,
22; 21:30
^bstruggle ^cLit.
her children
come out

24 ^aLev. 24:20

him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

7 "And if a man ^asells his daughter to be a female slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do.

8 "If she ^adoes not please her master, who has betrothed her to himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has dealt deceitfully with her.

9 "And if he has betrothed her to his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters.

10 "If he takes another wife, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, ^aand her marriage rights.

11 "And if he does not do these three for her, then she shall go out free, without paying money.

The Law Concerning Violence

12 ^a"He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.

13 "However, ^aif he did not lie in wait, but God ^bdelivered him into his hand, then ^cI will appoint for you a place where he may flee.

14 "But if a man acts with ^apremeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, ^byou shall take him from My altar, that he may die.

15 "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

16 ^a"He who kidnaps a man and ^bsells him, or if he is ^cfound in his hand, shall surely be put to death.

17 "And ^ahe who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

18 "If men contend with each other, and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but is confined to his bed,

19 "if he rises again and walks about outside ^awith his staff, then he who struck him shall be ^bacquitted. He shall only pay for the loss of his time, and shall provide for him to be thoroughly healed.

20 "And if a man beats his male or female servant with a rod, so that he dies under his hand, he shall surely be punished.

21 "Notwithstanding, if he remains alive a day or two, he shall not be punished; for he is his ^aproperty.

22 "If men ^afight, and hurt a woman with child, so that ^bshe gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall ^apay as the judges *determine*.

23 "But if ^aany harm follows, then you shall give life for life,

24 ^aeye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 "burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 "If a man strikes the eye of his male or female servant, and destroys it, he shall let him go free for the sake of his eye.

27 "And if he knocks out the tooth of his male or female servant, he shall let him go free for the sake of his tooth.

Animal Control Laws

28 "If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be acquitted.

29 "But if the ox tended to thrust with its horn in times past, and it has been made known to his owner, and he has not kept it confined, so that it has killed a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death.

30 "If there is imposed on him a sum of money, then he shall pay to redeem his life, whatever is imposed on him.

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

32 "If the ox gores a male or female servant, he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 "And if a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls in it,

34 "the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money to their owner, but the dead animal shall be his.

35 "If one man's ox hurts another's, so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide the money from it; and the dead ox they shall also divide.

36 "Or if it was known that the ox tended to thrust in time past, and its owner has not kept it confined, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead animal shall be his own.

Responsibility for Property

22 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.

2 "If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed.

3 "If the sun has risen on him, there shall be guilt for his bloodshed. He should make full restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold¹ for his theft.

4 "If the theft is certainly found alive in his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or sheep, he shall restore double.

5 "If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed, and lets loose his animal, and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from

28 ^aGen. 9:5
¹exempt from punishment

29 ¹was inclined

30 ^aEx. 21:22; Num. 35:31

32 ^aZech. 11:12, 13; Matt. 26:15; 27:3, 9 ^bEx. 21:28

CHAPTER 22

1 ^{a2} Sam. 12:6; Prov. 6:31; Luke 19:8

2 ^aJob 24:16; Matt. 6:19; 24:43; 1 Pet. 4:15 ^bNum. 35:27

3 ^aEx. 21:2; Matt. 18:25 ¹Sold as a slave

4 ^aEx. 21:16 ^bProv. 6:31

7 ^aLev. 6:1-7 ^bEx. 22:4

8 ^aEx. 21:6, 22:28; Deut. 17:8, 9; 19:17

9 ^aDeut. 25:1; 2 Chr. 19:10

11 ^aHeb. 6:16

12 ^aGen. 31:39

13 ^aGen. 31:39

16 ^aDeut. 22:28, 29

17 ^aGen. 34:12; 1 Sam. 18:25

18 ^aLev. 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:10, 11; 1 Sam. 28:3-10; Jer. 27:9, 10

19 ^aLev. 18:23; 20:15, 16; Deut. 27:21

20 ^aEx. 32:8; 34:15; Lev. 17:7; Num. 25:2; Deut. 17:2, 3, 5; 1 Kin. 18:40; 2 Kin. 10:25

21 ^aEx. 23:9; Deut. 10:19; Zech. 7:10 ¹sojourner

22 ^aDeut. 24:17, 18; Prov. 23:10, 11; Jer. 7:6, 7; [James 1:27]

the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.

6 "If fire breaks out and catches in thorns, so that stacked grain, standing grain, or the field is consumed, he who kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 "If a man delivers to his neighbor money or articles to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double.

8 "If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges to see whether he has put his hand into his neighbor's goods.

9 "For any kind of trespass, whether it concerns an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or clothing, or for any kind of lost thing which another claims to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whomever the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

10 "If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies, is hurt, or driven away, no one seeing it,

11 "then an oath of the LORD shall be between them both, that he has not put his hand into his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it shall accept that, and he shall not make it good.

12 "But if, in fact, it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to the owner of it.

13 "If it is torn to pieces by a beast, then he shall bring it as evidence, and he shall not make good what was torn.

14 "And if a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it becomes injured or dies, the owner of it not being with it, he shall surely make it good.

15 "If its owner was with it, he shall not make it good; if it was hired, it came for its hire.

Moral and Ceremonial Principles

16 "If a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall surely pay the bride-price for her to be his wife.

17 "If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the bride-price of virgins.

18 "You shall not permit a sorceress to live.

19 "Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death.

20 "He who sacrifices to any god, except to the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21 "You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 "You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child.

23 "If you afflict them in any way,

and they ^acry at all to Me, I will surely ^bhear their cry;

24 "and My ^awrath will become hot, and I will kill you with the sword; ^byour wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 "^aIf you lend money to *any of My people who are poor* among you, you shall not be like a money-lender to him; you shall not charge him ^binterest.

26 "^aIf you ever take your neighbor's garment as a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down.

27 "For that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I ^aam ^agracious.

28 "^aYou shall not revile God, nor curse a ^bruler of your people.

29 "You shall not delay to offer ^athe first of your ripe produce and your juices. ^bThe firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.

30 "^aLikewise you shall do with your oxen and your sheep. It shall be with its mother ^bseven days; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me.

31 "And you shall be ^aholy men to Me: ^byou shall not eat meat torn by *beasts* in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

Justice for All

23 "You ^ashall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an ^bunrighteous witness.

2 "^aYou shall not follow a crowd to do evil; ^bnor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert *justice*.

3 "You shall not show partiality to a ^apoor man in his dispute.

4 "^aIf you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again.

5 "^aIf you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it.

6 "^aYou shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute.

7 "^aKeep yourself far from a false matter; ^bdo not kill the innocent and righteous. For ^cI will not justify the wicked.

8 "And ^ayou shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous.

9 "Also ^ayou shall not oppress a ^bstranger, for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

The Law of Sabbaths

10 "^aSix years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce,

11 "but the seventh year you shall

23 ^a[Luke 18:7] ^bPs. 18:6

24 ^aPs. 69:24 ^bPs. 109:9

25 ^aLev. 25:35-37 ^bPs. 15:5

26 ^aDeut. 24:6, 10-13

27 ^aEx. 34:6, 7

28 ^aEccl. 10:20 ^bActs 23:5

29 ^aEx. 23:16, 19 ^bEx. 13:2, 12, 15

30 ^aDeut. 15:19 ^bLev. 22:27

31 ^aLev. 11:44; 19:2 ^bEzek. 4:14

CHAPTER 23

1 ^aPs. 101:5 ^bDeut. 19:16-21

2 ^aGen. 7:1 ^bLev. 19:15

3 ^aDeut. 1:17; 16:19

4 ^a[Rom. 12:20]

5 ^aDeut. 22:4

6 ^aEccl. 5:8

7 ^aEph. 4:25 ^bMatt. 27:4

8 ^aProv. 15:27; 17:8, 23

9 ^aEx. 22:21 ^bsojourner

10 ^aLev. 25:1-7

11 ^aolive yards

12 ^aLuke 13:14

13 ^a1 Tim. 4:16 ^bJosh. 23:7

14 ^aEx. 23:17; 34:22-24

15 ^aEx. 12:14-20 ^bEx. 22:29; 34:20

16 ^aEx. 34:22 ^bDeut. 16:13

17 ^aDeut. 16:16 ^bHeb. YHWH, usually trans-

lated LORD ^bEx. 34:25 ^bDeut. 16:4

^bfeast ^bDeut. 26:2, 10 ^bDeut. 14:21

20 ^aEx. 3:2; 13:15; 14:19

21 ^aPs. 78:40, 56 ^bDeut. 18:19 ^cIs. 9:6

22 ^aDeut. 30:7 ^bEx. 23:20

^bJosh. 24:8, 11 ^bannihilate them

24 ^aEx. 20:5; 23:13, 33 ^bDeut. 12:30, 31 ^cNum. 33:52

25 ^aDeut. 6:13 ^bDeut. 28:5

let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard and your ^aolive grove.

12 "^aSix days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female servant and the stranger may be refreshed.

13 "And in all that I have said to you, ^abe circumspect and ^bmake no mention of the name of other gods, nor let it be heard from your mouth.

Three Annual Feasts

14 "^aThree times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year:

15 "^aYou shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt; ^bnone shall appear before Me empty);

16 "^aand the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and ^bthe Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in *the fruit* of your labors from the field.

17 "^aThree times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord ^bGOD.

18 "^aYou shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened ^bbread; nor shall the fat of My ^csacrifice remain until morning.

19 "^aThe first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. ^bYou shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

The Angel and the Promises

20 "^aBehold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

21 "Beware of Him and obey His voice; ^ado not provoke Him, for He will ^bnot pardon your transgressions; for ^cMy name is in Him.

22 "But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then ^aI will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

23 "^aFor My Angel will go before you and ^bbring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will ^ccut them off.

24 "You shall not ^abow down to their gods, nor serve them, ^bnor do according to their works; ^cbut you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their *sacred pillars*.

25 "So you shall ^aserve the LORD your God, and ^bHe will bless your

bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.

26 "No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

27 "I will send My fear before you. I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

28 "And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.

29 "I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

30 "Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.

31 "And I will set your bounds from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River. For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.

32 "You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 "They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

Israel Affirms the Covenant

24 Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.

2 "And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."

3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.

6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."

8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which

25 ^cEx. 15:26

26 ^aDeut. 7:14; 28:4 ^{b1}Chr. 23:1

27 ^aEx. 15:16 ^bDeut. 7:23

28 ^aJosh. 24:12

29 ^aDeut. 7:22

31 ^aGen. 15:18 ^bJosh. 21:44 ¹boundaries ²Heb. Nahar, the Euphrates

32 ^aEx. 34:12, 15 ¹treaty

33 ^aPs. 106:36

CHAPTER 24

1 ^aLev. 10:1, 2 ^bNum. 11:16

3 ^aEx. 19:8; 24:7 ¹ordinances

4 ^aDeut. 31:9 ^bGen. 28:18

5 ^aEx. 18:12; 20:24

6 ^aHeb. 9:18

7 ^aHeb. 9:19

8 ^a[Luke 22:20]

10 ^a[John 1:18; 6:46] ^bEzek. 1:26 ^cMatt. 17:2 ¹Lit. substance of heaven

11 ^aEx. 19:21 ^bGen. 32:30 ^{c1}Cor. 10:18 ¹stretch out His

12 ^aEx. 24:2, 15 ^bEx. 31:18; 32:15

13 ^aEx. 32:17

14 ^aEx. 17:10, 12

15 ^aEx. 19:9

16 ^aEx. 16:10; 33:18

17 ^aDeut. 4:26, 36; 9:3

18 ^aEx. 34:28

CHAPTER 25

2 ^aEx. 35:4-9, 21 ¹heave offering

5 ¹Or dolphin

6 ^aEx. 27:20 ^bEx. 30:23

7 ^aEx. 28:4, 6-14

8 ^aHeb. 9:1, 2 ^{b2}Cor. 6:16] ¹sacred place

the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

On the Mountain with God

9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

13 So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.

14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."

15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Offerings for the Sanctuary

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

3 "And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze;

4 "blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair;

5 "ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood;

6 "oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense;

7 "onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.

8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary,¹ that I may dwell among them.

9 "According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the

tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

The Ark of the Testimony

10 ^a"And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

11 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of ^agold all around.

12 "You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in its four corners; two rings *shall be* on one side, and two rings on the other side.

13 "And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 "You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them.

15 ^a"The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

16 "And you shall put into the ark ^athe Testimony which I will give you.

17 ^a"You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length and a cubit and a half its width.

18 "And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 "Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it *of one piece* with the mercy seat.

20 "And ^athe cherubim shall stretch out *their* wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim *shall be* toward the mercy seat.

21 ^a"You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and ^bin the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you.

22 "And ^athere I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from ^bbetween the two cherubim which ^aare on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

The Table for the Showbread

23 ^a"You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits *shall be* its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

24 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a molding of gold all around.

25 "You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a gold molding for the frame all around.

26 "And you shall make for it four

10 ^aEx. 37:1-9; Deut. 10:3; Heb. 9:4

11 ^aEx. 37:2; Heb. 9:4

15 ^aNum. 4:6; 1 Kin. 8:8

16 ^aEx. 16:34; 31:18; Deut. 10:2; 31:26; 1 Kin. 8:9; Heb. 9:4

17 ^aEx. 37:6; Heb. 9:5

20 ^a1 Kin. 8:7; 1 Chr. 28:18; Heb. 9:5

21 ^aEx. 26:34; 40:20 ^bEx. 25:16

22 ^aEx. 29:42, 43; 30:6, 36; Lev. 16:2; Num. 17:4 ^bNum. 7:89; 1 Sam. 4:4; 2 Sam. 6:2; 2 Kin. 19:15; Ps. 80:1; Is. 37:16

23 ^aEx. 37:10-16; 1 Kin. 7:48; 2 Chr. 4:8; Heb. 9:2

29 ^aEx. 37:16; Num. 4:7

30 ^aEx. 39:36; 40:23; Lev. 24:5-9

31 ^aEx. 37:17-24; 1 Kin. 7:49; Zech. 4:2; Heb. 9:2; Rev. 1:12

33 ^aEx. 37:19

34 ^aEx. 37:20-22

37 ^aEx. 27:21; 30:8; Lev. 24:3, 4; 2 Chr. 13:11 ^bNum. 8:2

40 ^aEx. 25:9; 26:30; Num. 8:4; 1 Chr. 28:11, 19; Acts 7:44; [Heb. 8:5]

CHAPTER 26

1 ^aEx. 36:8-19

rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that *are* at its four legs.

27 ^a"The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table.

28 "And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them.

29 "You shall make ^aits dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold.

30 "And you shall set the ^ashowbread on the table before Me always.

The Gold Lampstand

31 ^a"You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its *ornamental* knobs, and flowers shall be *of one piece*.

32 "And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.

33 ^a"Three bowls *shall be* made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an *ornamental* knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an *ornamental* knob and a flower—and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand.

34 ^a"On the lampstand itself four bowls *shall be* made like almond blossoms, *each with its ornamental* knob and flower.

35 "And *there shall be* a knob under the *first* two branches of the same, a knob under the *second* two branches of the same, and a knob under the *third* two branches of the same, according to the six branches that extend from the lampstand.

36 "Their knobs and their branches *shall be of one piece*; all of it *shall be* one hammered piece of pure gold.

37 "You shall make seven lamps for it, and ^athey shall arrange its lamps so that they ^bgive light in front of it.

38 "And its wick-trimmers and their trays *shall be* of pure gold.

39 "It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

40 "And ^asee to it that you make *them* according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.

The Tabernacle

26 "Moreover ^ayou shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine woven linen and blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them.

2 "The length of each curtain *shall be* twenty-eight cubits, and the

width of each curtain four cubits. And every one of the curtains shall have ¹the same measurements.

3 "Five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and *the other* five curtains *shall be* coupled to one another.

4 "And you shall make loops of blue yarn on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of *one* set, and likewise you shall do on the outer edge of *the other* curtain of the second set.

5 "Fifty loops you shall make in the one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the edge of the curtain that is on the end of the second set, that the loops may be clasped to one another.

6 "And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps, so that it may be one tabernacle.

7 "You shall also make curtains of goats' *hair*, to be a tent over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains.

8 "The length of each curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall all have the same measurements.

9 "And you shall couple five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the forefront of the tent.

10 "You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in *one* set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain of the second set.

11 "And you shall make fifty bronze clasps, put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

12 "The remnant that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.

13 "And a cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of what remains of the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14 "You shall also make a covering of ram skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badger skins above that.

15 "And for the tabernacle you shall ^amake the boards of acacia wood, standing upright.

16 "Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the width of each board.

17 "Two ^ttenons *shall be* in each board for binding one to another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 "And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side.

2 ¹Lit. *one measure*

7 ^aEx. 36:14

14 ^aEx. 35:7, 23; 36:19

15 ^aEx. 36:20-34

17 ¹Projections for joining, lit. *hands*

24 ¹Lit. *doubled*

28 ^aEx. 36:33

30 ^aEx. 25:9, 40; 27:8; 39:32; Num. 8:4; Acts 7:44; [Heb. 8:2, 5]

31 ^aEx. 27:21; 36:35-38; Lev. 16:2; 2 Chr. 3:14; Matt. 27:51; Heb. 9:3; 10:20

33 ^aEx. 25:10-16; 40:21 ^bLev. 16:2; Heb. 9:2, 3

34 ^aEx. 25:17-22; 40:20; Heb. 9:5

35 ^aEx. 40:22; Heb. 9:2 ^bEx. 40:24

36 ^aEx. 36:37

19 "You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

20 "And for the second side of the tabernacle, the north side, *there shall be* twenty boards

21 "and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards.

22 "For the far side of the tabernacle, westward, you shall make six boards.

23 "And you shall also make two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle.

24 "They shall be ¹coupled together at the bottom and they shall be coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus it shall be for both of them. They shall be for the two corners.

25 "So there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver—sixteen sockets—two sockets under each of the boards.

26 "And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle.

27 "Five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward.

28 "The ^amiddle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end.

29 "You shall overlay the boards with gold, make their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold.

30 "And you shall raise up the tabernacle ^aaccording to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.

31 ^a"You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim.

32 "You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks *shall be* gold, upon four sockets of silver.

33 "And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring ^athe ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between ^bthe holy place and the Most Holy.

34 ^a"You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy.

35 ^a"You shall set the table outside the veil, and ^bthe lampstand across from the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

36 ^a"You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.

37 "And you shall make for the

screen five pillars of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold; their hooks *shall be* gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

The Altar of Burnt Offering

27 "You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide—the altar shall be square—and its height *shall be* three cubits.

2 "You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with bronze.

3 "Also you shall make its pans to receive its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze.

4 "You shall make a grate for it, a network of bronze; and on the network you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners.

5 "You shall put it under the rim of the altar beneath, that the network may be midway up the altar.

6 "And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.

7 "The poles shall be put in the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar to bear it.

8 "You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it.

The Court of the Tabernacle

9 "You shall also make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side *there shall be* hangings for the court made of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long for one side.

10 "And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets *shall be* bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* silver.

11 "Likewise along the length of the north side *there shall be* hangings one hundred cubits long, with its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver.

12 "And along the width of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits, with their ten pillars and their ten sockets.

13 "The width of the court on the east side *shall be* fifty cubits.

14 "The hangings on one side of the gate *shall be* fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

15 "And on the other side *shall be* hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

16 "For the gate of the court *there shall be* a screen twenty cubits long, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It *shall have* four pillars and four sockets.

CHAPTER 27

1 Ex. 38:1; Ezek. 43:13

8 Ex. 25:40; 26:30; Acts 7:44; [Heb. 8:5]

9 Ex. 38:9–20

17 Ex. 38:19

20 Ex. 35:8; 28; Lev. 24:1–4
1 Lit. ascend

21 Ex. 26:31, 33
b Ex. 30:8; 1 Sam. 3:3; 2 Chr. 13:11
c Ex. 28:43; 29:9; Lev. 3:17; 16:34; Num. 18:23; 19:21; 1 Sam. 30:25

CHAPTER 28

1 Num. 3:10; 18:7
b Ps. 99:6; Heb. 5:4
c Ex. 24:1, 9; Lev. 10:1
d Ex. 6:23; Lev. 10:6, 16

2 Ex. 29:5, 29; 31:10; 39:1–31; Lev. 8:7–9, 30
1 sacred

3 Ex. 31:6; 36:1
b Ex. 31:3; 35:30, 31; Is. 11:2; Eph. 1:17

4 Ex. 28:15
b Ex. 28:6
c Ex. 28:31
d Ex. 28:39
e Lev. 8:7
1 Ornamented vest

6 Ex. 39:2–7; Lev. 8:7

8 1 ingenious work of

9 Ex. 35:27

17 "All the pillars around the court shall have bands of silver; their hooks *shall be* of silver and their sockets of bronze.

18 "The length of the court *shall be* one hundred cubits, the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits, made of fine woven linen, and its sockets of bronze.

19 "All the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, *shall be* of bronze.

The Care of the Lampstand

20 "And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually.

21 "In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which is before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the LORD. It *shall be* a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.

Garments for the Priesthood

28 "Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

3 "So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

4 "And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a skillfully woven tunic, a turban, and a sash. So they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to Me as priest.

The Ephod

5 "They shall take the gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and the fine linen,

6 and they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, artistically worked.

7 "It shall have two shoulder straps joined at its two edges, and so it shall be joined together.

8 "And the intricately woven band of the ephod, which is on it, shall be of the same workmanship, made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen.

9 "Then you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel:

10 "six of their names on one stone

and six names on the other stone, in order of their birth.

11 "With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall set them in settings of gold.

12 "And you shall put the two stones on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. So Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders as a memorial.

13 "You shall also make settings of gold,

14 "and you shall make two chains of pure gold like braided cords, and fasten the braided chains to the settings.

The Breastplate

15 "You shall make the breastplate of judgment. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you shall make it.

16 "It shall be doubled into a square: a span shall be its length, and a span shall be its width.

17 "And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: The first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald; this shall be the first row;

18 "the second row shall be a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond; 19 "the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

20 "and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold settings.

21 "And the stones shall have the names of the sons of Israel, twelve according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, each one with its own name; they shall be according to the twelve tribes.

22 "You shall make chains for the breastplate at the end, like braided cords of pure gold.

23 "And you shall make two rings of gold for the breastplate, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24 "Then you shall put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate;

25 "and the other two ends of the two braided chains you shall fasten to the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in the front.

26 "You shall make two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which is on the inner side of the ephod.

27 "And two other rings of gold you shall make, and put them on the two shoulder straps, underneath the ephod toward its front, right at the

10 ^aGen. 29:31–30:24; 35:16–18

11 ^aEx. 35:35

12 ^aEx. 28:29, 30; 39:6, 7
^bLev. 24:7; Num. 31:54; Josh. 4:7; Zech. 6:14; 1 Cor. 11:24

15 ^aEx. 39:8–21

17 ^aEx. 39:10
¹Or *ruby*

19 ¹Or *amber*

20 ¹Or *yellow jasper* ²Or *carnelian*

27 ¹ingenious work of

29 ^aEx. 28:12

30 ^aLev. 8:8; Num. 27:21; Deut. 33:8; 1 Sam. 28:6; Ezra 2:63; Neh. 7:65 ¹Lit. *Lights and the Perfections*

31 ^aEx. 39:22–26

36 ^aEx. 39:30, 31; Lev. 8:9; Zech. 14:20

38 ^aEx. 28:43; Lev. 10:17; 22:9, 16; Num. 18:1; [Is. 53:11]; Ezek. 4:4–6; [John 1:29; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 2:24] ^bLev. 1:4; 22:27; 23:11; Is. 56:7 ¹sacred

39 ^aEx. 35:35; 39:27–29

40 ^aEx. 28:4; 39:27–29, 41; Ezek. 44:17, 18 ^bEx. 28:2 ¹headpieces or turbans

41 ^aEx. 29:7–9; 30:30; 40:15; Lev. 10:7

seam above the intricately woven band of the ephod.

28 "They shall bind the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod, using a blue cord, so that it is above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and so that the breastplate does not come loose from the ephod.

29 "So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the holy place, as a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 "And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

Other Priestly Garments

31 ^a"You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

32 "There shall be an opening for his head in the middle of it; it shall have a woven binding all around its opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it does not tear.

33 "And upon its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, all around its hem, and bells of gold between them all around:

34 "a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe all around.

35 "And it shall be upon Aaron when he ministers, and its sound will be heard when he goes into the holy place before the LORD and when he comes out, that he may not die.

36 ^a"You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet:

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37 "And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban.

38 "So it shall be on Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 "You shall skillfully weave the tunic of fine linen thread, you shall make the turban of fine linen, and you shall make the sash of woven work.

40 ^a"For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them. And you shall make hats for them, for glory and beauty.

41 "So you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him. You shall anoint them,

^bconsecrate them, and ¹sanctify them, that they may minister to Me as priests.

42 "And you shall make ^afor them linen trousers to cover their ¹nakedness; they shall ²reach from the waist to the thighs.

43 "They shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they come into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near ^athe altar to minister in the holy *place*, that they ^bdo not incur ¹iniquity and die. *It shall be* a statute forever to him and his descendants after him.

Aaron and His Sons Consecrated

29 "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: "Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

2 "and ^aunleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil (you shall make them of wheat flour).

3 "You shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams.

4 "And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, ^aand you shall wash them with water.

5 ^a"Then you shall take the garments, put the tunic on Aaron, and the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with ^bthe intricately woven band of the ephod.

6 ^a"You shall put the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban.

7 "And you shall take the anointing ^aoil, pour *it* on his head, and anoint him.

8 "Then ^ayou shall bring his sons and put tunics on them.

9 "And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on them. ^aThe priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. So you shall ^bconsecrate Aaron and his sons.

10 "You shall also have the bull brought before the tabernacle of meeting, and ^aAaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the bull.

11 "Then you shall kill the bull before the LORD, *by the door of the tabernacle of meeting*.

12 "You shall take *some* of the blood of the bull and put *it* on ^athe horns of the altar with your finger, and ^bpour all the blood beside the base of the altar.

13 "And ^ayou shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and burn *them* on the altar.

14 "But ^athe flesh of the bull, with

41 ^bEx. 29:9; Lev. 8; Heb. 7:28 ¹set them apart

42 ^aEx. 39:28; Lev. 6:10; 16:4; Ezek. 44:18 ¹bare flesh ²Lit. be

43 ^aEx. 20:26 ^bLev. 5:1, 17; 20:19, 20; 22:9; Num. 9:13; 18:22 ^cEx. 27:21; Lev. 17:7 ¹guilt

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1 ^aLev. 8; [Heb. 7:26–28]

2 ^aLev. 2:4; 6:19–23

4 ^aEx. 40:12; Lev. 8:6; [Heb. 10:22]

5 ^aEx. 28:2; Lev. 8:7 ^bEx. 28:8

6 ^aEx. 28:36, 37; Lev. 8:9

7 ^aEx. 25:6; 30:25–31; Lev. 8:12; 10:7;

21:10; Num. 35:25; Ps. 133:2

8 ^aEx. 28:39, 40; Lev. 8:13

9 ^aEx. 40:15; Num. 3:10; 18:7; 25:13; Deut. 18:5 ^bEx. 28:41; Lev. 8

10 ^aLev. 1:4; 8:14

12 ^aLev. 8:15 ^bEx. 27:2; 30:2; Lev. 4:7

13 ^aLev. 1:8; 3:3, 4

14 ^aLev. 4:11, 12, 21; Heb. 13:11

15 ^aLev. 8:18 ^bLev. 1:4–9

16 ^aEx. 24:6; Lev. 1:5, 11

18 ^aEx. 20:24 ^bLev. 8:22

21 ^aEx. 30:25, 31; Lev. 8:30 ^bEx. 28:41; 29:1; [Heb. 9:22]

23 ^aLev. 8:26 ^bLev. 7:30; 10:14

25 ^aLev. 8:28 ^bLev. 7:31; 34; 8:29

27 ^aLev. 7:31, 34; Num. 18:11, 18; Deut. 18:3

28 ^aLev. 10:15 ^bLev. 3:1; 7:34

its skin and its offal, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. It is a sin offering.

15 ^a"You shall also take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall ^bput their hands on the head of the ram;

16 "and you shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood and ^asprinkle *it* all around on the altar.

17 "Then you shall cut the ram in pieces, wash its entrails and its legs, and put *them* with its pieces and with its head.

18 "And you shall burn the whole ram on the altar. *It is a burnt offering to the LORD; it is a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.*

19 ^a"You shall also take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the ram.

20 "Then you shall kill the ram, and take some of its blood and put *it* on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar.

21 "And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of ^athe anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and ^bhe and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

22 "Also you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver, the two kidneys and the fat on them, the right thigh (for it is a ram of consecration),

23 ^a"one loaf of bread, one cake *made with* oil, and one wafer from the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD;

24 "and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and you shall ^awave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

25 ^a"You shall receive them back from their hands and burn *them* on the altar as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma before the LORD. *It is an offering made by fire to the LORD.*

26 "Then you shall take ^athe breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration and wave *it* as a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion.

27 "And from the ram of the consecration you shall consecrate ^athe breast of the wave offering which is waved, and the thigh of the wave offering which is raised, of *that* which is for Aaron and of *that* which is for his sons.

28 "It shall be from the children of Israel *for* Aaron and his sons ^aby a statute forever. For it is a *heave offering*; ^bit shall be a *heave offering*

from the children of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, *that is*, their heave offering to the LORD.

29 "And the ^aholy garments of Aaron ^bshall be his sons' after him, ^cto be anointed in them and to be consecrated in them.

30 ^a"That son who becomes priest in his place shall put them on for ^bseven days, when he enters the tabernacle of meeting to minister in the ¹holy place.

31 "And you shall take the ram of the consecration and ^aboil its flesh in the holy place.

32 "Then Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the ^abread that *is* in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

33 ^a"They shall eat those things with which the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them; ^bbut an outsider shall not eat *them*, because they *are* holy.

34 "And if any of the flesh of the consecration offerings, or of the bread, remains until the morning, then ^ayou shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it *is* holy.

35 "Thus you shall do to Aaron and his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. ^aSeven days you shall consecrate them.

36 "And you shall offer a bull every day as a sin offering for atonement. ^bYou shall cleanse the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it.

37 "Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and sanctify it. And the altar shall be most holy. ^aWhatever touches the altar must be holy.

The Daily Offerings

38 "Now this *is* what you shall offer on the altar: ^atwo lambs of the first year, ^bday by day continually.

39 "One lamb you shall offer ^ain the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer ¹at twilight.

40 "With the one lamb shall be one-tenth of *an ephah* of flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering.

41 "And the other lamb you shall ^aoffer ¹at twilight; and you shall offer with it the grain offering and the drink offering, as in the morning, for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

42 "*This shall be* ^aa continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, ^bwhere I will meet you to speak with you.

43 "And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* ^ashall be sanctified by My glory.

44 "So I will consecrate the taber-

29 ^aEx. 28:2
^bNum. 20:26,
28 ^cNum. 18:8

30 ^aNum.
20:28 ^bLev.
8:35
¹sanctuary

31 ^aLev. 8:31

32 ^aMatt. 12:4

33 ^aLev. 10:14,
15, 17 ^bLev.
22:10

34 ^aLev. 7:18;
8:32

35 ^aLev.
8:33-35

36 ^aHeb. 10:11
^bEx. 30:26-29;
40:10, 11

37 ^aNum. 4:15;
Hag. 2:11-13;
Matt. 23:19

38 ^aNum.
28:3-31;
29:6-38 ^bDan.
12:11

39 ^aEzek.
46:13-15 ¹Lit.
*between the
two evenings*

41 ^a2 Kin.
16:15 ¹Lit.
*between the
two evenings*

42 ^aEx. 30:8
^bEx. 25:22;
33:7, 9

43 ^a1 Kin. 8:11

44 ^aLev. 21:15

45 ^a[Rev. 21:3]
^bGen. 17:8

46 ^aEx. 16:12;
20:2 ^bLev.
11:45

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1 ^aEx.
37:25-29

3 ¹border

6 ^aEx.
26:31-35 ^bEx.
25:21, 22

7 ^a1 Sam. 2:28
^bEx. 27:20, 21

8 ¹Lit.
*between the
two evenings*

9 ^aLev. 10:1

10 ^aLev.
16:3-34

12 ^aNum. 1:2;
26:2 ^b[1] Pet.
1:18, 19]
^c2 Sam. 24:15
¹the price of a
life

13 ^aMatt. 17:24
^bNum. 3:47
^cEx. 38:26

nacle of meeting and the altar. I will also ^cconsecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests.

45 ^a"I will dwell among the children of Israel and will ^bbe their God.

46 "And they shall know that ^aI *am* the LORD their God, who ^bbrought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. *I am* the LORD their God.

The Altar of Incense

30 "You shall make ^aan altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood.

2 "A cubit *shall be* its length and a cubit its width—it shall be square—and two cubits *shall be* its height. Its horns *shall be* of one piece with it.

3 "And you shall overlay its top, its sides all around, and its horns with pure gold; and you shall make for it a ¹molding of gold all around.

4 "Two gold rings you shall make for it, under the molding on both its sides. You shall place *them* on its two sides, and they will be holders for the poles with which to bear it.

5 "You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 "And you shall put it before the ^aveil that is before the ark of the Testimony, before the ^bmercy seat that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

7 "Aaron shall burn on it ^asweet incense every morning; when ^bhe tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it.

8 "And when Aaron lights the lamps ¹at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

9 "You shall not offer ^astrange incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it.

10 "And ^aAaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD."

The Ransom Money

11 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

12 ^a"When you take the census of the children of Israel for their number, then every man shall give ^ba¹ ransom for himself to the LORD, when you number them, that there may be no ^cplague among them when you number them.

13 ^a"This is what everyone among those who are numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary ^b(a shekel is twenty gerahs). ^cThe half-shekel *shall be* an offering to the LORD.

14 “Everyone included among those who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an ¹offering to the LORD.

15 “The ^arich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when you give an offering to the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves.

16 “And you shall take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and ^ashall ¹appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of meeting, that it may be ^aa memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves.”

The Bronze Laver

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

18 ^a“You shall also make a ¹laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall ^bput it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it.

19 “for Aaron and his sons ^ashall wash their hands and their feet in water from it.

20 “When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the LORD, they shall wash with water, lest they die.

21 “So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And ^ait shall be a ¹statute forever to them—to him and his descendants throughout their generations.”

The Holy Anointing Oil

22 Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

23 “Also take for yourself ^aquality spices—five hundred *shekels* of liquid ^bmyrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty *shekels* of sweet-smelling ^ccane,

24 “five hundred *shekels* of ^acassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a ^bhin of olive oil.

25 “And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be ^aa holy anointing oil.

26 ^a“With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony;

27 “the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense;

28 “the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base.

29 “You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; ^awhatever touches them must be holy.

30 ^a“And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them,

14 ¹contribution

15 ^aJob 34:19; Prov. 22:2; [Eph. 6:9]

16 ^aEx.

38:25–31

^bNum. 16:40

¹give

18 ^aEx. 38:8;

1 Kin. 7:38

^bEx. 40:30;

¹basin

19 ^aEx. 40:31;

32; Ps. 26:6;

Is. 52:11; John

13:8, 10; Heb.

10:22

21 ^aEx. 28:43

¹requirement

23 ^aSong 4:14;

Ezek. 27:22

^bPs. 45:8;

Prov. 7:17

^cSong 4:14;

Jer. 6:20

24 ^aPs. 45:8

^bEx. 29:40

25 ^aEx. 37:29;

40:9; Lev.

8:10; Num.

35:25; Ps.

89:20; 133:2

26 ^aEx. 40:9;

Lev. 8:10;

Num. 7:1

29 ^aEx. 29:37;

Num. 4:15;

Hag. 2:11–13

30 ^aEx. 29:7;

Lev. 8:12

32 ^aEx. 30:25;

37

33 ^aEx. 30:38

^bGen. 17:14;

Ex. 12:15; Lev.

7:20, 21

¹mixes ¹Put to

death

34 ^aEx. 25:6;

37:29

35 ^aEx. 30:25

36 ^aEx. 29:42;

Lev. 16:2 ^b[Ex.

29:37; 30:32];

Lev. 2:3

37 ^aEx. 30:32

¹Lit. *propor-*

tion

38 ^aEx. 30:33

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2 ^aEx.

35:30–36:1

^b1 Chr. 2:20

3 ^aEx. 28:3;

35:31; 1 Kin.

7:14; Eph.

1:17

6 ^aEx. 35:34

^bEx. 28:3;

35:10, 35; 36:1

7 ^aEx. 36:8

^bEx. 37:1–5

^cEx. 37:6–9

8 ^aEx.

37:10–16 ^bEx.

37:17–24; Lev.

24:4

9 ^aEx. 38:1–7

^bEx. 38:8

that *they* may minister to Me as priests.

31 “And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

32 ‘It shall not be poured on man’s flesh; nor shall you make *any other* like it, according to its composition. ^aIt is holy, *and* it shall be holy to you.

33 ^a“Whoever ¹compounds *any* like it, or whoever puts *any* of it on an outsider, ^bshall be ²cut off from his people.’”

The Incense

34 And the LORD said to Moses: ^a“Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with *these* sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each.

35 “You shall make of these an incense, a compound ^aaccording to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, *and* holy.

36 “And you shall beat *some* of it very fine, and put *some* of it before the Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting ^awhere I will meet with you. ^bIt shall be most holy to you.

37 “But *as for* the incense which you shall make, ^ayou shall not make *any* for yourselves, according to its ¹composition. It shall be to you holy for the LORD.

38 ^a“Whoever makes *any* like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people.”

Artisans for Building the Tabernacle

31 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 ^a“See, I have called by name Bezalel the ^bson of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

3 “And I have ^afilled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner* of workmanship,

4 “to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,

5 “in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all *manner* of workmanship.

6 “And I, indeed I, have appointed with him ^aAholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the ^bgifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you:

7 ^a“the tabernacle of meeting, ^bthe ark of the Testimony and ^cthe mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle—

8 ^a“the table and its utensils, ^bthe pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense,

9 ^a“the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and ^bthe laver and its base—

10 "the ¹garments of ministry, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests,

11 "and the anointing oil and ^bsweet incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do."

The Sabbath Law

12 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

13 "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I *am* the LORD who ^bsanctifies¹ you.'

14 "You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for *it* is holy to you. Everyone who ¹profanes it shall surely be put to death; for ^bwhoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

15 'Work shall be done for ^asix days, but the ^bseventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

16 'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

17 'It is ^aa sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for ^bin six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'

18 And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses ^atwo tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

The Gold Calf

32 Now when the people saw that Moses ^adelayed coming down from the mountain, the people ^bgathered together to Aaron, and said to him, ^c"Come, make us ¹gods that shall ^dgo before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man who ^ebrought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

2 And Aaron said to them, "Break off the ^agolden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me."

3 So all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron.

4 ^aAnd he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that ^bbrought you out of the land of Egypt!"

5 So when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a ^aproclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD."

10 ^aEx. 39:1,
41 ¹Or *woven garments*

11 ^aEx.
30:23-33 ^bEx.
30:34-38

13 ^aEzek.
20:12, 20 ^bLev.
20:8 ¹*consecrates*

14 ^aEx. 20:8
^bNum.
15:32-36
¹*defiles*

15 ^aEx.
20:9-11 ^bGen.
2:2

17 ^aEx. 31:13
^bGen. 1:31;
2:2, 3

18 ^a[Ex. 24:12;
32:15, 16]

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1 ^aEx. 24:18;
Deut. 9:9-12
^bEx. 17:1-3
^cActs 7:40
^dEx. 13:21
^eEx. 32:8 ¹Or
a god

2 ^aEx. 11:2;
35:22

4 ^aEx. 20:3, 4,
23 ^bEx. 29:45,
46

5 ^a2 Kin. 10:20

6 ^aNum. 25:2

7 ^aDeut.
9:8-21 ^bGen.
6:11, 12

8 ^aEx. 20:3, 4,
23 ^b1 Kin.
12:28

9 ^a[Acts 7:51]
¹*stubborn*

10 ^aDeut. 9:14,
19 ^bEx. 22:24
^cNum. 14:12
¹*destroy*

11 ^aDeut. 9:18,
26-29 ¹Lit. *the face of the LORD*

12 ^aNum.
14:13-19 ^bEx.
32:14

13 ^a[Heb. 6:13]
^bGen. 12:7;
13:15; 15:7,
18; 22:17,
26:4; 35:11, 12

14 ^a2 Sam.
24:16

15 ^aDeut. 9:15

16 ^aEx. 31:18

19 ^aDeut. 9:16,
17

6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people ^asat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

7 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt ^bhave corrupted *themselves*."

8 "They have turned aside quickly out of the way which ^aI commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ^b'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!'"

9 And the LORD said to Moses, ^a"I have seen this people, and indeed it is a ¹stiff-necked people!"

10 "Now therefore, ^alet Me alone, that ^bMy wrath may burn hot against them and I may ¹consume them. And ^cI will make of you a great nation."

11 "Then Moses pleaded with ¹the LORD his God, and said: "LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?"

12 ^a"Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and ^brelent from this harm to Your people."

13 "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You ^aswore by Your own self, and said to them, ^b'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.'"

14 So the LORD ^arelented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

15 And ^aMoses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in his hand. The tablets *were* written on both sides; on the one *side* and on the other they *were* written.

16 Now the ^atablets *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God engraved on the tablets.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."

18 But he said:

"It is not the noise of the shout of victory,
Nor the noise of the cry of defeat,
But the sound of singing I hear."

19 So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that ^ahe saw the calf

and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

20 "Then he took the calf which they had made, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder; and he scattered it on the water and made the children of Israel drink it.

21 And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought so great a sin upon them?"

22 So Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. 'You know the people, that they are set on evil.

23 "For they said to me, 'Make us gods that shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'

24 "And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them break it off.' So they gave it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out."

25 Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies),

26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side—come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'"

28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

29 "Then Moses said, 'Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day, for every man has opposed his son and his brother.'

30 Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

31 Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold!

32 "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."

33 And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

34 "Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall

20 ^aNum. 5:17, 24; Deut. 9:21

21 ^aGen. 26:10
22 ^aEx. 14:11; Deut. 9:24

25 ^aEx. 33:4, 5
^{b2} Chr. 28:19

27 ^aNum. 25:5–13

29 ^aEx. 28:41; 1 Sam. 15:18, 22; Prov. 21:3; Zech. 13:3
¹Lit. Fill your hand

30 ^a1 Sam. 12:20, 23
^{b2} Sam. 16:12
^cNum. 25:13

31 ^aDeut. 9:18
^bEx. 20:23

32 ^aPs. 69:28; Is. 4:3; Mal. 3:16; Rom. 9:3
^bDan. 12:1; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 21:27

33 ^aLev. 23:30; [Ezek. 18:4; 33:2, 14; 15] ^bEx. 17:14; Deut. 29:20; Ps. 9:5; Rev. 3:5; 21:27

34 ^aEx. 3:17
^bEx. 23:20; Josh. 5:14
^cDeut. 32:35; Rom. 2:5, 6
^dPs. 89:32

35 ^aNeh. 9:18

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1 ^aEx. 32:1, 7, 13; Josh. 3:17
^bGen. 12:7

2 ^aEx. 32:34; Josh. 5:14
^bEx. 23:27–31; Josh. 24:11

3 ^aEx. 3:8
^bNum. 16:21, 45
^cEx. 32:9; 33:5 ¹destroy
²stubborn

4 ^aNum. 14:1, 39
^bEzra 9:3; Esth. 4:1, 4; Ezek. 24:17, 23

5 ^a[Ps. 139:23] ¹jewelry

7 ^aEx. 29:42, 43
^bDeut. 4:29

8 ^aNum. 16:27

9 ^aEx. 25:22; 31:18; Ps. 99:7

10 ^aEx. 4:31

11 ^aNum. 12:8; Deut. 34:10
^bEx. 24:13

12 ^aEx. 3:10; 32:34

go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin."

35 So the LORD plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made.

The Command to Leave Sinai

33 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.'

2 "And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

3 "Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

4 And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.'"

6 So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

Moses Meets with the LORD

7 Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp.

8 So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.

10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door.

11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

The Promise of God's Presence

12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, 'You say to me, 'Bring up this

people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ^b"I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight."

13 "Now therefore, I pray, ^a"if I have found grace in Your sight, ^bshow me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is ^cYour people."

14 And He said, ^a"My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you *rest*."

15 Then he said to Him, ^a"If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here."

16 "For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, ^aexcept You go with us? So we ^bshall be separate. Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth."

17 So the LORD said to Moses, ^a"I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

18 And he said, "Please, show me ^aYour glory."

19 Then He said, "I will make all My ^agoodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. ^bI will be gracious to whom I will be ^cgracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for ^ano man shall see Me, and live."

21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock."

22 "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you ^ain the cleft of the rock, and will ^bcover you with My hand while I pass by."

23 "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall ^anot be seen."

Moses Makes New Tablets

34 And the LORD said to Moses, ^a"Cut two tablets of stone like the first *ones*, and ^bI will write on *these* tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke."

2 "So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there ^aon the top of the mountain."

3 "And no man shall ^acome up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain."

4 So he cut two tablets of stone like the first *ones*. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

5 Now the LORD descended in the

12 ^bEx. 33:17

13 ^aEx. 34:9
^bPs. 25:4;
27:11; 86:11;
119:33 ^cDeut.
9:26, 29

14 ^aIs. 63:9
^bJosh. 21:44;
22:4

15 ^aEx. 33:3

16 ^aNum.
14:14 ^bEx.
34:10

17 ^a[James
5:16]

18 ^a[1 Tim.
6:16]

19 ^aEx. 34:6, 7
^b[Rom. 9:15,
16, 18] ^c[Rom.
4:4, 16]

20 ^a[Gen.
32:30]

22 ^aIs. 2:21
^bPs. 91:1, 4

23 ^a[John 1:18]

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1 ^a[Ex. 24:12;
31:18; 32:15,
16, 19] ^bDeut.
10:2, 4

2 ^aEx. 19:11,
18, 20

3 ^aEx. 19:12,
13; 24:9-11

5 ^aEx. 19:9
^bEx. 33:19

6 ^aNeh. 9:17
^bRom. 2:4 ^cPs.
108:4

7 ^aEx. 20:6
^bPs. 103:3, 4
^cJob 10:14

8 ^aEx. 4:31

9 ^aEx.
33:12-16 ^bEx.
33:3 ^cPs.
33:12; 94:14
^dstubborn

10 ^aDeut. 5:2
^bPs. 77:14 ^cPs.
145:6

^dwonderful
acts

11 ^aDeut. 6:25
^bEx. 23:20-33;
33:2

12 ^aEx. 23:32,
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13 ^aDeut. 12:3
^b2 Kin. 18:4

14 ^a[Ex.
20:3-5] ^b[Is.
9:6; 57:15]
^c[Deut. 4:24]

15 ^aJudg. 2:17
^bNum. 25:1, 2
^c1 Cor. 8:4, 7,
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16 ^aGen. 28:1
^bNum. 25:1, 2

17 ^aEx. 20:4,
23; 32:8

18 ^aEx. 12:15,
16 ^bEx. 12:2;
13:4

19 ^aEx. 13:2;
22:29 ^bthe
firstborn

^acloud and stood with him there, and ^bproclaimed the name of the LORD.

6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD ^aGod, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in ^bgoodness and ^ctruth."

7 ^a"keeping mercy for thousands, ^bforgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, ^cby no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

8 So Moses made haste and ^abowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

9 Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, ^alet my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we *are* a ^b'stiff-necked' people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as ^cYour inheritance."

The Covenant Renewed

10 And He said: "Behold, ^aI make a covenant. Before all your people I will ^bdo ^cmarvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you *are* shall see the work of the LORD. For it is ^aan awesome thing that I will do with you."

11 ^a"Observe what I command you this day. Behold, ^bI am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite."

12 ^a"Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst."

13 "But you shall ^adestroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and ^bcut down their wooden images"

14 ^a"(for you shall worship ^ano other god, for the LORD, whose ^bname is Jealous, is a ^cjealous God),

15 "lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they ^aplay the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and *one of them* ^binvites you and you ^ceat of his sacrifice,"

16 "and you take of ^ahis daughters for your sons, and his daughters ^bplay the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods."

17 ^a"You shall make no molded gods for yourselves."

18 "The Feast of ^aUnleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the month of Abib; for in the ^bmonth of Abib you came out from Egypt."

19 ^a"All ^bthat open the womb *are* Mine, and every male firstborn

among your livestock, *whether* ox or sheep.

20 "But ^athe firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem *him*, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before Me ^bempty-handed.

21 ^a"Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

22 "And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.

23 ^a"Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the LORD God of Israel.

24 "For I will ^acast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year.

25 "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven, ^anor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning.

26 ^a"The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

27 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write ^athese words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."

28 ^a"So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And ^bHe wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ¹Ten Commandments.

The Shining Face of Moses

29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the ^atwo tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that ^bthe skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.

32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near, ^aand he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put ^aa veil on his face.

34 But ^awhenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he

20 ^aEx. 13:13
^bEx. 22:29;
23:15; Deut.
16:16

21 ^aEx. 20:9;
23:12; 31:15;
35:2; Lev.
23:3; Deut.
5:13

23 ^aEx.
23:14-17

24 ^a[Ex. 33:2];
Josh. 11:23;
1 Kin. 4:21;
2 Chr.
36:14-16; Ps.
78:55

25 ^aEx. 12:10

26 ^aEx. 23:19;
Deut. 26:2

27 ^aEx. 17:14;
24:4; Deut.
31:9

28 ^aEx. 24:18
^bEx. 34:1, 4;
Deut. 4:31;
10:2, 4 ¹Lit.
Ten Words

29 ^aEx. 32:15
^bMatt. 17:2;
2 Cor. 3:7

32 ^aEx. 24:3

33 ^a[2 Cor.
3:13, 14]

34 ^a[2 Cor.
3:13-16]

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1 ^aEx. 34:32

2 ^aEx. 20:9, 10;
Lev. 23:3;
Deut. 5:13
^bNum.
15:32-36

3 ^aEx. 12:16;
16:23

4 ^aEx. 25:1, 2

5 ^aEx. 25:2;
1 Chr. 29:14;
Mark
12:41-44;
2 Cor.
8:10-12; 9:7
^bEx. 38:24

6 ^aEx. 36:8
^bEx. 36:14

8 ^aEx. 25:6;
30:23-25

10 ^aEx. 31:2-6;
36:1, 2

11 ^aEx. 26:1, 2;
36:14

12 ^aEx.
25:10-22

13 ^aEx. 25:23
^bEx. 25:30;
Lev. 24:5, 6

14 ^aEx. 25:31

15 ^aEx. 30:1
^bEx. 30:25
^cEx. 30:34-38

16 ^aEx. 27:1-8

17 ^aEx. 27:9-18

would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.

35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

Sabbath Regulations

35 Then Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said to them, ^a"These are the words which the LORD has commanded you to do:

2 "Work shall be done for ^asix days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to ^bdeath.

3 ^a"You shall kindle no fire throughout your dwellings on the Sabbath day."

Offerings for the Tabernacle

4 And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, ^a"This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying:

5 "Take from among you an offering to the LORD. ^aWhoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: ^bgold, silver, and bronze;

6 ^a"blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and ^bgoats' hair;

7 ^aram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood;

8 ^aoil for the light, ^aand spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense;

9 ^aonyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.

Articles of the Tabernacle

10 ^a"All who are gifted artisans among you shall come and make all that the LORD has commanded:

11 ^a"the tabernacle, its tent, its covering, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets;

12 ^a"the ark and its poles, *with* the mercy seat, and the veil of the covering;

13 ^a"the table and its poles, all its utensils, ^band the showbread;

14 ^aalso ^athe lampstand for the light, its utensils, its lamps, and the oil for the light;

15 ^a"the incense altar, its poles, ^bthe anointing oil, ^cthe sweet incense, and the screen for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle;

16 ^a"the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles, all its utensils, *and* the laver and its base;

17 ^a"the hangings of the court, its pillars, their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court;

18 'the pegs of the tabernacle, the pegs of the court, and their cords;
19 "the ¹garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place—the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.' "

The Tabernacle Offerings Presented

20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 Then everyone came "whose heart ¹was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they ²brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments.

22 They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, and brought "earrings and nose rings, rings and necklaces, all ³jewelry of gold, that is, every man who made an offering of gold to the LORD.

23 And "every man, with whom was found blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair, red skins of rams, and "badger skins, brought them.

24 Everyone who offered an offering of silver or bronze brought the LORD's offering. And everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it.

25 All the women who were "gifted artisans spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun, of blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

26 And all the women whose hearts ¹stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats' hair.

27 "The rulers brought onyx stones, and the stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.

28 and "spices and oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

29 The children of Israel brought a "freewill offering to the LORD, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring material for all kinds of work which the LORD, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done.

The Artisans Called by God

30 And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, "the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

31 "and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship,

32 "to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, 33 "in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship.

34 "And He has put in his heart the

19 ^aEx. 31:10; 39:1, 41 ¹Or woven garments

21 ^aEx. 25:2; 35:5, 22, 26, 29; 36:2 ^bEx. 35:24 ¹Lit. lifted him up

22 ^aEx. 32:2, 3 ^bEx. 11:2

23 ^{a1} Chr. 29:8 ¹Or dolphin

25 ^aEx. 28:3; 31:6; 36:1

26 ¹Lit. lifted them up

27 ^{a1} Chr. 29:6; Ezra 2:68

28 ^aEx. 30:23

29 ^aEx. 35:5, 21; 36:3; ¹ Chr. 29:9

30 ^aEx. 31:1-6

34 ^aEx. 31:6

35 ^aEx. 31:3, 6; 35:31; ¹ Kin. 7:14; ² Chr. 2:14; ¹ Is. 28:26

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1 ^aEx. 28:3; 31:6; 35:10, 35 ^bEx. 25:8 ¹holy place

2 ^aEx. 35:21, 26; ¹ Chr. 29:5, 9, 17 ¹lifted him up

3 ^aEx. 35:5 ^bEx. 35:27

5 ^{a2} Chr. 24:14; 31:6-10; [2 Cor. 8:2, 3]

7 ^{a1} Kin. 8:64

8 ^aEx. 26:1-14

ability to teach, in him and "Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 "He has "filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

36 "And Bezalel and Aholiab, in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the ²sanctuary,¹ shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded."

The People Give More than Enough

2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone "whose heart ¹was stirred, to come and do the work.

3 And they received from Moses all the "offering which the children of Israel ²had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.

4 Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing,

5 and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded us to do."

6 So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing,

7 for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too "much.

Building the Tabernacle

8 "Then all the gifted artisans among them who worked on the tabernacle made ten curtains woven of fine linen, and of blue, purple, and scarlet thread; with artistic designs of cherubim they made them.

9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the curtains were all the same size.

10 And he coupled five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he coupled to one another.

11 He made loops of blue yarn on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of one set; likewise he did on the outer edge of the other curtain of the second set.

12 ^aFifty loops he made on one curtain, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain on the end of the second set; the loops held one *curtain* to another.

13 And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains to one another with the clasps, that it might be one tabernacle.

14 ^aHe made curtains of goats' *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains.

15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains were the same size.

16 He coupled five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain of the second set.

18 He also made fifty bronze clasps to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 ^aThen he made a covering for the tent of ram skins dyed red, and a covering of ^bbadger skins above *that*.

20 For the tabernacle ^ahe made boards of acacia wood, standing upright.

21 The length of each board was ten cubits, and the width of each board a cubit and a half.

22 Each board had two ^ctenons ^afor binding one to another. Thus he made for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side.

24 Forty sockets of silver he made to go under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, the north side, he made twenty boards

26 and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards.

27 For the west side of the tabernacle he made six boards.

28 He also made two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle.

29 And they were coupled at the bottom and ^ccoupled together at the top by one ring. Thus he made both of them for the two corners.

30 So there were eight boards and their sockets—sixteen sockets of silver—two sockets under each of the boards.

31 And he made ^abars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle,

32 five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle on the far side westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to

12 ^aEx. 26:5

14 ^aEx. 26:7

19 ^aEx. 26:14
¹Or *dolphin*

20 ^aEx.
26:15–29

22 ^aEx. 26:17
¹Projections for joining, lit. *hands*

29 ¹Lit. *doubled*

31 ^aEx.
26:26–29

35 ^aEx.
26:31–37

37 ^aEx. 26:36
¹Lit. *variegator*, a weaver in colors

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1 ^aEx. 35:30;
36:1 ^bEx.
25:10–20

6 ^aEx. 25:17

9 ^aEx. 25:20

10 ^aEx.
25:23–29

pass through the boards from one end to the other.

34 He overlaid the boards with gold, made their rings of gold *to be* holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 And he made ^aa veil of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and fine woven linen; it was worked *with* an artistic design of cherubim.

36 He made for it four pillars of acacia *wood*, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold; and he cast four sockets of silver for them.

37 He also made a ^ascreen for the tabernacle door, of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and fine woven linen, made by a ¹weaver,

38 and its five pillars with their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their rings with gold, but their five sockets were bronze.

Making the Ark of the Testimony

37 Then ^aBezalel made ^bthe ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits was its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

2 He overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold all around it.

3 And he cast for it four rings of gold *to be set* in its four corners: two rings on one side, and two rings on the other side of it.

4 He made poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the poles into the rings at the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

6 He also made the ^amercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits was its length and a cubit and a half its width.

7 He made two cherubim of beaten gold; he made them of one piece at the two ends of the mercy seat:

8 one cherub at one end on this side, and the other cherub at the *other* end on that side. He made the cherubim at the two ends of *one piece* with the mercy seat.

9 The cherubim spread out *their* wings above, and covered the ^amercy seat with their wings. They faced one another; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.

Making the Table for the Showbread

10 He made ^athe table of acacia wood; two cubits was its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a molding of gold all around it.

12 Also he made a frame of a handbreadth all around it, and made a molding of gold for the frame all around it.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that were at its four legs.

14 The rings were close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table.

15 And he made the poles of acacia wood to bear the table, and overlaid them with gold.

16 He made of pure gold the utensils which were on the table: its dishes, its cups, its bowls, and its pitchers for pouring.

Making the Gold Lampstand

17 He also made the lampstand of pure gold; of hammered work he made the lampstand. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and its flowers were of the same piece.

18 And six branches came out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.

19 There were three bowls made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower—and so for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

20 And on the lampstand itself were four bowls made like almond blossoms, each with its ornamental knob and flower.

21 There was a knob under the first two branches of the same, a knob under the second two branches of the same, and a knob under the third two branches of the same, according to the six branches extending from it.

22 Their knobs and their branches were of one piece; all of it was one hammered piece of pure gold.

23 And he made its seven lamps, its wick-trimmers, and its trays of pure gold.

24 Of a talent of pure gold he made it, with all its utensils.

Making the Altar of Incense

25 He made the incense altar of acacia wood. Its length was a cubit and its width a cubit—it was square—and two cubits was its height. Its horns were of one piece with it.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold: its top, its sides all around, and its horns. He also made for it a molding of gold all around it.

27 He made two rings of gold for it under its molding, by its two corners on both sides, as holders for the poles with which to bear it.

28 And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.

16 ^aEx. 25:29

17 ^aEx.
25:31–39

23 ^aNum. 4:9

25 ^aEx. 30:1–5

28 ^aEx. 30:5

29 ^aEx.
30:23–25

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1 ^aEx. 27:1–8

8 ^aEx. 30:18

9 ^aEx. 27:9–19

Making the Anointing Oil and the Incense

29 He also made the holy anointing oil and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfumer.

Making the Altar of Burnt Offering

38 He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood; five cubits was its length and five cubits its width—it was square—and its height was three cubits.

2 He made its horns on its four corners; the horns were of one piece with it. And he overlaid it with bronze.

3 He made all the utensils for the altar: the pans, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and the firepans; all its utensils he made of bronze.

4 And he made a grate of bronze network for the altar, under its rim, midway from the bottom.

5 He cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze grating, as holders for the poles.

6 And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with bronze.

7 Then he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to bear it. He made the altar hollow with boards.

Making the Bronze Laver

8 He made the laver of bronze and its base of bronze, from the bronze mirrors of the serving women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

Making the Court of the Tabernacle

9 Then he made the court on the south side; the hangings of the court were of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long.

10 There were twenty pillars for them, with twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.

11 On the north side the hangings were one hundred cubits long, with twenty pillars and their twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.

12 And on the west side there were hangings of fifty cubits, with ten pillars and their ten sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.

13 For the east side the hangings were fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one side of the gate were fifteen cubits long, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

15 and the same for the other side of the court gate; on this side and that were hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

16 All the hangings of the court all around *were of fine woven linen.*

17 The sockets for the pillars *were bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver, and the overlay of their capitals was silver; and all the pillars of the court had bands of silver.*

18 The screen for the gate of the court was woven of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and of fine woven linen. The length was twenty cubits, and the height along its width was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.

19 And *there were four pillars with their four sockets of bronze; their hooks were silver, and the overlay of their capitals and their bands was silver.*

20 All the *pegs of the tabernacle, and of the court all around, were bronze.*

Materials of the Tabernacle

21 ¹This is the inventory of the tabernacle, *the tabernacle of the Testimony, which was counted according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.*

22 Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

23 And with him was *Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, a weaver of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine linen.*

24 All the gold that was used in all the work of the holy *place*, that is, the gold of the *offering*, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels, according to ^bthe shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver from those who were *numbered of the congregation* was one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary:

26 *a bekah for each man (that is, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for everyone included in the numbering from twenty years old and above, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty men.*

27 And from the hundred talents of silver were cast *the sockets of the sanctuary and the bases of the veil: one hundred sockets from the hundred talents, one talent for each socket.*

28 Then from the one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their capitals, and *made bands for them.*

29 The offering of bronze was sev-

20 ^aEx. 27:19

21 ^aNum. 1:50, 53; 9:15; 10:11; 17:7, 8; 2 Chr. 24:6; Acts 7:44
^bNum. 4:28, 33
^cEx. 28:1; Lev. 10:6, 16
¹Lit. *These are the things appointed for*

22 ^aEx. 31:2, 6; 1 Chr. 2:18-20

23 ^aEx. 31:6; 36:1
¹skillful workman

24 ^aEx. 35:5, 22
^bEx. 30:13, 24; Lev. 5:15; 27:3, 25; Num. 3:47; 18:16

25 ^aEx. 30:11-16; Num. 1:2

26 ^aEx. 30:13, 15
^bEx. 12:37; Num. 1:46; 26:51
¹Lit. *a head*

27 ^aEx. 26:19, 21, 25, 32

28 ^aEx. 27:17

CHAPTER 39

1 ^aEx. 25:4; 35:23
^bEx. 31:10; 35:19
^cEx. 28:4
¹Or *woven garments*
²sanc-tuary

2 ^aEx. 28:6-14
^bLev. 8:7

6 ^aEx. 28:9-11
¹plaited work

7 ^aEx. 28:12, 29; Josh. 4:7

8 ^aEx. 28:15-30

10 ^aEx. 28:17

14 ^aRev. 21:12

enty talents and two thousand four hundred shekels.

30 And with it he made the sockets for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, the bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, and all the utensils for the altar.

31 The sockets for the court all around, the bases for the court gate, all the pegs for the tabernacle, and all the pegs for the court all around.

Making the Garments of the Priesthood

39 Of the *blue, purple, and scarlet thread* they made *garments*¹ of ministry, for ministering in the ²*holy place*, and made the holy garments for Aaron, *as the LORD had commanded Moses.*

Making the Ephod

2 *He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen.*

3 And they beat the gold into thin sheets and cut it *into threads*, to work it in *with the blue, purple, and scarlet thread*, and the fine linen, *into artistic designs.*

4 They made shoulder straps for it to couple it together; it was coupled together at its two edges.

5 And the intricately woven band of his ephod that was on it was of the same workmanship, *woven of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen, as the LORD had commanded Moses.*

6 *And they set onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold; they were engraved, as signets are engraved, with the names of the sons of Israel.*

7 He put them on the shoulders of the ephod as *memorial stones* for the sons of Israel, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Making the Breastplate

8 *And he made the breastplate, artistically woven like the workmanship of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen.*

9 They made the breastplate square by doubling it; a span was its length and a span its width when doubled.

10 *And they set in it four rows of stones: a row with a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald was the first row;*

11 the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond;

12 the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

13 the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. *They were enclosed in settings of gold in their mountings.*

14 *There were twelve stones according to the names of the sons of Israel: according to their names, engraved like a signet, each one with its own name according to the twelve tribes.*

15 And they made chains for the breastplate at the ends, like braided cords of pure gold.

16 They also made two settings of gold and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

17 And they put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

18 The two ends of the two braided chains they fastened in the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in the front.

19 And they made two rings of gold and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which was on the inward side of the ephod.

20 They made two other gold rings and put them on the two shoulder straps, underneath the ephod toward its front, right at the seam above the intricately woven band of the ephod.

21 And they bound the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it would be above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate would not come loose from the ephod, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Making the Other Priestly Garments

22 ^aHe made the ^brobe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.

23 And there was an opening in the middle of the robe, like the opening in a coat of mail, with a woven binding all around the opening, so that it would not tear.

24 They made on the hem of the robe pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, and of fine woven linen.

25 And they made ^abells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the robe all around between the pomegranates:

26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the robe to ¹minister in, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

27 ^aThey made tunics, artistically woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons,

28 ^aa turban of fine linen, exquisite hats of fine linen, ^bshort trousers of fine woven linen,

29 ^aand a sash of fine woven linen with blue, purple, and scarlet thread, made by a weaver, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 ^aThen they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription like the engraving of a signet:

^bHOLINESS TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied to it a blue cord, to fasten it above on the turban, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 ^aEx. 28:31-35 ^bEx. 29:5; Lev. 8:7

25 ^aEx. 28:33

26 ¹serve

27 ^aEx. 28:39, 40

28 ^aEx. 28:4, 39; Lev. 8:9; Ezek. 44:18 ^bEx. 28:42; Lev. 6:10

29 ^aEx. 28:39

30 ^aEx. 28:36, 37 ^bZech. 14:20

32 ^aEx. 40:17 ^bEx. 25:40; 39:42, 43

36 ^aEx. 25:23-30

41 ¹Or woven garments ²serve

42 ^aEx. 35:10

43 ^aLev. 9:22, 23; Num. 6:23-26; Josh. 22:6; 2 Sam. 6:18; 1 Kin. 8:14; 2 Chr. 30:27

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1 ^aEx. 25:1-31:18

2 ^aEx. 12:2; 13:4 ^bEx. 26:1, 30; 40:17

3 ^aEx. 26:33; 40:21; Lev. 16:2; Num. 4:5 ¹screen

4 ^aEx. 26:35; 40:22 ^bEx. 25:30; 40:23 ^cEx. 40:24, 25 ¹set up

5 ^aEx. 40:26

6 ^aEx. 39:39

7 ^aEx. 30:18; 40:30

The Work Completed

32 Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was ^afinished. And the children of Israel did ^baccording to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did.

33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets;

34 the covering of ram skins dyed red, the covering of badger skins, and the veil of the covering;

35 the ark of the Testimony with its poles, and the mercy seat;

36 the table, all its utensils, and the ^ashowbread;

37 the pure gold lampstand with its lamps (the lamps set in order), all its utensils, and the oil for light;

38 the gold altar, the anointing oil, and the sweet incense; the screen for the tabernacle door;

39 the bronze altar, its grate of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils; the laver with its base;

40 the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, the screen for the court gate, its cords, and its pegs; all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting;

41 and the ¹garments of ministry, to ²minister in the holy place: the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister as priests.

42 According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel ^adid all the work.

43 Then Moses looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses ^ablessed them.

The Tabernacle Erected and Arranged

40 Then the LORD ^aspoke to Moses, saying:

2 "On the first day of the ^afirst month you shall set up ^bthe tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

3 ^a"You shall put in it the ark of the Testimony, and ¹partition off the ark with the veil.

4 ^a"You shall bring in the table and ^barrange the things that are to be set in order on it; ^cand you shall bring in the lampstand and ¹light its lamps.

5 ^a"You shall also set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the Testimony, and put up the screen for the door of the tabernacle.

6 "Then you shall set the ^aaltar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

7 "And ^ayou shall set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water in it.

8 "You shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen at the court gate.

9 "And you shall take the anointing oil, and ^aanoint the tabernacle and all that is in it; and you shall hallow it and all its utensils, and it shall be holy.

10 "You shall ^aanoint the altar of the burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar. ^bThe altar shall be most holy.

11 "And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it.

12 "^aThen you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of meeting and wash them with water.

13 "You shall put the holy ^agarments on Aaron, ^band anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

14 "And you shall bring his sons and clothe them with tunics.

15 "You shall anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may minister to Me as priests; for their anointing shall surely be ^aan everlasting priesthood throughout their generations."

16 Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

17 And it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, *that* the ^atabernacle was ^braised up.

18 So Moses raised up the tabernacle, fastened its sockets, set up its boards, put in its bars, and raised up its pillars.

19 And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

20 He took ^athe Testimony and put it into the ark, inserted the poles through the rings of the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, ^ahung up the veil of the covering, and partitioned off the ark of the Testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 ^aHe put the table in the tabernacle of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil;

23 ^aand he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 ^aHe put the lampstand in the tab-

9 ^aEx. 30:26

10 ^aEx.
30:26-30
^bEx. 29:36, 37

12 ^aLev. 8:1-13

13 ^aEx. 29:5;
39:1, 41 ^b[Ex.
28:41]

15 ^aNum.
25:13

17 ^aEx. 40:2
ⁱerected

20 ^aEx. 25:16

21 ^aEx. 26:33

22 ^aEx. 26:35

23 ^aEx. 40:4

24 ^aEx. 26:35

25 ^aEx. 25:37;
30:7, 8; 40:4

26 ^aEx. 30:1, 6;
40:5

27 ^aEx. 30:7

28 ^aEx. 26:36;
40:5

29 ^aEx. 40:6
^bEx. 29:38-42

30 ^aEx. 30:18;
40:7

31 ^aEx. 30:19,
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32 ^aEx. 30:19

33 ^aEx.
27:9-18; 40:8
^b[Heb. 3:2-5]

34 ^aNum. 9:15
^b1 Kin. 8:10,
^cLev. 9:6,
23

35 ^a1 Kin. 8:11

36 ^aNum. 9:17
ⁱjourney

37 ^aNum.
9:19-22

38 ^aEx. 13:21

ernacle of meeting, across from the table, on the south side of the tabernacle;

25 and ^ahe lit the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

26 ^aHe put the gold altar in the tabernacle of meeting in front of the veil;

27 ^aand he burned sweet incense on it, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

28 ^aHe hung up the screen *at* the door of the tabernacle.

29 ^aAnd he put the altar of burnt offering *before* the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and ^boffered upon it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 ^aHe set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water there for washing;

31 and Moses, Aaron, and his sons would ^awash their hands and their feet *with water* from it.

32 Whenever they went into the tabernacle of meeting, and when they came near the altar, they washed, ^aas the LORD had commanded Moses.

33 ^aAnd he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses ^bfinished the work.

The Cloud and the Glory

34 ^aThen the ^bcloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the ^cglory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses ^awas not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 ^aWhenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would ^bgo onward in all their journeys.

37 But ^aif the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up.

38 For ^athe cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

LEVITICUS

LEVITICUS is God's guidebook for His newly redeemed people, showing them how to worship, serve, and obey a holy God. Fellowship with God through sacrifice and obedience show the awesome holiness of the God of Israel. Indeed, "you shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy" (19:2).

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The Burnt Offering

NOW the LORD ^acalled to Moses, and spoke to him ^bfrom the tabernacle of meeting, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ^a"When any one of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of the livestock—of the herd and of the flock.

3 "If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male ^a"without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD.

4 ^a"Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be ^baccepted on his behalf ^cto make atonement for him.

5 "He shall kill the ^abull before the LORD; ^band the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood ^aand sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is ^bby the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

6 "And he shall ^askin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

7 "The sons of Aaron the priest shall put ^afire on the altar, and ^blay the wood in order on the fire.

8 "Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar;

9 "but he shall wash its entrails and its legs with water. And the priest shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a ^a"sweet¹ aroma to the LORD.

10 "If his offering is of the flocks—of the sheep or of the goats—as a burnt sacrifice, he shall bring a male ^a"without blemish.

11 ^a"He shall kill it on the north side of the altar before the LORD; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar.

12 "And he shall cut it into its pieces,

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1 ^aEx. 19:3; 25:22 ^bEx. 40:34

2 ^aLev. 22:18, 19

3 ^aEph. 5:27

4 ^aLev. 3:2, 8, 13; 4:15

^b[Rom. 12:1]

^c2 Chr. 29:23, 24

5 ^aMic. 6:6

^b2 Chr. 35:11

^c[Heb. 12:24]

6 ^aLev. 7:8

7 ^aMal. 1:10

^bGen. 22:9

9 ^aGen. 8:21

¹soothing or pleasing aroma

10 ^aLev. 1:3

11 ^aLev. 1:5

13 ^aNum. 15:4-7; 28:12-14

14 ^aLev. 5:7, 11; 12:8

15 ¹Lit. *nip* or chop off

16 ^aLev. 6:10

17 ^aGen. 15:10

^bLev. 1:9, 13

¹soothing or pleasing aroma

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1 ^aNum. 15:4

^bLev. 5:11

2 ^aLev. 2:9; 5:12; 6:15; 24:7

3 ^aLev. 7:9

^bLev. 6:6; 10:12, 13

^cNum. 18:9

with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar;

13 "but he shall wash the entrails and the legs with water. Then the priest shall bring *it* all and burn *it* on the altar; it is a burnt sacrifice, an ^aoffering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

14 "And if the burnt sacrifice of his offering to the LORD is of birds, then he shall bring his offering of ^aturtle-doves or young pigeons.

15 "The priest shall bring it to the altar, ¹wring off its head, and burn *it* on the altar; its blood shall be drained out at the side of the altar.

16 "And he shall remove its crop with its feathers and cast it ^abeside the altar on the east side, into the place for ashes.

17 "Then he shall split it at its wings, ^abut ^ashall not divide *it* completely; and the priest shall burn *it* on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. ^bIt is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a ¹sweet aroma to the LORD.

The Grain Offering

2 "When anyone offers ^aa grain offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour oil on it, and put ^bfrankincense on it.

2 "He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests, one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall burn ^ait as a memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

3 ^a"The rest of the grain offering shall be Aaron's and his ^bsons'. ^cIt is most holy of the offerings to the LORD made by fire.

4 "And if you bring as an offering a grain offering baked in the oven,

it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers ^aanointed¹ with oil.

5 'But if your offering is a grain offering *baked* in a ^apan, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil.

6 'You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering.

7 'If your offering is a grain offering *baked* in a ^acovered pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 'You shall bring the grain offering that is made of these things to the LORD. And when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar.

9 'Then the priest shall take from the grain offering ^aa memorial portion, and burn it on the altar. *It is an* ^boffering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

10 'And ^awhat is left of the grain offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. *It is most holy* of the offerings to the LORD made by fire.

11 'No grain offering which you bring to the LORD shall be made with ^aleaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the LORD made by fire.

12 ^aAs for the offering of the firstfruits, you shall offer them to the LORD, but they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet aroma.

13 'And every offering of your grain offering ^ayou shall season with salt; you shall not allow ^bthe salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. ^cWith all your offerings you shall offer salt.

14 'If you offer a grain offering of your firstfruits to the LORD, ^ayou shall offer for the grain offering of your firstfruits green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from ^bfull heads.

15 'And ^ayou shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it. *It is a grain offering.*

16 'Then the priest shall burn ^athe memorial portion: *part* of its beaten grain and *part* of its oil, with all the frankincense, as an offering made by fire to the LORD.

The Peace Offering

3 'When his offering is a ^asacrifice of a peace offering, if he offers it of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it ^bwithout ¹blemish before the LORD.

2 'And ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall ^bsprinkle the blood all around on the altar.

3 'Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to the LORD. ^aThe fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

4 ^aEx. 29:2
¹spread

5 ¹flat plate or griddle

7 ^aLev. 7:9

9 ^aLev. 2:2, 16; 5:12; 6:15 ^bEx. 29:18

10 ^aLev. 2:3; 6:16

11 ^aLev. 6:16, 17

12 ^aLev. 23:10, 11, 17, 18

13 ^a[Col. 4:6]
^bNum. 18:19
^cEzek. 43:24

14 ^aLev. 23:10, 14 ^{b2} Kin. 4:42

15 ^aLev. 2:1

16 ^aLev. 2:2

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aLev. 7:11, 29 ^bLev. 1:3; 22:20-24
¹imperfection or defect

2 ^aLev. 1:4, 5; 16:21 ^bLev. 1:5

3 ^aLev. 1:8; 3:16; 4:8, 9

5 ^aEx. 29:13
^{b2} Chr. 35:14
^cNum. 28:3-10
^dNum. 15:8-10

6 ^aLev. 3:1; 22:20-24

7 ^aNum. 15:4, 5 ^{b1} Kin. 8:62
^cLev. 17:8, 9

11 ^aNum. 28:2

12 ^aNum. 15:6-11 ^bLev. 3:1, 7

16 ^aLev. 7:23-25

17 ^aLev. 6:18; 7:36; 17:7; 23:14 ^bLev. 7:23, 26; 17:10, 14
¹everlasting or never-ending

CHAPTER 4

2 ^aLev. 5:15-18
¹through error

3 ^aLev. 8:12

4 'the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove;

5 'and Aaron's sons ^ashall burn it on the altar upon the ^bburnt sacrifice, which is on the wood that is on the fire, as an ^aoffering made by fire, a ^asweet aroma to the LORD.

6 'If his offering as a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD is of the flock, *whether* male or female, ^ahe shall offer it without blemish.

7 'If he offers a ^alamb as his offering, then he shall ^boffer it ^cbefore the LORD.

8 'And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar.

9 'Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering, as an offering made by fire to the LORD, its fat *and* the whole fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone. And the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

10 'the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove;

11 'and the priest shall burn *them* on the altar as ^afood, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

12 'And if his ^aoffering is a goat, then ^bhe shall offer it before the LORD.

13 'He shall lay his hand on its head and kill it before the tabernacle of meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar.

14 'Then he shall offer from it his offering, as an offering made by fire to the LORD. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,

15 'the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove;

16 'and the priest shall burn them on the altar *as* food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; ^aall the fat is the LORD's.

17 'This shall be a ^aperpetual¹ statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings; you shall eat neither fat nor ^bblood.' "

The Sin Offering

4 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 'Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ^aIf a person sins ¹unintentionally against any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which ought not to be done, and does any of them,

3 ^aif the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin

which he has sinned ^{ba} a young bull without blemish as a 'sin offering.

4 'He shall bring the bull ^ato the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, lay his hand on the bull's head, and kill the bull before the LORD.

5 'Then the anointed priest ^ashall take some of the bull's blood and bring it to the tabernacle of meeting.

6 'The priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the LORD, in front of the ^aveil of the sanctuary.

7 'And the priest shall ^aput some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of meeting; and he shall pour ^bthe remaining blood of the bull at the base of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

8 'He shall take from it all the fat of the bull as the sin offering. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat which is on the entrails,

9 'the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe ^aattached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove,

10 ^aas it was taken from the bull of the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn them on the altar of the burnt offering.

11 ^aBut the bull's hide and all its flesh, with its head and legs, its entrails and offal—

12 'the whole bull he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, ^awhere the ashes are poured out, and ^bburn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.

13 'Now ^aif the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally, ^aand the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which should not be done, and are guilty;

14 'when the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for the sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of meeting.

15 'And the elders of the congregation ^ashall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD. Then the bull shall be killed before the LORD.

16 'The anointed priest shall bring some of the bull's blood to the tabernacle of meeting.

17 'Then the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil.

18 'And he shall put *some* of the blood on the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of meeting; and he

3 ^bLev. 3:1; 9:2
^cLev. 9:7

4 ^aLev. 1:3, 4;
4:15; Num.
8:12

5 ^aLev. 16:14;
Num. 19:4

6 ^aEx. 40:21,
26

7 ^aLev. 4:18,
25, 30, 34;
8:15; 9:9;
16:18 ^bEx.
40:5, 6; Lev.
5:9

10 ^aLev. 3:3-5

11 ^aEx. 29:14;
Lev. 9:11;
Num. 19:5

12 ^aLev. 4:21;
6:10, 11; 16:27
^b[Heb. 13:11,
12]

13 ^aNum.
15:24-26;
Josh. 7:11
^bLev. 5:2-4, 17

15 ^aLev. 1:3, 4

16 ^aLev. 4:5;
[Heb. 9:12-14]

20 ^aLev. 4:3
^bLev. 1:4;
Num. 15:25
¹Lit. *covering*

22 ^aLev. 4:2,
13, 27 ¹leader

23 ^aLev. 4:14;
5:4 ¹is made
known to him

24 ^aLev. 4:4;
[Is. 53:6]

25 ^aLev. 4:7,
18, 30, 34

26 ^aLev. 3:3-5
^bLev. 4:20;
Num. 15:28
¹Lit. *covering*

27 ^aLev. 4:2;
Num. 15:27
¹Lit. *any soul*
²Lit. *people of
the land*

28 ^aLev. 4:23

29 ^aLev. 1:4;
4:4, 24

31 ^aLev. 3:14
^bLev. 3:3, 4
^cGen. 8:21;
Ex. 29:18; Lev.
1:9, 13; 2:2, 9,
12 ^aLev. 4:26

32 ^aLev. 4:28

33 ^aLev. 1:4;
Num. 8:12

shall pour the remaining blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

19 'He shall take all the fat from it and burn it on the altar.

20 'And he shall do ^awith the bull as he did with the bull as a sin offering; thus he shall do with it. ^bSo the priest shall make ¹atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

21 'Then he shall carry the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull. It is a sin offering for the assembly.

22 'When a ¹ruler has sinned, and ^adone *something* unintentionally *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *in anything* which should not be done, and is guilty,

23 '^aor ^aif his sin which he has committed ¹comes to his knowledge, he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a male without blemish.

24 'And ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of the goat, and kill it at the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD. It is a sin offering.

25 ^a'The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

26 'And he shall burn all its fat on the altar, like ^athe fat of the sacrifice of the peace offering. ^bSo the priest shall make ¹atonement for him concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27 ^a'If ¹anyone of the ²common people sins unintentionally by doing *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which ought not to be done, and is guilty,

28 '^aor ^aif his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.

29 ^a'And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering.

30 'Then the priest shall take *some* of its blood with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour *all the remaining* blood at the base of the altar.

31 ^a'He shall remove all its fat, ^{ba}as fat is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a ^asweet aroma to the LORD. ^aSo the priest shall make atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32 'If he brings a lamb as his sin offering, ^ahe shall bring a female without blemish.

33 'Then he shall ^alay his hand on

the head of the sin offering, and kill it as a sin offering at the place where they kill the burnt offering.

34 'The priest shall take *some* of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all *the remaining* blood at the base of the altar.

35 'He shall remove all its fat, as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering. Then the priest shall burn it on the altar, ^aaccording to the offerings made by fire to the LORD. ^bSo the priest shall make atonement for his sin that he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

The Trespass Offering

5 'If a person sins in ^ahearing the utterance of an oath, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known of *the matter*—if he does not tell it, he ^bbears ¹guilt.

2 'Or ^aif a person touches any unclean thing, whether it is the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean livestock, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and he is unaware of it, he also shall be unclean and ^bguilty.

3 'Or if he touches ^ahuman uncleanness—whatever uncleanness with which a man may be defiled, and he is unaware of it—when he realizes it, then he shall be guilty.

4 'Or if a person ¹swears, speaking thoughtlessly with his lips ^ato do evil or ^bto do good, whatever it is that a man may pronounce by an oath, and he is unaware of it—when he realizes it, then he shall be guilty in any of these *matters*.

5 'And it shall be, when he is guilty in any of these *matters*, that he shall ^aconfess that he has sinned in that *thing*;

6 'and he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 ^a'If he is not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD, for his trespass which he has committed, two ^bturtledoves or two young pigeons: one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering.

8 'And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer *that* which is for the sin offering first, and ^awring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide it ^ccompletely.

9 'Then he shall sprinkle *some* of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the ^arest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a sin offering.

10 'And he shall offer the second as a burnt offering according to the

35 ^aLev. 3:5
^bLev. 4:26, 31

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aProv. 29:24
^bNum. 9:13
¹his iniquity

2 ^aNum.
19:11–16 ^bLev.
5:17

3 ^aLev. 5:12.
13, 15

4 ^aActs 23:12
^b[James 5:12]
¹vows

5 ^aProv. 28:13

7 ^aLev. 12:6, 8;
14:21 ^bLev.
1:14

8 ^aLev.
1:15–17 ¹Lit.
apart

9 ^aLev. 4:7, 18,
30, 34

10 ^aLev.
1:14–17 ^bLev.
4:20, 26; 5:13,
16

11 ^aLev.
14:21–32
^bNum. 5:15

12 ^aLev. 2:2
^bLev. 4:35

13 ^aLev. 4:26
^bLev. 2:3; 6:17,
26 ¹concern-
ing his sin

15 ^aLev. 4:2;
22:14 ^bEzra
10:19 ^cEx.
30:13

16 ^aNum. 5:7
^bLev. 4:26

17 ^aLev. 4:2,
13, 22, 27
^bLev. 5:1, 2
¹punishment

18 ^aLev. 5:15

19 ^aEzra 10:2

CHAPTER 6

2 ^aNum. 5:6
^bLev. 19:11
^cEx. 22:7, 10
^dProv. 24:28
¹deceiving his
associate ²an
entrusted
security

3 ^aDeut.
22:1–4 ^bEx.
22:11

^aprescribed manner. So ^bthe priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

11 'But if he is ^anot able to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then he who sinned shall bring for his offering one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a sin offering. ^bHe shall put no oil on it, nor shall he put frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering.

12 'Then he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it ^aas a memorial portion, and burn it on the altar ^baccording to the offerings made by fire to the LORD. It is a sin offering.

13 'The priest shall make atonement for him, ^ffor his sin that he has committed in any of these matters; and it shall be forgiven him. ^bThe rest shall be the priest's as a grain offering.'

Offerings with Restitution

14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

15 ^a'If a person commits a trespass, and sins unintentionally in regard to the holy things of the LORD, then ^bhe shall bring to the LORD as his trespass offering a ram without blemish from the flocks, with your valuation in shekels of silver according to ^cthe shekel of the sanctuary, as a trespass offering.

16 'And he shall make restitution for the harm that he has done in regard to the holy thing, ^aand shall add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. ^bSo the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

17 'If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD, ^athough he does not know it, yet he is ^bguilty and shall bear his ¹iniquity.

18 ^a'And he shall bring to the priest a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him regarding his ignorance in which he erred and did not know it, and it shall be forgiven him.

19 'It is a trespass offering; ^ahe has certainly trespassed against the LORD.'

6 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 'If a person sins and ^acommits a trespass against the LORD by ^blying¹ to his neighbor about ^cwhat was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about ²a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has ^aextorted from his neighbor,

3 'or if he ^ahas found what was lost and lies concerning it, and ^bswears falsely—in any one of these

things that a man may do in which he sins:

4 "then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found,

5 "or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, and give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering.

6 "And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering, to the priest.

7 "So the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven for any one of these things that he may have done in which he trespasses."

The Law of the Burnt Offering

8 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

9 "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night until morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.

10 "And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his body, and take up the ashes of the burnt offering which the fire has consumed on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

11 "Then he shall take off his garments, put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

12 "And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings.

13 'A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.

The Law of the Grain Offering

14 'This is the law of the grain offering: The sons of Aaron shall offer it on the altar before the LORD.

15 'He shall take from it his handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, with its oil, and all the frankincense which is on the grain offering, and shall burn it on the altar for a sweet aroma, as a memorial to the LORD.

16 "And the remainder of it Aaron and his sons shall eat; with unleavened bread it shall be eaten in a holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of meeting they shall eat it.

17 'It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of My offerings made by fire;

4 ^aLev. 24:18;
21 ¹return

5 ^aLev. 5:16;
Num. 5:7, 8;
2 Sam. 12:6

6 ^aLev. 1:3;
5:15
¹appraisal

7 ^aLev. 4:26

9 ^aEx.
29:38-42;
Num. 28:3-10

10 ^aEx.
28:39-43; Lev.
16:4; Ezek.
44:17, 18 ^bLev.
1:16

11 ^aEzek.
44:19 ^bLev.
4:12

12 ^aLev. 3:3, 5,
9, 14

13 ^aLev. 1:7

17 ^aLev. 7:7
¹share

18 ^aLev. 6:29;
7:6; Num.
18:10; 1 Cor.
9:13 ^bLev. 3:17
^cEx. 29:37;
Lev. 22:3-7;
Num. 4:15;
Hag. 2:11-13

20 ^aEx. 29:2
^bEx. 16:36

21 ^aLev. 2:5;
7:9 ¹pleasing

22 ^aLev. 4:3
^bEx. 29:25
¹completely

25 ^aLev. 1:1, 3,
5, 11

26 ^a[Lev. 10:17,
18]; Num.
18:9, 10;
[Ezek. 44:28,
29]

27 ^aEx. 29:37;
Num. 4:15;
Hag. 2:11-13
¹Lit. shall

28 ^aLev. 11:33;
15:12

30 ^aLev. 4:7,
11, 12, 18, 21;
10:18; 16:27;
[Heb. 13:11,
12] ^bEx. 26:33
^cLev. 6:16, 23,
26 ^dLev. 16:27
¹The Most
Holy Place
when capital-
ized

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aLev.
5:14-6:7

it is most holy, like the sin offering and the trespass offering.

18 "All the males among the children of Aaron may eat it. ^bIt shall be a statute forever in your generations concerning the offerings made by fire to the LORD. ^cEveryone who touches them must be holy."

19 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

20 "This is the offering of Aaron and his sons, which they shall offer to the LORD, beginning on the day when he is anointed: one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a daily grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it at night.

21 "It shall be made in a pan with oil. When it is mixed, you shall bring it in. The baked pieces of the grain offering you shall offer for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

22 "The priest from among his sons, who is anointed in his place, shall offer it. It is a statute forever to the LORD. ^bIt shall be wholly burned.

23 "For every grain offering for the priest shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten."

The Law of the Sin Offering

24 Also the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before the LORD. It is most holy.

26 "The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of meeting.

27 "Everyone who touches its flesh must be holy. And when its blood is sprinkled on any garment, you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled, in a holy place.

28 "But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled in a bronze pot, it shall be both scoured and rinsed in water.

29 "All the males among the priests may eat it. It is most holy.

30 "But no sin offering from which any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of meeting, to make atonement in the holy place, shall be eaten. It shall be burned in the fire.

The Law of the Trespass Offering

7 "Likewise this is the law of the trespass offering (it is most holy):

2 "In the place where they kill the burnt offering they shall kill the trespass offering. And its blood he shall sprinkle all around on the altar.

3 "And he shall offer from it all its fat. The fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails,

4 "the two kidneys and the fat that

is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove;

5 "and the priest shall burn them on the altar as an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a trespass offering.

6 "Every male among the priests may eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place.^b It is most holy.

7 "The trespass offering is like the sin offering; *there is one law* for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it shall have it.

8 "And the priest who offers anyone's burnt offering, that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered.

9 "Also every grain offering that is baked in the oven and all that is prepared in the covered pan, or in a pan, shall be the priest's who offers it.

10 "Every grain offering, *whether* mixed with oil or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to one as much as the other.

The Law of Peace Offerings

11 "This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to the LORD:

12 "If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers ^aanointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil.

13 "Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer ^aleavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering.

14 "And from it he shall offer one cake from each offering as a heave offering to the LORD. ^aIt shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering.

15 "The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning.

16 "But ^aif the sacrifice of his offering is a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten;

17 "the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire.

18 "And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be ^aimputed to him; it shall be an ^aabomination to him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear ^aguilt.

19 "The flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. And as for the *clean* flesh, all who are ^aclean may eat of it.

6 ^aLev. 6:16-18, 29; Num. 18:9
^bLev. 2:3

7 ^aLev. 6:24-30; 14:13

9 ^aLev. 2:3, 10; Num. 18:9; Ezek. 44:29
^bon a griddle

11 ^aLev. 3:1; 22:18, 21; Ezek. 45:15

12 ^aLev. 2:4; Num. 6:15

13 ^aLev. 2:12; 23:17, 18; Amos 4:5

14 ^aNum. 18:8, 11, 19

15 ^aLev. 22:29, 30

16 ^aLev. 19:5-8

18 ^aNum. 18:27

^bLev. 11:10, 11, 41; 19:7; [Prov. 15:8]
^chis iniquity

19 ^bpure

20 ^a[Heb. 2:17]
^bLev. 5:3; 15:3; 22:3-7; Num. 19:13; [1 Cor. 11:28]
^cGen. 17:14; Ex. 31:14

21 ^aLev. 5:2, 3, 5
^bLev. 11:24, 28
^cEzek. 4:14
^dLev. 7:20 ^aSo with MT, LXX, Vg., Sam., Syr., Tg. *swarming thing* (cf. 5:2)

23 ^aLev. 3:17; 17:10-15; Deut. 14:21; Ezek. 4:14; 44:31

26 ^aGen. 9:4; Lev. 3:17; 17:10-16; 19:26; Deut. 12:23; 1 Sam. 14:33; Ezek. 33:25; [John 6:53]; Acts 15:20, 29

29 ^aLev. 3:1; 22:21; Ezek. 45:15

30 ^aLev. 3:3, 4, 9, 14
^bEx. 29:24, 27; Lev. 8:27; 9:21; Num. 6:20

31 ^aLev. 3:5, 11, 16
^bNum. 18:11; Deut. 18:3

32 ^aEx. 29:27; Lev. 7:34; 9:21; Num. 6:20

34 ^aEx. 29:28; Lev. 10:14, 15; Num. 18:18, 19; Deut. 18:3

20 "But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the ^aLORD, ^bwhile he is unclean, that person ^cshall be cut off from his people.

21 "Moreover the person who touches any unclean thing, *such as* ^ahuman uncleanness, an ^bunclean animal, or any ^cabominable¹ unclean thing, and who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the LORD, that person ^dshall be cut off from his people."

Fat and Blood May Not Be Eaten

22 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ^aYou shall not eat any fat, of ox or sheep or goat.

24 "And the fat of an animal that dies *naturally*, and the fat of what is torn by wild beasts, may be used in any other way; but you shall by no means eat it.

25 "For whoever eats the fat of the animal of which men offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, the person who eats it shall be cut off from his people.

26 "Moreover you shall not eat any blood in any of your dwellings, *whether* of bird or beast.

27 "Whoever eats any blood, that person shall be cut off from his people."

The Portion of Aaron and His Sons

28 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

29 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ^aHe who offers the sacrifice of his peace offering to the LORD shall bring his offering to the LORD from the sacrifice of his peace offering.

30 "His own hands shall bring the offerings made by fire to the LORD. The fat with the breast he shall bring, that the ^bbreast may be waved as a wave offering before the LORD.

31 "And the priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the ^bbreast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.

32 "Also the right thigh you shall give to the priest as a heave offering from the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 "He among the sons of Aaron, who offers the blood of the peace offering and the fat, shall have the right thigh for *his* part.

34 "For ^athe breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and I have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons from the children of Israel by a statute forever."

35 This is the consecrated portion for Aaron and his sons, from the of-

ferings made by fire to the LORD, on the day when Moses presented them to ¹minister to the LORD as priests.

36 The LORD commanded this to be given to them by the children of Israel, ^aon the day that He anointed them, by a statute forever throughout their generations.

37 This is the law ^aof the burnt offering, ^bthe grain offering, ^cthe sin offering, ^dthe trespass offering, ^ethe consecrations, and ^fthe sacrifice of the peace offering,

38 which the LORD commanded Moses on Mount Sinai, on the day when He commanded the children of Israel ^ato offer their offerings to the LORD in the Wilderness of Sinai.

Aaron and His Sons Consecrated

8 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 ^a“Take Aaron and his sons with him, and ^bthe garments, ^cthe anointing oil, a ^dbull as the sin offering, two ^erams, and a basket of unleavened bread;

3 “and gather all the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.”

4 So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. And the congregation was gathered together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

5 And Moses said to the congregation, “This is what the LORD commanded to be done.”

6 Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and ^awashed them with water.

7 And he ^aput the tunic on him, girded him with the sash, clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the intricately woven band of the ephod, and with it tied *the ephod* on him.

8 Then he put the breastplate on him, and he ^aput the ¹Urim and the Thummim in the breastplate.

9 ^aAnd he put the turban on his head. Also on the turban, on its front, he put the golden plate, the holy crown, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 ^aAlso Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.

11 He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to ¹consecrate them.

12 And he ^apoured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

13 ^aThen Moses brought Aaron's sons and put tunics on them, girded them with sashes, and put ¹hats on them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

14 ^aAnd he brought the bull for the sin offering. Then Aaron and his

35 ¹serve

36 ^aEx. 40:13-15; Lev. 8:12, 30

37 ^aLev. 6:9
^bLev. 6:14
^cLev. 6:25
^dLev. 7:1 ^eEx. 29:1; Lev. 6:20
^fLev. 7:11

38 ^aLev. 1:1, 2; Deut. 4:5

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2 ^aEx. 29:1-3
^bEx. 28:2, 4
^cEx. 30:24, 25
^dEx. 29:10
^eEx. 29:15, 19

6 ^aEx. 30:20; Heb. 10:22

7 ^aEx. 39:1-31

8 ^aEx. 28:30; Num. 27:21; Deut. 33:8; 1 Sam. 28:6; Ezra 2:63; Neh. 7:65 ¹Lit. *Lights and the Perfections*, Ex. 28:30

9 ^aEx. 28:36, 37; 29:6

10 ^aEx. 30:26-29; 40:10, 11; Lev. 8:2

11 ¹set them apart for the LORD

12 ^aEx. 29:7; 30:30; Lev. 21:10, 12; Ps. 133:2

13 ^aEx. 29:8, 9 ¹headpieces

14 ^aEx. 29:10; Ps. 66:15; Ezek. 43:19
^bLev. 4:4

15 ^aEx. 29:12, 36; Lev. 4:7; Ezek. 43:20, 26; [Heb. 9:22] ¹Lit. *covering*

16 ^aEx. 29:13; Lev. 4:8

17 ^aEx. 29:14; Lev. 4:11, 12

18 ^aEx. 29:15

20 ^aLev. 1:8

21 ^aEx. 29:18 ¹pleasing

22 ^aEx. 29:19, 31; Lev. 8:2

23 ^aEx. 29:20, 21; Lev. 14:14

24 ^a[Heb. 9:13, 14, 18-23]

25 ^aEx. 29:22

26 ^aEx. 29:23

27 ^aEx. 29:24; Lev. 7:30, 34

28 ^aEx. 29:25

29 ^aPs. 99:6
^bEx. 29:27

sons ^blaid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering,

15 and Moses killed it. ^aThen he took the blood, and put *some* on the horns of the altar all around with his finger, and purified the altar. And he poured the blood at the base of the altar, and consecrated it, to make ¹atonement for it.

16 ^aThen he took all the fat that was on the entrails, the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver, and the two kidneys with their fat, and Moses burned *them* on the altar.

17 But the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its offal, he burned with fire outside the camp, as the LORD ^ahad commanded Moses.

18 ^aThen he brought the ram as the burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram,

19 and Moses killed it. Then he sprinkled the blood all around on the altar.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses ^aburned the head, the pieces, and the fat.

21 Then he washed the entrails and the legs in water. And Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt sacrifice for a ¹sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD, ^aas the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 And ^ahe brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram,

23 and Moses killed it. Also he took *some* of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

24 Then he brought Aaron's sons. And Moses put *some* of the ^ablood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood all around on the altar.

25 ^aThen he took the fat and the fat tail, all the fat that was on the entrails, the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver, the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh;

26 ^aand from the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD he took one unleavened cake, a cake of bread *anointed* with oil, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat and on the right thigh;

27 and he put all *these* ^ain Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands, and waved them as a wave offering before the LORD.

28 ^aThen Moses took them from their hands and burned *them* on the altar, on the burnt offering. They were consecration offerings for a sweet aroma. That was an offering made by fire to the LORD.

29 And ^aMoses took the ^bbreast and

waved it as a wave offering before the LORD. It was Moses' ^apart of the ram of consecration, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 Then ^aMoses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

31 And Moses said to Aaron and his sons, ^a"Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and eat it there with the bread that is in the basket of consecration offerings, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.'

32 ^a"What remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire.

33 "And you shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting for seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended. For ^aseven days he shall consecrate you.

34 ^a"As he has done this day, so the LORD has commanded to do, to make atonement for you.

35 "Therefore you shall stay at the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and ^akeep the ¹charge of the LORD, so that you may not die; for so I have been commanded."

36 So Aaron and his sons did all the things that the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses.

The Priestly Ministry Begins

9 It came to pass on the ^aeighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel.

2 And he said to Aaron, ^a"Take for yourself a young ^abull as a sin offering and a ram as a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD.

3 "And to the children of Israel you shall speak, saying, ^a"Take a kid of the goats as a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering,

4 ^aalso a bull and a ram as peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD, and ^aa grain offering mixed with oil; for ^btoday the LORD will appear to you."

5 So they brought what Moses commanded before the tabernacle of meeting. And all the congregation drew near and stood ¹before the LORD.

6 Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded you to do, and the glory of the LORD will appear to you."

7 And Moses said to Aaron, ^a"Go to the altar, ^aoffer your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make

29 ^aEx. 29:26

30 ^aEx. 29:21; 30:30; Num. 3:3

31 ^aEx. 29:31, 32

32 ^aEx. 29:34

33 ^aEx. 29:30, 35; Lev. 10:7; Ezek. 43:25, 26

34 ^a[Heb. 7:16]

35 ^aNum. 1:53; 3:7; 9:19; Deut. 11:1; 1 Kin. 2:3; Ezek. 48:11 ¹office

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1 ^aEzek. 43:27

2 ^aEx. 29:21; Lev. 4:1-12

3 ^aLev. 4:23, 28; Ezra 6:17; 10:19

4 ^aLev. 2:4 ^bEx. 29:43; Lev. 9:6, 23

5 ¹in the presence of

7 ^aLev. 4:3; 1 Sam. 3:14; [Heb. 5:3-5; 7:27] ^bLev. 4:16, 20; Heb. 5:1

10 ^aEx. 23:18; Lev. 8:16

11 ^aLev. 4:11, 12; 8:17

12 ^aLev. 1:5; 8:19

13 ^aLev. 8:20

14 ^aLev. 8:21

15 ^a[Is. 53:10; Heb. 2:17; 5:3]

16 ^aLev. 1:1-13 ¹ordinance

17 ^aEx. 29:38, 39

18 ^aLev. 3:1-11

20 ^aLev. 3:5, 16

21 ^aEx. 29:24, 26, 27; Lev. 7:30-34

22 ^aNum. 6:22-26; Deut. 21:5; Luke 24:50

24 ^aGen. 4:4; Judg. 6:21; 2 Chr. 7:1; Ps. 20:3 ^bEzra 3:11 ^c1 Kin. 18:38, 39

atonement for yourself and for the people. ^bOffer the offering of the people, and make atonement for them, as the LORD commanded."

8 Aaron therefore went to the altar and killed the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.

9 Then the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him. And he dipped his finger in the blood, put it on the horns of the altar, and poured the blood at the base of the altar.

10 ^aBut the fat, the kidneys, and the fatty lobe from the liver of the sin offering he burned on the altar, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

11 ^aThe flesh and the hide he burned with fire outside the camp.

12 And he killed the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, ^awhich he sprinkled all around on the altar.

13 ^aThen they presented the burnt offering to him, with its pieces and head, and he burned *them* on the altar.

14 ^aAnd he washed the entrails and the legs, and burned *them* with the burnt offering on the altar.

15 ^aThen he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people, and killed it and offered it for sin, like the first one.

16 And he brought the burnt offering and offered it ^aaccording to the ¹prescribed manner.

17 Then he brought the grain offering, took a handful of it, and burned it on the altar, ^abesides the burnt sacrifice of the morning.

18 He also killed the bull and the ram as ^asacrifices of peace offerings, which *were* for the people. And Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled all around on the altar,

19 and the fat from the bull and the ram—the fatty tail, what covers the *entrails* and the kidneys, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver;

20 and they put the fat on the breasts. ^aThen he burned the fat on the altar;

21 but the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved ^aas a wave offering before the LORD, as Moses had commanded.

22 Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, ^ablessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people,

24 and ^afire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw *it*, they ^bshouted and fell on their ^cfaces.

The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu

10 ^aNadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, ^beach took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered ^cprofane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

2 So ^afire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying:

'By those ^awho come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.'

So Aaron held his peace.

4 Then Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, "Come near, ^acarry your brethren from ^bbefore the sanctuary out of the camp."

5 So they went near and carried them by their tunics out of the camp, as Moses had said.

6 And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons, "Do not ¹uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, lest you die, and ^awrath come upon all the people. But let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, ²bewail the burning which the LORD has kindled.

7 ^a"You shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die, ^bfor the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you." And they did according to the word of Moses.

Conduct Prescribed for Priests

8 Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying:

9 ^a"Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. *It shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations,

10 "that you may ^adistinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean,

11 ^a"and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them by the hand of Moses."

12 And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons who were left: ^a"Take the grain offering that remains of the offerings made by fire to the LORD, and eat it without leaven beside the altar; ^bfor it is most holy.

13 "You shall eat it in a ^aholy place, because it is your ¹due and your sons' due, of the sacrifices made by fire to the LORD; for ^bso I have been commanded.

14 ^a"The breast of the wave offering

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¹ ^aNum. 3:2-4
^bLev. 16:12
^cEx. 30:9

² ^aNum. 11:1;
16:35

³ ^aEx. 19:22

⁴ ^aActs 5:6, 10
¹in front of

⁶ ^{a2} Sam. 24:1
¹An act of mourning
²weep bitterly

⁷ ^aLev. 8:33;
21:12 ^bLev. 8:30

⁹ ^aEzek. 44:21

¹⁰ ^aEzek. 22:26; 44:23

¹¹ ^aDeut. 24:8

¹² ^aNum. 18:9
^bLev. 21:22

¹³ ^aNum. 18:10 ^bLev. 2:3; 6:16
¹portion

¹⁴ ^aNum. 18:11 ^bLev. 22:13 ^cNum. 18:10

¹⁵ ^aLev. 7:29, 30, 34

¹⁶ ^aLev. 9:3, 15

¹⁷ ^aLev. 6:24-30 ^bEx. 28:38

¹⁸ ^aLev. 6:30
^bLev. 6:26, 30
¹The Most Holy Place when capitalized

¹⁹ ^aLev. 9:8, 12
^b[Is. 1:11-15]

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² ^aDeut. 14:4

⁴ ^aActs 10:14
¹impure

⁵ ¹rock badger
²impure

⁷ ^aIs. 65:4; 66:3, 17

⁸ ^aIs. 52:11

⁹ ^aDeut. 14:9

and the thigh of the heave offering you shall eat in a clean place, you, your sons, and your ^bdaughters with you; for *they are* your due and your sons' ^cdue, *which are* given from the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Israel.

15 ^a"The thigh of the heave offering and the breast of the wave offering they shall bring with the offerings of fat made by fire, to offer as a wave offering before the LORD. And it shall be yours and your sons' with you, by a statute forever, as the LORD has commanded."

16 Then Moses made careful inquiry about ^athe goat of the sin offering, and there it was—burned up. And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who were left, saying,

17 ^a"Why have you not eaten the sin offering in a holy place, since it is most holy, and God has given it to you to bear ^bthe guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?

18 "See! ^aIts blood was not brought inside ¹the holy place; indeed you should have eaten it in a holy place, ^bas I commanded."

19 And Aaron said to Moses, "Look, ^athis day they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD, and such things have befallen me! If I had eaten the sin offering today, ^bwould it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?"

20 So when Moses heard *that*, he was content.

Foods Permitted and Forbidden

11 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, **2** "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ^a"These are the animals which you may eat among all the animals that *are* on the earth:

3 "Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves *and* chewing the cud—that you may eat.

4 "Nevertheless these you shall ^anot eat among those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is ¹unclean to you;

5 ^athe ¹rock hyrax, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is ²unclean to you;

6 ^athe hare, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you;

7 ^aand the swine, though it divides the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud, ^ais unclean to you.

8 "Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. ^aThey are unclean to you.

9 ^a"These you may eat of all that

are in the water: whatever in the water has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers—that you may eat.

10 ‘But all in the seas or in the rivers that do not have fins and scales, all that move in the water or any living thing which is in the water, they are ^aan abomination to you.

11 ‘They shall be an abomination to you; you shall not eat their flesh, but you shall regard their carcasses as an abomination.

12 ‘Whatever in the water does not have fins or scales—that *shall be* an abomination to you.

13 ^a‘And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard,

14 ‘the kite, and the falcon after its kind;

15 ‘every raven after its kind,

16 ‘the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk after its kind;

17 ‘the little owl, the fisher owl, and the screech owl;

18 ‘the white owl, the jackdaw, and the carrion vulture;

19 ‘the stork, the heron after its kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.

20 ‘All flying insects that creep on all fours *shall be* an abomination to you.

21 ‘Yet these you may eat of every flying insect that creeps on all fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth.

22 ‘These you may eat: ^athe locust after its kind, the destroying locust after its kind, the cricket after its kind, and the grasshopper after its kind.

23 ‘But all *other* flying insects which have four feet *shall be* an abomination to you.

Unclean Animals

24 ‘By these you shall become ¹unclean; whoever touches the carcass of any of them shall be unclean until evening;

25 ‘whoever carries part of the carcass of any of them ^ashall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening;

26 ‘The carcass of any animal which divides the foot, but is not cloven-hoofed or does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. Everyone who touches it shall be unclean.

27 ‘And whatever goes on its paws, among all kinds of animals that go on all fours, those are unclean to you. Whoever touches any such carcass shall be unclean until evening.

28 ‘Whoever carries any *such* carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. It is unclean to you.

29 ‘These also *shall be* unclean to

10 ^aLev. 7:18, 21; Deut. 14:3 ¹detestable

13 ^aDeut. 14:12–19; Is. 66:17

22 ^aMatt. 3:4; Mark 1:6

24 ¹impure

25 ^aLev. 14:8; 15:5; Num. 19:10, 21, 22; 31:24; Zech. 13:1; [Heb. 9:10; 10:22; Rev. 7:14]

29 ^aIs. 66:17

31 ^aHag. 2:13

32 ^aLev. 15:12 ¹impure

33 ^aLev. 6:28 ^bLev. 15:12; Ps. 2:9; Jer. 48:38; [2 Tim. 2:21]; Rev. 2:27

38 ¹impure

39 ^aHag. 2:11–13

40 ^aEx. 22:31; Lev. 17:15; 22:8; Deut. 14:21; Ezek. 4:14; 44:31

41 ¹detestable

43 ^aLev. 20:25 ¹Lit. your souls ²impure

44 ^aEx. 6:7; Lev. 22:33; 25:38; 26:45 ^bEx. 19:6; Lev. 19:2; 20:7, 26; [Amos 3:3]; Matt. 5:48; 1 Thess. 4:7; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; [Rev. 22:11, 14]

45 ^aEx. 6:7; 20:2; Lev. 22:33; 25:38; 26:45; Ps. 105:43–45; Hos. 11:1

you among the creeping things that creep on the earth: the mole, ^athe mouse, and the large lizard after its kind;

30 ‘the gecko, the monitor lizard, the sand reptile, the sand lizard, and the chameleon.

31 ‘These are unclean to you among all that creep. Whoever ^atouches them when they are dead shall be unclean until evening.

32 ‘Anything on which *any* of them falls, when they are dead shall be ¹unclean, whether it is any item of wood or clothing or skin or sack, whatever item it is, in which *any* work is done, ^ait must be put in water. And it shall be unclean until evening; then it shall be clean.

33 ‘Any ^aearthen vessel into which *any* of them falls ^byou shall break; and whatever is in it shall be unclean:

34 ‘in such a vessel, any edible food upon which water falls becomes unclean, and any drink that may be drunk from it becomes unclean.

35 ‘And everything on which *a part* of *any such* carcass falls shall be unclean; *whether it is* an oven or cooking stove, it shall be broken down; *for they are* unclean, and shall be unclean to you.

36 ‘Nevertheless a spring or a cistern, *in which there is* plenty of water, shall be clean, but whatever touches any such carcass becomes unclean.

37 ‘And if a part of *any such* carcass falls on any planting seed which is to be sown, it *remains* clean.

38 ‘But if water is put on the seed, and if *a part of any such* carcass falls on it, it *becomes* ¹unclean to you.

39 ‘And if any animal which you may eat dies, he who touches its carcass shall be ^aunclean until evening.

40 ‘^aHe who eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. He also who carries its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

41 ‘And every creeping thing that creeps on the earth *shall be* ¹an abomination. It shall not be eaten.

42 ‘Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet among all creeping things that creep on the earth—these you shall not eat, for they are an abomination.

43 ‘^aYou shall not make ¹yourselves ²abominable with any creeping thing that creeps; nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them.

44 ‘For I *am* the LORD your ^aGod. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and ^byou shall be holy; for I *am* holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

45 ‘^aFor I *am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to

be your God. ^bYou shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 ^aThis is the law ¹of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth,

47 ^ato distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.' "

The Ritual After Childbirth

12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a ^awoman has conceived, and borne a male child, then ^bshe shall be ¹unclean seven days; ^cas in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean.

3 ^aAnd on the ^aeighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

4 ^aShe shall then continue in the blood of *her* purification thirty-three days. She shall not touch any ¹hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled.

5 ^aBut if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her customary impurity, and she shall continue in the blood of *her* purification sixty-six days.

6 ^a"When the days of her purification are fulfilled, whether for a son or a daughter, she shall bring to the priest a ¹lamb ¹of the first year as a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove as a ^csin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

7 ^aThen he shall offer it before the LORD, and make ¹atonement for her. And she shall be clean from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who has borne a male or a female.

8 ^a"And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she may bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. ^bSo the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be ¹clean.' "

The Law Concerning Leprosy

13 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

2 "When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, ^aa scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes on the skin of his body *like a* ¹leprous sore, ^bthen he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.

3 "The priest shall examine the sore on the skin of the body; and if the hair on the sore has turned white, and the sore appears *to be* deeper than the skin of his body, *it is* a leprous sore. Then the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him ¹unclean.

45 ^bLev. 11:44

46 ¹concerning

47 ^aLev. 10:10; Ezek. 44:23; Mal. 3:18

CHAPTER 12

2 ^aLev. 15:19; [Job 14:4; Ps. 51:5] ^bEx. 22:30; Lev. 8:33; 13:4; Luke 2:22 ^cLev. 18:19 ¹impure

3 ^aGen. 17:12; Luke 1:59; 2:21; John 7:22, 23; Gal. 5:3

4 ¹consecrated

6 ^aLuke 2:22 ^b[John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19] ^cLev. 5:7 ¹Lit. a son of his year

7 ¹Lit. covering

8 ^aLev. 5:7; Luke 2:22–24 ^bLev. 4:26 ¹pure

CHAPTER 13

2 ^aDeut. 28:27; Is. 3:17 ^bDeut. 17:8, 9, 24:8; Mal. 2:7; Luke 17:14 ¹Heb. saraath, disfiguring skin diseases, including leprosy, and so in vv. 2–46 and 14:1–32

3 ¹defiled

4 ^aLev. 14:8

6 ^aLev. 11:25; 14:8; [John 13:8, 10]

8 ¹defiled

10 ^aNum. 12:10, 12; 2 Kin. 5:27; 2 Chr. 26:19, 20

11 ¹defiled

13 ^aEx. 4:6

18 ^aEx. 9:9; 15:26

4 "But if the bright spot *is* white on the skin of his body, and does not appear *to be* deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall isolate *the one who has* the sore ^cseven days.

5 "And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day; and indeed *if* the sore appears to be as it was, *and* the sore has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall isolate him another seven days.

6 "Then the priest shall examine him again on the seventh day; and indeed *if* the sore has faded, *and* the sore has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; *it is only* a scab, and he ^ashall wash his clothes and be clean.

7 "But if the scab should at all spread over the skin, after he has been seen by the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again.

8 "And *if* the priest sees that the scab has indeed spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him ¹unclean. *It is* leprosy.

9 "When the leprous sore is on a person, then he shall be brought to the priest.

10 ^a"And the priest shall examine *him*; and indeed *if* the swelling on the skin is white, and it has turned the hair white, and *there is* a spot of raw flesh in the swelling,

11 "it is an old leprosy on the skin of his body. The priest shall pronounce him ¹unclean, and shall not isolate him, for he *is* unclean.

12 "And *if* leprosy breaks out all over the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of *the one who has* the sore, from his head to his foot, wherever the priest looks,

13 "then the priest shall consider; and indeed *if* the leprosy has covered all his body, he shall pronounce *him* clean *who has* the sore. It has all turned ^awhite. He *is* clean.

14 "But when raw flesh appears on him, he shall be unclean.

15 "And the priest shall examine the raw flesh and pronounce him to be unclean; *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean. *It is* leprosy.

16 "Or if the raw flesh changes and turns white again, he shall come to the priest.

17 "And the priest shall examine *him*; and indeed *if* the sore has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean *who has* the sore. He *is* clean.

18 "If the body develops a ^aboil in the skin, and it is healed,

19 "and in the place of the boil there comes a white swelling or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it shall be shown to the priest;

20 "and *if*, when the priest sees it, it indeed appears deeper than the skin, and its hair has turned white,

the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous sore which has broken out of the boil.

21 "But if the priest examines it, and indeed *there are* no white hairs in it, and it is not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest shall isolate him seven days;

22 "and if it should at all spread over the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a ¹leprous sore.

23 "But if the bright spot stays in one place, *and* has not spread, it is the scar of the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 "Or if the body receives a ^aburn on its skin by fire, and the raw *flesh* of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white or white,

25 "then the priest shall examine it; and indeed *if* the hair of the bright spot has turned white, and it appears deeper than the skin, it is leprosy broken out in the burn. Therefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous sore.

26 "But if the priest examines it, and indeed *there are* no white hairs in the bright spot, and it is not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest shall isolate him seven days.

27 "And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day. If it has at all spread over the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous sore.

28 "But if the bright spot stays in one place, *and* has not spread on the skin, but has faded, it is a swelling from the burn. The priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is the scar from the burn.

29 "If a man or woman has a sore on the head or the beard,

30 "then the priest shall examine the sore; and indeed if it appears deeper than the skin, *and there is* in it thin yellow hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a scaly leprosy of the head or beard.

31 "But if the priest examines the scaly sore, and indeed it does not appear deeper than the skin, and *there is* no black hair in it, then the priest shall isolate *the one who has* the scale seven days.

32 "And on the seventh day the priest shall examine the sore; and indeed *if* the scale has not spread, and there is no yellow hair in it, and the scale does not appear deeper than the skin,

33 "he shall shave himself, but the scale he shall not shave. And the priest shall isolate *the one who has* the scale another seven days.

34 "On the seventh day the priest shall examine the scale; and indeed *if* the scale has not spread over the skin, and does not appear deeper than the skin, then the priest shall

22 ¹infection

24 ^aIs. 3:24

42 ^a2 Chr. 26:19

44 ^aIs. 1:5
¹altogether
defiled

45 ^aLev. 10:6;
21:10 ^bEzek.
24:17, 22; Mic.
3:7 ^cIs. 6:5;
64:6; Lam.
4:15; Luke 5:8

46 ^aNum.
5:1-4; 12:14;
2 Kin. 7:3;
15:5; 2 Chr.
26:21; Ps.
38:11; Luke
17:12 ¹live
alone

47 ¹A mold,
fungus, or
similar infes-
tation, and so
in vv. 47-59

49 ¹mark

pronounce him clean. He shall wash his clothes and be clean.

35 "But if the scale should at all spread over the skin after his cleansing,

36 "then the priest shall examine him; and indeed *if* the scale has spread over the skin, the priest need not seek for yellow hair. He is unclean.

37 "But if the scale appears to be at a standstill, and there is black hair grown up in it, the scale has healed. He is clean, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 "If a man or a woman has bright spots on the skin of the body, *specifically* white bright spots,

39 "then the priest shall look; and indeed *if* the bright spots on the skin of the body are dull white, it is a white spot *that* grows on the skin. He is clean.

40 "As for the man whose hair has fallen from his head, he is bald, *but* he is clean.

41 "He whose hair has fallen from his forehead, he is bald on the forehead, *but* he is clean.

42 "And if there is on the bald head or bald ^aforehead a reddish-white sore, it is leprosy breaking out on his bald head or his bald forehead.

43 "Then the priest shall examine it; and indeed *if* the swelling of the sore is reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy on the skin of the body,

44 "he is a leprous man. He is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him ¹unclean; his sore is on his ^ahead.

45 "Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head ^abare; and he shall ^bcover his mustache, and cry, "Unclean! Unclean!"

46 "He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall ¹dwell alone; his dwelling *shall be* ^aoutside the camp.

The Law Concerning Leprous Garments

47 "Also, if a garment has a ¹leprous plague in it, *whether it is* a woolen garment or a linen garment,

48 "whether it is in the warp or woof of linen or wool, whether in leather or in anything made of leather,

49 "and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, it is a leprous ¹plague and shall be shown to the priest.

50 "The priest shall examine the plague and isolate *that which has* the plague seven days.

51 "And he shall examine the

plague on the seventh day. If the plague has spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, in the leather or in anything made of leather, the plague is *an active leprosy*. It is unclean.

52 "He shall therefore burn that garment in which is the plague, whether warp or woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of leather, for it is an active leprosy; *the garment* shall be burned in the fire.

53 "But if the priest examines it, and indeed the plague has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather,

54 "then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* in which is the plague; and he shall isolate it another seven days.

55 "Then the priest shall examine the plague after it has been washed; and indeed if the plague has not changed its color, though the plague has not spread, it is unclean, and you shall burn it in the fire; it continues eating away, *whether* the damage is outside or inside.

56 "If the priest examines it, and indeed the plague has faded after washing it, then he shall tear it out of the garment, whether out of the warp or out of the woof, or out of the leather.

57 "But if it appears again in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, it is a spreading *plague*; you shall burn with fire that in which is the plague.

58 "And if you wash the garment, either warp or woof, or whatever is made of leather, if the plague has disappeared from it, then it shall be washed a second time, and shall be clean.

59 "This is the law of the leprous plague in a garment of wool or linen, either in the warp or woof, or in anything made of leather, to pronounce it clean or to pronounce it unclean."

The Ritual for Cleansing Healed Lepers

14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "This shall be the law of the *leper* for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest.

3 "And the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall examine *him*; and indeed, if the *leprosy* is healed in the leper,

4 "then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living and clean birds, *c*cedar wood, *b*scarlet, and *c*hyssop.

5 "And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water.

6 "As for the living bird, he shall

51 ^aLev. 14:44

CHAPTER 14

2 ^aMatt. 8:2, 4; Mark 1:40, 44; Luke 5:12, 14; 17:14 ¹See note at 13:2

3 ¹Heb. *saraath*, disfiguring skin diseases, including leprosy, and so in vv. 1-32

4 ^aLev. 14:6, 49, 51, 52; Num. 19:6; Heb. 9:19 ^bEx. 25:4 ^cEx. 12:22; Ps. 51:7

7 ^aNum. 19:18, 19; [Heb. 9:13, 21; 12:24] ^{b2} Kin. 5:10, 14; Ps. 51:2

8 ^aLev. 11:25; 13:6; Num. 8:7 ^bLev. 11:25; [Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:22; Rev. 1:5, 6] ^cLev. 13:5; Num. 5:2, 3; 12:14, 15; 2 Chr. 26:21

9 ^aNum. 19:19

10 ^aMatt. 8:4; Mark 1:44; Luke 5:14 ^bLev. 2:1; Num. 15:4

12 ^aLev. 5:6, 18; 6:6; 14:19 ^bEx. 29:22-24, 26

13 ^aEx. 29:11; Lev. 1:5, 11; 4:4, 24 ^bLev. 6:24-30; 7:7 ^cLev. 2:3; 7:6; 21:22

14 ^aEx. 29:20; Lev. 8:23, 24

16 ^aLev. 4:6

18 ^aLev. 4:26; 5:6; Num. 15:28; [Heb. 2:17] ¹Lit. covering

19 ^aLev. 5:1, 6; 12:7; [2 Cor. 5:21]

take it, the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that* was killed over the running water.

7 "And he shall *c*sprinkle it *b*seven times on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose in the open field.

8 "He who is to be cleansed *a*shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and *b*wash himself in water, that he may be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, and *c*shall stay outside his tent seven days.

9 "But on the *a*seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows—all his hair he shall shave off. He shall wash his clothes and wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

10 "And on the eighth day *a*he shall take two male lambs without blemish, one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, three-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil as *b*a grain offering, and one log of oil.

11 "Then the priest who makes *him* clean shall present the man who is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

12 "And the priest shall take one male lamb and *a*offer it as a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and *b*wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

13 "Then he shall kill the lamb *a*in the place where he kills the sin offering and the burnt offering, in a holy place; for *b*as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the trespass offering, *it* is most holy.

14 "The priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put *it* *a*on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

15 "And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand.

16 "Then the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall *a*sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD.

17 "And of the rest of the oil in his hand, the priest shall put *some* on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the trespass offering.

18 "The rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed. *c*So the priest shall make *1*atonement for him before the LORD.

19 "Then the priest shall offer *c*the sin offering, and make atonement for

him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness. Afterward he shall kill the burnt offering.

20 "And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. So the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be *clean*.

21 "But *if* he is poor and cannot afford it, then he shall take one male lamb as a trespass offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, *one-tenth of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, a log of oil,

22 "and two turtledoves or two young pigeons, such as he is able to afford: one shall be a sin offering and the other a burnt offering.

23 "He shall bring them to the priest on the eighth day for his cleansing, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, before the LORD.

24 "And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

25 "Then he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, *and* the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering and put *it* on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

26 "And the priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand.

27 "Then the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that *is* in his left hand seven times before the LORD.

28 "And the priest shall put *some* of the oil that *is* in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of the right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the trespass offering.

29 "The rest of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before the LORD.

30 "And he shall offer one of *the* turtledoves or young pigeons, such as he can afford—

31 "such as he is able to afford, the one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, with the grain offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before the LORD.

32 "This is the law for *one* who had a leprous sore, who cannot afford *the* usual cleansing."

The Law Concerning Leprous Houses

33 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

34 "When you have come into the land of Canaan, which I give you as

20 ^aLev. 14:8, 9

21 ^aLev. 5:7, 11; 12:8, 27:8
¹Approximately two dry quarts

22 ^aLev. 12:8; 15:14, 15

23 ^aLev. 14:10, 11

24 ^aLev. 14:12

25 ^aLev. 14:14, 17

30 ^aLev. 14:22; 15:14, 15

32 ^aLev. 14:10

34 ^aGen. 12:7; 13:17; 17:8; Num. 32:22; Deut. 7:1; 32:49 ^b[Prov. 3:33] ¹Decomposition by mildew, mold, dry rot, etc., and so in vv. 34–53

35 ^a[Ps. 91:9, 10; Prov. 3:33; Zech. 5:4]

37 ¹Lit. *lower than the wall*

38 ¹quarantine

44 ^aLev. 13:51; [Zech. 5:4]

46 ^aLev. 11:24; 15:5 ¹defiled

47 ^aLev. 14:8

49 ^aLev. 14:4

a possession, and ^{b1}I put the ¹leprous plague in a house in the land of your possession,

35 "and he who owns the house comes and tells the priest, saying, 'It seems to me that *there is* *some* plague in the house.'

36 "then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes *into it* to examine the plague, that all that *is* in the house may not be made unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to examine the house.

37 "And he shall examine the plague; and indeed *if* the plague is on the walls of the house with ingrained streaks, greenish or reddish, which appear to be *deep* in the wall,

38 "then the priest shall go out of the house, to the door of the house, and *shut up* the house seven days.

39 "And the priest shall come again on the seventh day and look; and indeed *if* the plague has spread on the walls of the house,

40 "then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which *is* the plague, and they shall cast them into an unclean place outside the city.

41 "And he shall cause the house to be scraped inside, all around, and the dust that they scrape off they shall pour out in an unclean place outside the city.

42 "Then they shall take other stones and put *them* in the place of *those* stones, and he shall take other mortar and plaster the house.

43 "Now if the plague comes back and breaks out in the house, after he has taken away the stones, after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered,

44 "then the priest shall come and look; and indeed *if* the plague has spread in the house, it *is* *an* active leprosy in the house. It *is* unclean.

45 "And he shall break down the house, its stones, its timber, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall carry *them* outside the city to an unclean place.

46 "Moreover he who goes into the house at all while it is shut up shall be *unclean* *until* evening.

47 "And he who lies down in the house shall *wash* his clothes, and he who eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 "But if the priest comes in and examines *it*, and indeed the plague has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

49 "And *he* shall take, to cleanse the house, two birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop.

50 "Then he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water;

51 "and he shall take the cedar wood, the hyssop, the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

52 "And he shall ¹cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and the running water and the living bird, with the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet.

53 "Then he shall let the living bird loose outside the city in the open field, and ^amake atonement for the house, and it shall be clean.

54 "This is the law for any ^aleprous sore and scale,

55 "for the ^aleprosy of a garment ^band of a house,

56 ^a"for a swelling and a scab and a bright spot,

57 "to ^ateach when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the law of leprosy."

The Law Concerning Bodily Discharges

15 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ^a"When any man has a discharge from his body, his discharge is unclean.

3 "And this shall be his uncleanness in regard to his discharge—whether his body runs with his discharge, or his body is stopped up by his discharge, it is his uncleanness.

4 "Every bed is ¹unclean on which he who has the discharge lies, and everything on which he sits shall be unclean.

5 "And whoever ^atouches his bed shall ^bwash his clothes and ^bbathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

6 "He who sits on anything on which he who has the ^adischarge sat shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

7 "And he who touches the body of him who has the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

8 "If he who has the discharge ^a"spits on him who is clean, then he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

9 "Any saddle on which he who has the discharge rides shall be unclean.

10 "Whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until evening. He who carries ^aany of those things shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

11 "And whomever the one who has the discharge touches, and has not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

12 "The ^avessel of earth that he who

52 ¹ceremonially cleanse

53 ^aLev. 14:20

54 ^aLev. 13:30; 26:21

55 ^aLev. 13:47–52 ^bLev. 14:34

56 ^aLev. 13:2

57 ^aLev. 11:47; 20:25; Deut. 24:8; Ezek. 44:23

CHAPTER 15

2 ^aLev. 22:4; Num. 5:2; 2 Sam. 3:29

4 ¹defiled

5 ^aLev. 5:2; 14:46 ^bLev. 14:8, 47 ^cLev. 11:25; 17:15

6 ^aLev. 15:10; Deut. 23:10

8 ^aNum. 12:14

12 ^aLev. 6:28; 11:32, 33

13 ^aLev. 14:8; 15:28; Num. 19:11, 12

14 ^aLev. 14:22, 23, 30, 31

15 ^aLev. 14:30, 31 ^bLev. 14:19, 31 ¹Lit. *covering*

16 ^aLev. 22:4; Deut. 23:10, 11

18 ^a[Ex. 19:15; 1 Sam. 21:4; 1 Cor. 6:18]

19 ^aLev. 12:2 ¹Lit. *in her impurity*

24 ^aLev. 18:19; 20:18 ¹defiled

25 ^aMatt. 9:20; Mark 5:25; Luke 8:43

has the discharge touches shall be broken, and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13 "And when he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then ^ahe shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, wash his clothes, and bathe his body in running water; then he shall be clean.

14 "On the eighth day he shall take for himself ^atwo turtledoves or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and give them to the priest.

15 "Then the priest shall offer them, ^athe one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering. ^bSo the priest shall make ¹atonement for him before the LORD because of his discharge.

16 ^a"If any man has an emission of semen, then he shall wash all his body in water, and be unclean until evening.

17 "And any garment and any leather on which there is semen, it shall be washed with water, and be unclean until evening.

18 "Also, when a woman lies with a man, and ^athere is an emission of semen, they shall bathe in water, and ^bbe unclean until evening.

19 ^a"If a woman has a discharge, and the discharge from her body is blood, she shall be ¹set apart seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.

20 "Everything that she lies on during her impurity shall be unclean; also everything that she sits on shall be unclean.

21 "Whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

22 "And whoever touches anything that she sat on shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

23 "If ^aanything is on ^aher bed or on anything on which she sits, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until evening.

24 "And ^aif any man lies with her at all, so that her impurity is on him, he shall be ¹unclean seven days; and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

25 "If ^aa woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of her ^acustomary impurity, or if it runs beyond her ^ausual time of impurity, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days of her ^acustomary impurity. She ^ashall be unclean.

26 "Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her as the bed of her impurity; and whatever she sits on shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity.

27 'Whoever touches those things shall be unclean; he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

28 'But ^aif she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count for herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29 'And on the eighth day she shall take for herself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

30 'Then the priest shall offer the one as a sin offering and the other as a ^aburnt offering, and the priest shall make atonement for her before the LORD for the discharge of her uncleanness.

31 'Thus you shall ^aseparate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness when they ^bdefile My tabernacle that is among them.

32 ^a'This is the law for one who has a discharge, ^aand for ^bhim who emits semen and is unclean thereby.

33 ^a'and for her who is indisposed because of her ^ccustomary impurity, and for one who has a discharge, either man ^bor woman, ^aand for him who lies with her who is unclean.' "

The Day of Atonement

16 Now the LORD spoke to Moses after ^athe death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered ^aprofane fire before the LORD, and died;

2 and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother ^anot to come at ^ajust any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for ^bI will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

3 ^a'Thus Aaron shall ^acome into the Holy Place: ^bwith the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering.

4 "He shall put the ^aholy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These ^aare holy garments. Therefore ^bhe shall wash his body in water, and put them on.

5 "And he shall take from ^athe congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering.

6 "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and ^amake atonement for himself and for his house.

7 "He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

8 "Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 "And Aaron shall bring the goat

28 ^aLev. 15: 13-15

30 ^aLev. 5:7

31 ^aDeut. 24:8
^bNum. 5:3;
19:13, 20

32 ^aLev. 15:2
^bLev. 15:16

33 ^aLev. 15:19
^bLev. 15:25
^cLev. 15:24

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1 ^aLev. 10:1, 2

2 ^aEx. 30:10
^bEx. 25:21, 22;
40:34

3 ^a[Heb. 9:7,
12, 24, 25]
^bLev. 4:3 ¹Lit.
With this

4 ^aEx. 28:39,
42, 43
^bEx. 30:20

5 ^aLev. 4:14

6 ^a[Heb. 5:3;
7:27, 28; 9:7]

10 ^a[1 John
2:2]

11 ^a[Heb. 7:27;
9:7]

12 ^aLev. 10:1
^bEx. 30:34-38

13 ^aEx. 30:7, 8
^bEx. 25:21
^cEx. 28:43

14 ^a[Heb. 9:25;
10:4] ^bLev.
4:6, 17

15 ^a[Heb. 2:17]
^b[Heb. 6:19;
7:27; 9:3, 7,
12]

16 ^aEx. 29:36;
30:10

17 ^aLuke 1:10

18 ^aEx. 29:36

19 ^aEzek.
43:20 ¹set it
apart ²impu-
rity

21 ^aLev. 5:5;
26:40

on which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering.

10 "But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make ^aatonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

11 "And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for ^ahimself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which is for himself.

12 "Then he shall take ^aa censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, with his hands full of ^bsweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil.

13 ^a"And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the ^bmercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he ^cdie.

14 ^a"He shall take some of the blood of the bull and ^bsprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 ^a"Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood ^binside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat.

16 "So he shall ^amake atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 "There shall be ^ano man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.

18 "And he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD, and make atonement for ^ait, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around.

19 "Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, cleanse it, and ^aconsecrate¹ it from the ²uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20 "And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat.

21 "Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, ^aconfess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins,

^bputting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man.

22 "The goat ¹shall ^abear on itself all their iniquities to an ²uninhabited land; and he shall ^brelease the goat in the wilderness.

23 "Then Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of meeting, ^ashall take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the Holy Place, and shall leave them there.

24 "And he shall wash his body with water in a holy place, put on his garments, come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make ¹atonement for himself and for the people.

25 ^a"The fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar.

26 "And he who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes ^aand bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

27 ^a"The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. And they shall burn in the fire their skins, their flesh, and their offal.

28 "Then he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

29 "This shall be a statute forever for you: ^aIn the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall ¹afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether* a native of your own country or a stranger who ²dwells among you.

30 "For on that day *the priest* shall make ¹atonement for you, to ^acleanse you, *that* you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 ^a"It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. *It is* a statute forever.

32 ^a"And the priest, who is anointed and ^bconsecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments;

33 "then he shall make ¹atonement for ²the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

34 ^a"This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, ^bonce a year." And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Sanctity of Blood

17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to Aaron, to his sons,

21 ^b[Is. 53:6]

22 ^a[Is. 53:6, 11, 12] ^bLev. 14:7 ¹shall carry ²solitary land

23 ^aEzek. 42:14; 44:19

24 ¹Lit. covering

25 ^aLev. 1:8; 4:10

26 ^aLev. 15:5

27 ^aHeb. 13:11

29 ^aLev. 23:27-32 ¹humble yourselves ²As a resident alien

30 ^aJer. 33:8 ¹Lit. covering

31 ^aLev. 23:27, 32

32 ^aLev. 4:3, 5, 16; 21:10 ^bEx. 29:29, 30

33 ¹Lit. covering ²The Most Holy Place

34 ^aLev. 23:31 ^b[Heb. 9:7, 25, 28]

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3 ^aDeut. 12:5, 15, 21

4 ^aRom. 5:13 ¹Put to death

5 ^aDeut. 12:1-27

6 ^aLev. 3:2 ^bNum. 18:17

7 ^aDeut. 32:17 ^bEzek. 23:8 ¹Having the form of a goat or satyr

8 ^aLev. 1:2, 3; 18:26

9 ^aLev. 14:23 ¹Put to death

10 ^aGen. 9:4 ^bLev. 20:3, 5, 6

11 ^aGen. 9:4 ^b[Matt. 26:28] ^c[Heb. 9:22]

13 ^aLev. 7:26 ^bDeut. 12:16, 24 ^cEzek. 24:7

14 ^aGen. 9:4

15 ^aEx. 22:31 ^bLev. 11:25

and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, 'This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying:

3 "Whatever man of the house of Israel who ^akills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp,

4 "and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting to offer an offering to the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, the guilt of bloodshed shall be ^aimputed to that man. He has shed blood; and that man shall be ¹cut off from among his people.

5 "to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices ^awhich they offer in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to the priest, and offer them as peace offerings to the LORD.

6 "And the priest ^ashall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and ^bburn the fat for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

7 "They shall no more offer their sacrifices ^ato ¹demons, after whom they ^bhave played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations."

8 "Also you shall say to them: 'Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, ^awho offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 "and does not ^abring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be ¹cut off from among his people.

10 ^a"And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, ^bI will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 "For the ^alife of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar ^bto make atonement for your souls; for ^cit is the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.'

12 "Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.'

13 "Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who ^ahunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall ^bpour out its blood and ^ccover it with dust;

14 ^a"for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

15 ^a"And every person who eats what died *naturally* or what was torn by beasts, *whether* he is a native of your own country or a stranger, ^bhe shall both wash his clothes and

^cbathe in water, and be unclean until evening. Then he shall be clean.
16 "But if he does not wash *them* or bathe his body, then ^ahe shall bear his ¹guilt."

Laws of Sexual Morality

18 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ^a'I am the LORD your God.
3 ^a'According to ¹the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and ^baccording to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ²ordinances.
4 ^a'You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I *am* the LORD your God.
5 'You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I *am* the LORD.
6 'None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I *am* the LORD.
7 'The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness.
8 'The nakedness of your ^afather's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness.
9 ^a'The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, *whether* born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover.
10 'The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for theirs is your own nakedness.
11 'The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, begotten by your father—she is your sister—you shall not uncover her nakedness.
12 ^a'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is near of kin to your father.
13 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is near of kin to your mother.
14 ^a'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother. You shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt.
15 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law—she is your son's wife—you shall not uncover her nakedness.
16 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.
17 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her ^adaughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's

15 ^cLev. 15:5

16 ^aLev. 5:1
¹iniquity

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2 ^aEx. 6:7

3 ^aEzek. 20:7,
8 ^bLev.
18:24–30;
20:23 ¹what is
done in
²statutes

4 ^aEzek. 20:19

8 ^aGen. 35:22

9 ^aDeut. 27:22

12 ^aLev. 20:19

14 ^aLev. 20:20

17 ^aLev. 20:14

18 ^a1 Sam.
1:6, 8

19 ^aEzek. 18:6
^bLev. 15:24;
20:18

20 ^a[Prov.
6:25–33] ^bLev.
20:10

21 ^aLev. 20:2–5
^b2 Kin. 16:3
^c1 Kin. 11:7,
33

22 ^aLev. 20:13

23 ^aEx. 22:19

24 ^aMatt.
15:18–20
^bDeut. 18:12

25 ^aNum.
35:33, 34 ^bJer.
5:9 ^cLev.
18:28; 20:22
¹bring judgment for

26 ^aLev. 18:5,
30 ¹obey

28 ^aJer. 9:19

29 ¹Put to
death

30 ^aLev. 18:3;
22:9 ^bLev. 18:2
¹charge

CHAPTER 19

2 ^aLev. 11:44;
20:7, 26

3 ^aEx. 20:12
^bEx. 16:23;
20:8; 31:13

4 ^aEx. 20:4
^bEx. 34:17
¹molten

5 ^aLev. 7:16

daughter, to uncover her nakedness. They are near of kin to her. It is wickedness.

18 'Nor shall you take a woman ^aas a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is alive.

19 'Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as ^along as she is in her ^bcustomary impurity.

20 ^a'Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your ^bneighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her.

21 'And you shall not let any of your descendants ^apass through ^bthe fire to ^cMolech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the LORD.

22 'You shall not lie with ^aa male as with a woman. It is an abomination.

23 'Nor shall you mate with any ^aanimal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion.

24 ^a'Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; ^bfor by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.

25 'For ^athe land is defiled; therefore I ^bvisit¹ the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land ^cvomits out its inhabitants.

26 ^a'You shall therefore ¹keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *either* any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you

27 '(for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who *were* before you, and thus the land is defiled),

28 'lest ^athe land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that *were* before you.

29 'For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit *them* shall be ¹cut off from among their people.

30 'Therefore you shall keep My ¹ordinance, so ^athat you do not commit *any* of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: I *am* the LORD your God.' "

Moral and Ceremonial Laws

19 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ^a'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy.

3 ^a'Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and ^bkeep My Sabbaths: I *am* the LORD your God.

4 ^a'Do not turn to idols, ^bnor make for yourselves ¹molded gods: I *am* the LORD your God.

5 'And ^aif you offer a sacrifice of

a peace offering to the LORD, you shall offer it of your own free will.

6 'It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day. And if any remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire.

7 'And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination. It shall not be accepted.

8 'Therefore *everyone* who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the hallowed *offering* of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from his people.

9 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10 'And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather *every* grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

11 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, ^bnor lie to one another.

12 'And you shall not ^aswear by My name falsely, ^bnor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the LORD.

13 'You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob *him*. ^bThe wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning.

14 'You shall not curse the deaf, ^anor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I *am* the LORD.

15 'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not ^bbe partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

16 'You shall not go about as a ^atalbearer among your people; nor shall you ^btake a stand against the life of your neighbor: I *am* the LORD.

17 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. ^bYou shall surely ¹rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, ^bbut you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.

19 'You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.

20 'Whoever lies carnally with a woman who is ^abetrothed to a man as a concubine, and who has not at all been redeemed nor given her freedom, for this there shall be ¹scourging; *but* they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21 'And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, a ram as a trespass offering.

22 'The priest shall make ¹atone-

9 ^aDeut. 24:19-22

11 ^aEx. 20:15.
16 ^bEph. 4:25

12 ^aDeut. 5:11
^bLev. 18:21

13 ^aEx. 22:7-15, 21-27
^bDeut. 24:15

14 ^aDeut. 27:18

15 ^aDeut. 16:19
^bEx. 23:3, 6

16 ^aProv. 11:13; 18:8;
20:19 ^{b1} Kin. 21:7-19

17 ^{a1} John 2:9, 11; 3:15]
^bMatt. 18:15
¹reprove

18 ^a[Deut. 32:35] ^bMark 12:31

20 ^aDeut. 22:23-27
¹punishment

22 ¹Lit. *covering*

23 ¹unclean

28 ^aJer. 16:6

29 ^aDeut. 22:21; 23:17, 18

30 ^aLev. 26:2
¹observe

31 ^aLev. 20:6, 27

32 ^{a1} Tim. 5:1
^bLev. 19:14
¹rise to give honor

33 ^aEx. 22:21

34 ^aEx. 12:48
^bDeut. 10:19
¹native among you

36 ^aDeut. 25:13-15

37 ^aLev. 18:4, 5

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2 ^aLev. 18:2
^bLev. 18:21
^cDeut. 17:2-5
¹As resident aliens

ment for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he has committed. And the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.

23 'When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as ¹uncircumcised. Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be eaten.

24 'But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a praise to the LORD.

25 'And in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase: I *am* the LORD your God.

26 'You shall not eat *anything* with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.

27 'You shall not shave around the sides of your head, nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard.

28 'You shall not ^amake any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I *am* the LORD.

29 'Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 'You shall ¹keep My Sabbaths and ²reverence My sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

31 'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after ^athem, to be defiled by them: I *am* the LORD your God.

32 'You shall ¹rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and ^bfear your God: I *am* the LORD.

33 'And ^aif a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him.

34 'The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as ¹one born among you, and ^byou shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

35 'You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume.

36 'You shall have ^ahonest scales, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 'Therefore you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them: I *am* the LORD.' "

Penalties for Breaking the Law

20 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 'Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: ^b'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who ¹dwell in Israel, who gives *any* of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall ^astone him with stones.

3 ^a"I will set My face against that man, and will ¹cut him off from his people, because he has given *some* of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name.

4 ^a"And if the people of the land should in any way ¹hide their eyes from the man, when he gives *some* of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him,

5 ^a"then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech.

6 ^a"And ^athe person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.

7 ^a"Consecrate¹ yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I *am* the LORD your God.

8 ^a"And you shall keep ^aMy statutes, and perform them: ^bI *am* the LORD who ¹sanctifies you.

9 ^a"For ^aeveryone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. ^bHis blood *shall be* upon him.

10 ^a"The man who commits adultery with *another* man's wife, *he* who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.

11 ^a"The man who lies with his ^afather's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them.

12 ^a"If a man lies with his ^adaughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood *shall be* upon them.

13 ^a"If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them.

14 ^a"If a man marries a woman and her ^amother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire, both he and they, that there may be no wickedness among you.

15 ^a"If a man mates with an ^aanimal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal.

16 ^a"If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood is upon them.

17 ^a"If a man takes his ^asister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And they shall be ¹cut off in the sight of their people. He

3 ^aLev. 17:10
¹Put him to death

4 ¹disregard

6 ^aLev. 19:31

7 ^aLev. 19:2
¹Set yourselves apart for the LORD

8 ^aLev. 19:19, 37
^bEx. 31:13
¹sets you apart

9 ^aEx. 21:17
^b2 Sam. 1:16

10 ^aEx. 20:14

11 ^aLev. 18:7, 8

12 ^aLev. 18:15

13 ^aLev. 18:22

14 ^aLev. 18:17

15 ^aLev. 18:23

17 ^aLev. 18:9
¹Put to death
²iniquity

18 ^aLev. 15:24; 18:19
¹Or customary impurity
²Lit. made bare
³Put to death

19 ^aLev. 18:13
^bLev. 18:12

20 ^aLev. 18:14

21 ^aLev. 18:16
¹indecent, impure

22 ^aLev. 18:26; 19:37
^bLev. 18:25, 28

23 ^aLev. 18:3, 24
^bDeut. 9:5

24 ^aEx. 3:17; 6:8; 13:5; 33:1-3
^bEx. 19:5; 33:16

25 ^aLev. 10:10; 11:1-47
^bLev. 11:43
¹detestable or loathsome
²defiled

26 ^aLev. 19:2

27 ^aLev. 19:31

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1 ^aEzek. 44:25

4 ¹Lit. master or husband

5 ^aDeut. 14:1

has uncovered his sister's nakedness. He shall bear his ²guilt.

18 ^a"If a man lies with a woman during her ¹sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has ²exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be ³cut off from their people.

19 ^a"You shall not uncover the nakedness of your ^amother's sister nor of your ^bfather's sister, for that would uncover his near of kin. They shall bear their guilt.

20 ^a"If a man lies with his ^auncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

21 ^a"If a man takes his ^abrother's wife, it is an ¹unclean thing. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless.

22 ^a"You shall therefore keep all My ^astatutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell ^bmay not vomit you out.

23 ^a"And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and ^btherefore I abhor them.

24 ^a"But ^a"I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I *am* the LORD your God, ^bwho has separated you from the peoples.

25 ^a"You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, ^band you shall not make yourselves ¹abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as ²unclean.

26 ^a"And you shall be holy to Me, ^afor I the LORD *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.

27 ^a"A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood *shall be* upon them."

Regulations for Conduct of Priests

21 And the LORD said to Moses, ^a"Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: ^a"None shall defile himself for the dead among his people,

2 ^a"except for his relatives who are nearest to him: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother;

3 ^a"also his virgin sister who is near to him, who has had no husband, for her he may defile himself.

4 ^a"Otherwise he shall not defile himself, *being* a ¹chief man among his people, to profane himself.

5 ^a"They shall not make any bald

place on their heads, nor shall they shave the edges of their beards nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

6 "They shall be ^aholy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the ^bbread of their God; therefore they shall be holy.

7 "They shall not take a wife who is a harlot or a defiled woman, nor shall they take a woman ^bdivorced from her husband; for ¹the priest is holy to his God.

8 "Therefore you shall ¹consecrate him, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you, for ^aI the LORD, who ^bsanctify you, ^aam holy.

9 "The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the harlot, she profanes her father. She shall be ^aburned with fire.

10 "He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was ^apoured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not ^buncover¹ his head nor tear his clothes;

11 "nor shall he go ^anear any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother;

12 "nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the ^bconsecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I ^aam the LORD.

13 "And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 "A widow or a divorced woman or a defiled woman or a harlot—these he shall not marry; but he shall take a virgin of his own people as wife.

15 "Nor shall he profane his posterity among his people, for I the LORD sanctify him."

16 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17 "Speak to Aaron, saying: 'No man of your descendants in succeeding generations, who has any defect, may approach to offer the bread of his God.

18 'For any man who has a ^adefect shall not approach: a man blind or lame, who has a marred ^aface or any ^blimb ^btoo long,

19 'a man who has a broken foot or broken hand,

20 'or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch.

21 "No man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, shall come near to offer the offerings made by fire to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.

22 "He may eat the bread of his God, both the most holy and the holy;

23 "only he shall not go near the

6 ^aEx. 22:31
^bLev. 3:11 ^cIs. 52:11

7 ^aEzek. 44:22
^bDeut. 24:1, 2
¹Lit. *he*

8 ^aLev. 11:44,
45 ^bLev. 8:12,
30 ¹set him
apart

9 ^aDeut. 22:21

10 ^aLev. 8:12
^bLev. 10:6, 7
¹In mourning

11 ^aNum. 19:14

12 ^aLev. 10:7
^bEx. 29:6, 7

18 ^aLev.
22:19–25 ^bLev.
22:23

23 ^aLev. 16:2
^bLev. 21:12

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2 ^aNum. 6:3
^bLev. 18:21
^cEx. 28:38;
Lev. 16:19;
25:10; Num.
18:32; Deut.
15:19 ¹keep
themselves
apart from

3 ^aLev. 7:20,
21; Num.
19:13 ¹defile-
ment

4 ^aNum. 5:2
^bLev. 15:2
^cLev. 14:2;
15:13 ^aLev.
11:24–28, 39,
40; Num.
19:11 ^cLev.
15:16, 17

5 ^aLev.
11:23–28 ^bLev.
15:7, 19

6 ^aLev. 15:5

7 ^aLev. 21:22;
Num. 18:11,
13

8 ^aEx. 22:31;
Lev. 7:24;
11:39, 40;
17:15; Ezek.
44:31

9 ^aLev. 18:30
^bEx. 28:43;
Lev. 22:16;
Num. 18:22
¹charge

10 ^aEx. 29:33;
Lev. 22:13;
Num. 3:10 ¹As
a visitor

11 ^aEx. 12:44

15 ^aNum.
18:32

^aveil or approach the altar, because he has a defect, lest ^bhe profane My sanctuaries; for I the LORD sanctify them."

24 And Moses told it to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, that they ^aseparate¹ themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they ^bdo not profane My holy name by what they ^adedicate to Me: I *am* the LORD.

3 "Say to them: 'Whoever of all your descendants throughout your generations, who goes near the holy things which the children of Israel dedicate to the LORD, ^awhile he has ^buncleanness upon him, that person shall be cut off from My presence: I *am* the LORD.

4 "Whatever man of the descendants of Aaron, who is a ^aleper or has ^ba discharge, shall not eat the holy offerings until he is clean. And ^awhoever touches anything made unclean by a corpse, or ^aa man who has had an emission of semen,

5 "or ^awhoever touches any creeping thing by which he would be made unclean, or ^bany person by whom he would become unclean, whatever his uncleanness may be—

6 "the person who has touched any such thing shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat the holy offerings unless he ^awashes his body with water.

7 "And when the sun goes down he shall be clean; and afterward he may eat the holy offerings, because ^ait is his food.

8 "Whatever dies *naturally* or is torn by *beasts* he shall not eat, to defile himself with it: I *am* the LORD.

9 "They shall therefore keep ^aMy ^bordinance, ^blest they bear sin for it and die thereby, if they profane it: I the LORD sanctify them.

10 "No outsider shall eat the holy offering; one who ^adwells with the priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat the holy thing.

11 "But if the priest ^abuys a person with his money, he may eat it; and one who is born in his house may eat his food.

12 "If the priest's daughter is married to an outsider, she may not eat of the holy offerings.

13 "But if the priest's daughter is a widow or divorced, and has no child, and has returned to her father's house as in her youth, she may eat her father's food; but no outsider shall eat it.

14 "And if a man eats the holy offering unintentionally, then he shall restore a holy offering to the priest, and add one-fifth to it.

15 "They shall not profane the ^aholy

offerings of the children of Israel, which they offer to the LORD, 16 'or allow them to bear the guilt of trespass when they eat their holy offerings; for I the LORD sanctify them.'

Offerings Accepted and Not Accepted

17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them: 'Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, who ¹offers his sacrifice for any of his vows or for any of his freewill offerings, which they offer to the LORD as a burnt offering—

19 'you shall offer of your own free will a male without blemish from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats.

20 "Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it shall not be acceptable on your behalf.

21 "And 'whoever offers a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, ^bto fulfill his vow, or a freewill offering from the cattle or the sheep, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it.

22 "Those *that are* blind or broken or maimed, or have an ¹ulcer or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make ^ban offering by fire of them on the altar to the LORD.

23 "Either a bull or a lamb that has any limb ^atoo long or too short you may offer as a freewill offering, but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 "You shall not offer to the LORD what is bruised or crushed, or torn or cut; nor shall you make *any offering of them* in your land.

25 "Nor 'from a foreigner's hand shall you offer any of these as ^bthe bread of your God, because their 'corruption is in them, *and defects are in them*. They shall not be accepted on your behalf.' "

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

27 "When a bull or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall be seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and thereafter it shall be accepted as an offering made by fire to the LORD.

28 "Whether it is a cow or ewe, do not kill both her ^aand her young on the same day.

29 "And when you ^aoffer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will.

30 "On the same day it shall be eaten; you shall leave ^anone of it until morning: I am the LORD.

31 "Therefore you shall keep My commandments, and perform them: I am the LORD.

32 "You shall not profane My holy

18 ^aLev. 1:2, 3, 10 ¹brings his offering

19 ^aLev. 1:3; Deut. 15:21

20 ^aDeut. 15:21; 17:1; Mal. 1:8, 14; [Eph. 5:27; Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:19]

21 ^aLev. 3:1, 6 ^bNum. 15:3, 8; Ps. 61:8; 65:1; Eccl. 5:4, 5

22 ^aLev. 22:20; Mal. 1:8 ^bLev. 1:9, 13; 3:3, 5 ¹running sore

23 ^aLev. 21:18

25 ^aNum. 15:15, 16 ^bLev. 21:6, 17 ^cMal. 1:14

27 ^aEx. 22:30

28 ^aDeut. 22:6, 7

29 ^aLev. 7:12; Ps. 107:22; 116:17; Amos 4:5

30 ^aLev. 7:15

31 ^aLev. 19:37; Num. 15:40; Deut. 4:40

32 ^aLev. 18:21 ^bLev. 10:3; Matt. 6:9; Luke 11:2 ^cLev. 20:8 ¹treated as holy

33 ^aLev. 19:36, 37; Num. 15:40; Deut. 4:40

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2 ^aEx. 12:16

3 ^aEx. 20:9; 23:12; 31:15; Lev. 19:3; Deut. 5:13, 14; Luke 13:14

4 ^aEx. 23:14–16; Lev. 23:2, 37

5 ^aEx. 12:1–28; Num. 9:1–5; 28:16–25; Deut. 16:1–8; Josh. 5:10

7 ^aEx. 12:16; Num. 28:18, 25 ¹occupational

10 ^aEx. 23:19; 34:26 ^bRom. 11:16; James 1:18; Rev. 14:4

11 ^aEx. 29:24

13 ¹pleasing

name, but ^bI will be ¹hallowed among the children of Israel. I am the LORD who 'sanctifies you, 33 "who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD."

Feasts of the LORD

23 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be ^aholy convocations, these are My feasts.

The Sabbath

3 "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

The Passover and Unleavened Bread

4 "These are the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.

5 "On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the LORD's Passover.

6 "And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; seven days you must eat unleavened bread.

7 "On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no ¹customary work on it.

8 "But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.' "

The Feast of Firstfruits

9 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of ^bthe firstfruits of your harvest to the priest.

11 'He shall 'wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 'And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD.

13 'Its grain offering shall be two-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD, for a ¹sweet aroma; and its drink offering shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin.

14 'You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be

a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

The Feast of Weeks

15 'And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed.

16 'Count 'fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer ^aa new grain offering to the LORD.

17 'You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are 'the firstfruits to the LORD.

18 'And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be as a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

19 'Then you shall sacrifice 'one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a 'peace offering.

20 'The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. 'They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

21 'And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleanings from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God.' "

The Feast of Trumpets

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the 'seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, 'a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

25 'You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.' "

The Day of Atonement

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

27 "Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.

28 "And you shall do no work on

16 ^aActs 2:1
^bNum. 28:26

17 ^aEx. 23:16,
19; Num.
15:17-21

19 ^aLev. 4:23,
28; Num.
28:30; [2 Cor.
5:21] ^bLev. 3:1

20 ^aLev. 14:13;
Num. 18:12;
Deut. 18:4

22 ^aLev. 19:9,
10; Deut.
24:19-22;
Ruth 2:2, 15

24 ^aNum. 29:1
^bLev. 25:9

27 ^aLev.
16:1-34; 25:9;
Num. 29:7

28 ^aLev. 16:34

29 ^aIs. 22:12;
Jer. 31:9;
Ezek. 7:16
^bGen. 17:14;
Lev. 13:46;
Num. 5:2

30 ^aLev. 20:3-6

32 ¹humble
yourselves
²observe your
sabbath

34 ^aEx. 23:16;
Num. 29:12;
Deut.
16:13-16; Ezra
3:4; Neh. 8:14;
Zech.
14:16-19;
John 7:2

36 ^aNum.
29:12-34
^bNum.
29:35-38;
Neh. 8:18;
John 7:37
^cDeut. 16:8;
2 Chr. 7:8
¹solemn

37 ^aLev. 23:2, 4

38 ^aNum. 29:39

39 ^aEx. 23:16;
Deut. 16:13

40 ^aNeh. 8:15
^bDeut. 12:7;
16:14, 15
¹foliage

41 ^aNum.
29:12; Neh.
8:18

42 ^a[Is. 4:6]
^bNeh. 8:14-16
¹tabernacles;
shelters made
of boughs

43 ^aEx. 13:14;
Deut. 31:13;
Ps. 78:5

that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, 'to make atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29 "For any person who is not 'afflicted in soul on that same day ^bshall be cut off from his people.

30 "And any person who does any work on that same day, 'that person I will destroy from among his people.

31 "You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 "It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall 'afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall ²celebrate your sabbath."

The Feast of Tabernacles

33 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

34 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD.

35 'On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it.

36 'For seven days you shall offer an 'offering made by fire to the LORD.

^bOn the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a 'sacred¹ assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it.

37 'These are the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day—

38 'besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD.

39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have 'gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.

40 'And 'you shall take for yourselves on the first day the ¹fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; ^band you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

41 'You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 'You shall dwell in ¹booths for seven days. ^bAll who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths,

43 'that your generations may

^bknow that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.”
44 So Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

Care of the Tabernacle Lamps

24 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
2 “Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually.
3 “Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the LORD continually; *it shall be* a statute forever in your generations.
4 “He shall ^bbe in charge of the lamps on ^athe pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually.

The Bread of the Tabernacle

5 “And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an *ephah* shall be in each cake.
6 “You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, ^aon the pure gold table before the LORD.
7 “And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD.
8 “Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.
9 “And ^ait shall be for Aaron and his sons, ^band they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute.”

The Penalty for Blasphemy

10 Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and this Israelite woman's son and a man of Israel fought each other in the camp.
11 And the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD and ^acursed; and so they brought him to Moses. (His mother's name was Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.)
12 Then they ^aput him ^ain custody, ^bthat ^athe mind of the LORD might be shown to them.
13 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
14 “Take outside the camp him who has cursed; then let all who heard him ^alay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him.
15 “Then you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Whoever curses his God ^ashall ^bbear his sin.’
16 “And whoever ^ablasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put

43 ^bEx. 10:2
44 ^aLev. 22:33
44 ^aLev. 23:2

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2 ^aEx. 27:20, 21
4 ^aEx. 25:31; 31:8; 37:17
^aarrange or set in order
5 ^aEx. 25:30; 39:36; 40:23
6 ^aEx. 25:23, 24; 1 Kin. 7:48; 2 Chr. 4:19; 13:11; Heb. 9:2
7 ^aLev. 2:2, 9, 16
8 ^aNum. 4:7; 1 Chr. 9:32; 2 Chr. 2:4; Matt. 12:4, 5
9 ^a1 Sam. 21:6; Matt. 12:4; Mark 2:26; Luke 6:4
^bEx. 29:33; Lev. 8:31
11 ^aEx. 22:28
^bJob 1:5, 11, 22; Is. 8:21
^cEx. 18:22, 26
12 ^aNum. 15:34
^bNum. 27:5
^cunder guard
^dLit. it might be declared to them from the mouth of the LORD
14 ^aDeut. 13:9; 17:7
15 ^aLev. 20:17; Num. 9:13
^bbe responsible for
16 ^aEx. 20:7; 1 Kin. 21:10, 13; [Matt. 12:31; Mark 3:28, 29]
17 ^aGen. 9:6; Ex. 21:12; Num. 35:30, 31; Deut. 19:11, 12; 27:24
18 ^aLev. 24:21
19 ^aEx. 21:24
20 ^aEx. 21:23; Deut. 19:21
^b[Matt. 5:38, 39]
22 ^aEx. 12:49; Lev. 19:33–37; Num. 9:14; 15:15, 16, 29
^cone standard of judgment

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1 ^aLev. 26:46
2 ^aLev. 26:34, 35
4 ^aDeut. 15:1; Neh. 10:31
^b[Heb. 4:9]
5 ^a2 Kin. 19:29
9 ^aLev. 23:24, 27

to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the LORD, he shall be put to death.
17 ^a“Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death.
18 ^a“Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, animal for animal.
19 ‘If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as ^ahe has done, so shall it be done to him—
20 ‘fracture for ^afracture, ^beye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him.
21 ‘And whoever kills an animal shall restore it; but whoever kills a man shall be put to death.
22 ‘You shall have ^athe¹ same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I *am* the LORD your God.’”
23 Then Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they took outside the camp him who had cursed, and stoned him with stones. So the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Sabbath of the Seventh Year

25 And the LORD spoke to Moses on Mount ^aSinai, saying,
2 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall ^akeep a sabbath to the LORD.
3 ‘Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit;
4 ‘but in the ^aseventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn ^brest for the land, a sabbath to the LORD. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.
5 ^a“What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, *for* it is a year of rest for the land.
6 ‘And the sabbath *produce* of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you.
7 ‘for your livestock and the beasts that *are* in your land—all its produce shall be for food.

The Year of Jubilee

8 ‘And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.
9 ‘Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; ^aon the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.
10 ‘And you shall consecrate the fifti-

eth year, and ^aproclaim liberty throughout *all* the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; ^band each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.

11 'That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it ^ayou shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather *the grapes* of your untended vine.

12 'For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; ^ayou shall eat its produce from the field.

13 ^a'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession.

14 'And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not ^aoppress one another.

15 ^a'According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of crops he shall sell to you.

16 'According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewer number of years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you *according to the number of the years of the crops*.

17 'Therefore ^ayou shall not ¹oppress one another, ^bbut you shall fear your God; for I *am* the LORD your God.

Provisions for the Seventh Year

18 ^a'So you shall observe My statutes and keep My judgments, and perform them; ^aand you will dwell in the land in safety.

19 'Then the land will yield its fruit, and ^ayou will eat your fill, and dwell there in safety.

20 'And if you say, ^a"What shall we eat in the seventh year, since ^bwe shall not sow nor gather in our produce?"

21 'Then I will ^acommand My blessing on you in the ^bsixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years.

22 ^a'And you shall sow in the eighth year, and eat ^bold produce until the ninth year; until its produce comes in, you shall eat of the old *harvest*.

Redemption of Property

23 'The land shall not be sold permanently, for ^athe land is Mine; for you are ^bstrangers and sojourners with Me.

24 'And in all the land of your possession you shall grant redemption of the land.

25 ^a'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold *some* of his possession, and if ^bhis redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold.

26 'Or if the man has no one to redeem it, but he himself becomes able to redeem it,

10 ^aIs. 61:2; 63:4; Jer. 34:8, 15, 17; [Luke 4:19] ^bLev. 25:13, 28, 54; Num. 36:4

11 ^aLev. 25:5

12 ^aLev. 25:6, 7

13 ^aLev. 25:10; 27:24; Num. 36:4

14 ^aLev. 19:13

15 ^aLev. 27:18, 23

17 ^aLev. 25:14; Prov. 14:31;

22:22; Jer. 7:5, 6; 1 Thess. 4:6

^bLev. 19:14, 32; 25:43

¹mistreat

18 ^aLev. 19:37

^bLev. 26:5;

Deut. 12:10;

Ps. 4:8; Jer. 23:6

19 ^aLev. 26:5;

Ezek. 34:25

20 ^aMatt. 6:25,

31 ^bLev. 25:4,

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21 ^aDeut. 28:8

^bEx. 16:29

22 ^a2 Kin.

19:29 ^bLev.

26:10; Josh.

5:11

23 ^aEx. 19:5;

2 Chr. 7:20

^bGen. 23:4;

Ex. 6:4; 1 Chr.

29:15; Ps.

39:12; Heb.

11:13; 1 Pet.

2:11

25 ^aRuth 2:20;

4:4, 6 ^bNum.

5:8; Ruth 3:2,

9, 12; Job

19:25; Jer.

32:7, 8

27 ^aLev.

25:50-52

28 ^aLev. 25:10,

13

32 ^aNum.

35:1-8; Josh.

21:2

34 ^aNum.

35:2-5 ^bActs

4:36, 37

35 ^aDeut.

15:7-11; 24:14,

15; Luke 6:35;

1 John 3:17

¹Lit. *his hand*

fails

36 ^aEx. 22:25;

Deut. 23:19,

20 ^bNeh. 5:9

38 ^aLev. 11:45;

22:32, 33

41 ^aEx. 21:3

42 ^aLev. 25:55;

[Rom. 6:22;

1 Cor. 7:22,

23]

27 'then ^alet him count the years since its sale, and restore the remainder to the man to whom he sold it, that he may return to his possession.

28 'But if he is not able to have it restored to himself, then what was sold shall remain in the hand of him who bought it until the Year of Jubilee; ^aand in the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

29 'If a man sells a house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; *within* a full year he may redeem it.

30 'But if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house in the walled city shall belong permanently to him who bought it, throughout his generations. It shall not be released in the Jubilee.

31 'However the houses of villages which have no wall around them shall be counted as the fields of the country. They may be redeemed, and they shall be released in the Jubilee.

32 'Nevertheless ^athe cities of the Levites, *and* the houses in the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time.

33 'And if a man purchases a house from the Levites, then the house that was sold in the city of his possession shall be released in the Jubilee; for the houses in the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the children of Israel.

34 'But ^athe field of the common-land of their cities may not be ^bsold, for it is their perpetual possession.

Lending to the Poor

35 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and ^afalls into poverty among you, then you shall ^ahelp him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.

36 ^a'Take no usury or interest from him; but ^bfear your God, that your brother may live with you.

37 'You shall not lend him your money for usury, nor lend him your food at a profit.

38 ^a'I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan *and* to be your God.

The Law Concerning Slavery

39 'And if *one* of your brethren who dwells by you becomes poor, and sells himself to you, you shall not compel him to serve as a slave.

40 'As a hired servant and a sojourner he shall be with you, and shall serve you until the Year of Jubilee.

41 'And *then* he shall depart from you—he and his children ^awith him—and shall return to his own family. He shall return to the possession of his fathers.

42 'For they are ^aMy servants,

whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.

43 ^aYou shall not rule over him ^bwith ¹rigor, but you ^cshall fear your God.

44 ^aAnd as for your male and female slaves whom you may have—from the nations that are around you, from them you may buy male and female slaves.

45 ^aMoreover you may buy ^cthe children of the strangers who dwell among you, and their families who are with you, which they beget in your land; and they shall become your property.

46 ^aAnd ^cyou may take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit *them as a possession*; they shall be your permanent slaves. But regarding your brethren, the children of Israel, you shall not rule over one another with rigor.

47 ^aNow if a sojourner or stranger close to you becomes rich, and *one of your brethren who dwells by him* becomes poor, and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner close to you, or to a member of the stranger's family,

48 ^a'after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him;

49 ^a'or his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him; or *anyone* who is near of kin to him in his family may redeem him; or if he is able he may redeem himself.

50 ^a'Thus he shall reckon with him who bought him: The price of his release shall be according to the number of years, from the year that he was sold to him until the Year of Jubilee; *it shall be* ^a'according to the time of a hired servant for him.

51 ^a'If *there are* still many years *remaining*, according to them he shall repay the price of his redemption from the money with which he was bought.

52 ^a'And if there remain but a few years until the Year of Jubilee, then he shall reckon with him, *and* according to his years he shall repay him the price of his redemption.

53 ^a'He shall be with him as a yearly hired servant, and he shall not rule with rigor over him in your sight.

54 ^a'And if he is not redeemed in these years, then he shall be released in the Year of Jubilee—he and his children with him.

55 ^a'For the children of Israel are servants to Me; they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

Promise of Blessing and Retribution

26 ^aYou shall ^a'not make idols for yourselves;

43 ^aEph. 6:9; Col. 4:1 ^bEx. 1:13, 14; Lev. 25:46, 53; Ezek. 34:4 ^cEx. 1:17; Deut. 25:18; Mal. 3:5 ¹severity

45 ^a[Is. 56:3, 6, 7]

46 ^aIs. 14:2

50 ^aJob 7:1; Is. 16:14

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1 ^aEx. 20:4, 5; Deut. 4:15–18; 5:8

2 ^aLev. 19:30 ¹observe

3 ^aDeut. 28:1–14

4 ^aIs. 30:23 ^bPs. 67:6

5 ^aDeut. 11:15; Joel 2:19, 26; Amos 9:13 ^bLev. 25:18, 19; Ezek. 34:25

6 ^aIs. 45:7 ^bJob 11:19; Ps. 4:8; Zeph. 3:13 ^c2 Kin. 17:25; Hos. 2:18 ^dEzek. 14:17 ¹wild beasts

8 ^aDeut. 32:30; Judg. 7:7–12

9 ^aEx. 2:25; 2 Kin. 13:23 ^bGen. 17:6, 7; Ps. 107:38 ^cGen. 17:1–7

10 ^aLev. 25:22

11 ^aEx. 25:8; 29:45, 46; Josh. 22:19; Ps. 76:2; Ezek. 37:26; Rev. 21:3 ¹dwelling place

12 ^aDeut. 23:14; [2 Cor. 6:16]

13 ^aGen. 27:40 ¹erect

neither a carved image nor a *sacred pillar* shall you rear up for yourselves;

nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it;

for I *am* the LORD your God.

2 ^aYou shall ¹keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

3 ^a'If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,

4 ^a'then I will give you rain in its season, ^bthe land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 ^a'Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing;

you shall eat your bread to the full, and ^b dwell in your land safely.

6 ^a'I will give peace in the land, and ^byou shall lie down, and none will make you afraid;

I will rid the land of ^c'evil¹ beasts,

and ^c'the sword will not go through your land.

7 You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you.

8 ^a'Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight;

your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.

9 ^a'For I will ^alook on you favorably and ^bmake you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My ^ccovenant with you.

10 You shall eat the ^c'old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new.

11 ^a'I will set My ¹tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.

12 ^a'I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

13 I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that *you* should not be their slaves;

I have broken the bands of your ^c'yoke and made you walk ¹upright.

14 ^a'But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments,

15 and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, *but* break My covenant,

- 16 I also will do this to you:
I will even appoint terror over you, ^awasting disease and fever which shall ^bconsume the eyes and ^ccause sorrow of heart.
And ^dyou shall sow your seed ^ein vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
- 17 I will ^fset ^aMy face against you, and ^byou shall be defeated by your enemies.
^cThose who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall ^dflee when no one pursues you.
- 18 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you ^aseven times more for your sins.
- 19 I will ^bbreak the pride of your power;
I ^cwill make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.
- 20 And your ^astrength shall be spent in vain;
for your ^bland shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.
- 21 'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins.
- 22 ^aI will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number;
and ^byour highways shall be desolate.
- 23 'And if ^aby these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me,
- 24 ^athen I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins.
- 25 And ^aI will bring a sword against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities ^bI will send pestilence among you;
and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.
- 26 ^aWhen I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight,
^band you shall eat and not be satisfied.
- 27 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me,
- 28 then I also will walk contrary to you in fury;
and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.
- 29 ^aYou¹ shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.
- 30 ^aI will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols;
and My soul shall abhor you.
- 31 I will lay your ^acities waste and ^bbring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not ^csmell the fragrance of your ^dsweet aromas.
- 32 ^aI will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.
- 33 ^aI will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you;
your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.
- 34 'Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you *are* in your enemies' land;
then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths.
- 35 As long as *it* lies desolate it shall rest—
for the time it did not rest on your ^asabbaths when you dwelt in it.
- 36 'And as for those of you who are left, I will send ^a'faintness' into their hearts in the lands of their enemies;
the sound of a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee;
they shall flee as though fleeing from a sword, and they shall fall when no one pursues.
- 37 ^aThey shall stumble over one another, as it were before a sword, when no one pursues;
and ^byou shall have no *power* to stand before your enemies.
- 38 You shall ^a'perish' among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
- 39 And those of you who are left ^a'shall' waste away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in their ^b'fathers' iniquities, which are with them, they shall waste away.
- 40 'But ^aif they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me,
- 41 and *that* I also have walked

16 ^aDeut. 28:22 ^b1 Sam. 2:33 ^cEzek. 24:23; 33:10 ^dJudg. 6:3-6 ^ewithout profit

17 ^aPs. 34:16 ^bDeut. 28:25 ^cPs. 106:41 ^dProv. 28:1 ^eoppose you

18 ^a1 Sam. 2:5

19 ^aIs. 25:11 ^bDeut. 28:23

20 ^aPs. 127:1 ^bGen. 4:12

22 ^aDeut. 32:24 ^bJudg. 5:6

23 ^aAmos 4:6-12

24 ^aLev. 26:28, 41

25 ^aEzek. 5:17 ^bDeut. 28:21

26 ^aPs. 105:16 ^bMic. 6:14

29 ^a2 Kin. 6:28, 29 ^bIn time of famine

30 ^a2 Chr. 34:3

31 ^a2 Kin. 25:4, 10 ^bPs. 74:7 ^cIs. 1:11-15 ^dpleasing

32 ^aJer. 9:11; 18:16

33 ^aDeut. 4:27

34 ^a2 Chr. 36:21

35 ^aLev. 25:2

36 ^aEzek. 21:7, 12, 15 ^bfear

37 ^a1 Sam. 14:15, 16 ^bJosh. 7:12, 13

38 ^aDeut. 4:26

39 ^aEzek. 4:17; 33:10 ^bEx. 34:7 ^crot away

40 ^aNeh. 9:2

- contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies;
if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt—
- 42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember;
I will remember the land.
- 43 "The land also shall be left empty by them, and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them; they will accept their guilt, because they despised My judgments and because their soul abhorred My statutes.
- 44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them;
for I am the LORD their God.
- 45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God:
I am the LORD.' "

46 "These are the statutes and judgments and laws which the LORD made between Himself and the children of Israel on Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

*Redeeming Persons and Property
Dedicated to God*

- 27** Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: "When a man consecrates by a vow certain persons to the LORD, according to your valuation,
3 'if your valuation is of a male from twenty years old up to sixty years old, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.
4 'If it is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels;
5 'and if from five years old up to twenty years old, then your valuation for a male shall be twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels;
6 'and if from a month old up to five years old, then your valuation for a male shall be five shekels of silver, and for a female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver;
7 'and if from sixty years old and

41 ^aActs 7:51; Rom. 2:29
^{b2}Chr. 12:6, 7, 12; 1 Pet. 5:5, 6
^cPs. 39:9; 51:3, 4; Dan. 9:7

42 ^aEx. 2:24; 6:5; Ps. 106:45; Ezek. 16:60
^bPs. 136:23

43 ^aLev. 26:34, 35
^bLev. 26:15

44 ^aDeut. 4:31; 2 Kin. 13:23; Jer. 30:11; [Rom. 11:1-36]

45 ^a[Rom. 11:28] ^bLev. 22:33; 25:38
^cPs. 98:2; Ezek. 20:9, 14, 22

46 ^aLev. 27:34; Deut. 6:1; 12:1; [John 1:17] ^bLev. 25:1

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2 ^aLev. 7:16; Num. 6:2; Deut. 23:21-23; Judg. 11:30, 31, 39
^bOr makes a difficult or extraordinary vow
^cappraisal

3 ^aEx. 30:13; Lev. 27:25; Num. 3:47; 18:16

8 ^aLev. 5:11; 14:21-24

10 ^aLev. 27:33

13 ^aLev. 6:5; 22:14; 27:15, 19

14 ¹sets apart

15 ¹buy back

16 ¹sets apart

18 ^aLev. 25:15, 16, 28

21 ^aLev. 25:10, 28, 31
^bLev. 27:28
^cNum. 18:14; Ezek. 44:29

22 ^aLev. 25:10, 25

above, if it is a male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels.

8 'But if he is too poor to pay your valuation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall set a value for him; according to the ability of him who vowed, the priest shall value him.

9 'If it is an animal that men may bring as an offering to the LORD, all that anyone gives to the LORD shall be holy.

10 'He shall not substitute it or exchange it, good for bad or bad for good; and if he at all exchanges animal for animal, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy.

11 'If it is an unclean animal which they do not offer as a sacrifice to the LORD, then he shall present the animal before the priest;

12 'and the priest shall set a value for it, whether it is good or bad; as you, the priest, value it, so it shall be.

13 'But if he wants at all to redeem it, then he must add one-fifth to your valuation.

14 'And when a man dedicates his house to be holy to the LORD, then the priest shall set a value for it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand.

15 'If he who dedicated it wants to redeem his house, then he must add one-fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall be his.

16 'If a man dedicates to the LORD part of a field of his possession, then your valuation shall be according to the seed for it. A homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17 'If he dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand.

18 'But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money due according to the years that remain till the Year of Jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your valuation.

19 'And if he who dedicates the field ever wishes to redeem it, then he must add one-fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall belong to him.

20 'But if he does not want to redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed anymore;

21 'but the field, when it is released in the Jubilee, shall be holy to the LORD, as a devoted field; it shall be the possession of the priest.

22 'And if a man dedicates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not the field of his possession,

23 'then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of your valuation, up

to the Year of Jubilee, and he shall give your valuation on that day as a holy *offering* to the LORD.

24 “In the Year of Jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to the one who *owned* the land as a possession.

25 “And all your valuations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: “twenty gerahs to the shekel.

26 “But the “firstborn of the animals, which should be the LORD’s firstborn, no man shall dedicate; whether *it is* an ox or sheep, it is the LORD’s.

27 “And if *it is* an unclean animal, then he shall redeem *it* according to your valuation, and “shall add one-fifth to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.

28 “Nevertheless no ¹devoted *offering* that a man may devote to the LORD of all that he has, *both* man and beast, or the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed;

24 ^aLev. 25:10–13, 28

25 ^aEx. 30:13

26 ^aEx. 13:2, 12; 22:30

27 ^aLev. 27:11, 12

28 ^aJosh. 6:17–19
¹Given exclusively and irrevocably

29 ^aNum. 21:2

30 ^aGen. 28:22

31 ^aLev. 27:13

32 ^aJer. 33:13

33 ^aLev. 27:10

34 ^aLev. 26:46
^b[Heb. 12:18–29]

every devoted *offering* is most holy to the LORD.

29 “No person under the ban, who may become doomed to destruction among men, shall be redeemed, *but* shall surely be put to death.

30 “And “all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD’s. It is holy to the LORD.

31 “If a man wants at all to redeem *any* of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it.

32 “And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever “passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

33 “He shall not inquire whether it is good or bad, “nor shall he exchange it; and if he exchanges it at all, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.”

34 “These *are* the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount ^aSinai.

The Fourth Book of Moses Called

NUMBERS

NUMBERS is the book of wanderings. It takes its name from the two numberings of the Israelites—the first at Mount Sinai and the second on the plains of Moab. Most of the book, however, describes Israel’s experiences as they wander in the wilderness. The lesson of Numbers is clear. While it may be necessary to pass through wilderness experiences, one does not have to live there. For Israel, an eleven-day journey became a forty-year agony.

The title of Numbers comes from the first word in the Hebrew text, *Wayyedaber*, “And He Said.” Jewish writings, however, usually refer to it by the fifth Hebrew word in 1:1, *Bemidbar*, “In the Wilderness;” which more nearly indicates the content of the book. The Greek title in the Septuagint is *Arithmoi*, “Numbers.” The Latin Vulgate followed this title and translated it *Liber Numeri*, “Book of Numbers.” These titles are based on the two numberings: the generation of Exodus (Num. 1) and the generation that grew up in the wilderness and conquered Canaan (Num. 26). Numbers has also been called the “Book of the Journeyings,” the “Book of the Murmurings,” and the “Fourth Book of Moses.”

The First Census of Israel

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses ^ain the Wilderness of Sinai, ^bin the tabernacle of meeting, on the “first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying:

2 “Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel,

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1 ^aEx. 19:1
^bEx. 25:22
^cNum. 9:1; 10:11

2 ^aNum. 26:2, 63, 64
^bEx. 30:12, 13; 38:26

3 ^aEx. 30:14; 38:26

by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, every male ^bindividually.

3 “from “twenty years old and above—all who *are able* to go to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 “And with you there shall be a man from every tribe, each one the head of his father’s house.

5 "These are the names of the men who shall stand with you: from Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;
 6 "from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;
 7 "from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;
 8 "from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;
 9 "from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;
 10 "from the sons of Joseph: from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammi-hud; from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;
 11 "from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideon;
 12 "from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;
 13 "from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran;
 14 "from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;¹
 15 "from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan."
 16 "These were ^bchosen¹ from the congregation, leaders of their fathers' tribes, ^cheads of the divisions in Israel.
 17 Then Moses and Aaron took these men who had been ¹mentioned ^aby name,
 18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month; and they recited their ^aancestry by families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, each one individually.
 19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.
 20 Now the ^achildren of Reuben, Israel's oldest son, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 21 those who were numbered of the tribe of Reuben were forty-six thousand five hundred.
 22 From the ^achildren of Simeon, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, of those who were numbered, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 23 those who were numbered of the tribe of Simeon were fifty-nine thousand three hundred.
 24 From the ^achildren of Gad, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 25 those who were numbered of the tribe of Gad were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

14 ^aNum. 7:42
¹Reuel, Num. 2:14

16 ^aEx. 18:21; Num. 7:2; 1 Chr. 27:16-22
^bNum. 16:2
^cEx. 18:21, 25; Jer. 5:5; Mic. 3:1, 9; 5:2
¹called

17 ^aIs. 43:1
¹designated

18 ^aEzra 2:59; Heb. 7:3

20 ^aNum. 2:10, 11; 26:5-11; 32:6, 15, 21, 29

22 ^aNum. 2:12, 13; 26:12-14

24 ^aGen. 30:11; Num. 26:15-18; Josh. 4:12; Jer. 49:1

26 ^aGen. 29:35; Num. 26:19-22; 2 Sam. 24:9; Ps. 78:68; Matt. 1:2

27 ^a2 Chr. 17:14

28 ^aNum. 2:5, 6

30 ^aNum. 2:7, 8; 26:26, 27

32 ^aGen. 48:1-22; Num. 26:28-37; Deut. 33:13-17; Jer. 7:15; Obad. 19

34 ^aNum. 2:20, 21; 26:28-34

36 ^aGen. 49:27; Num. 26:38-41; 2 Chr. 17:17; Rev. 7:8

38 ^aGen. 30:6; 46:23; Num. 2:25, 26; 26:42, 43

40 ^aNum. 2:27, 28; 26:44-47

26 From the ^achildren of Judah, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 27 those who were numbered of the tribe of Judah were ^aseventy-four thousand six hundred.
 28 From the ^achildren of Issachar, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 29 those who were numbered of the tribe of Issachar were fifty-four thousand four hundred.
 30 From the ^achildren of Zebulun, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 31 those who were numbered of the tribe of Zebulun were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.
 32 From the sons of Joseph, the ^achildren of Ephraim, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 33 those who were numbered of the tribe of Ephraim were forty thousand five hundred.
 34 From the ^achildren of Manasseh, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 35 those who were numbered of the tribe of Manasseh were thirty-two thousand two hundred.
 36 From the ^achildren of Benjamin, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 37 those who were numbered of the tribe of Benjamin were thirty-five thousand four hundred.
 38 From the ^achildren of Dan, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 39 those who were numbered of the tribe of Dan were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.
 40 From the ^achildren of Asher, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were *able to go to war*:
 41 those who were numbered of the tribe of Asher were forty-one thousand five hundred.

42 From the children of Naphtali, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war:

43 those who were numbered of the tribe of Naphtali were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

44 "These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each one representing his father's house.

45 So all who were numbered of the children of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war in Israel—

46 all who were numbered were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

47 But "the Levites were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe;

48 for the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying:

49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor take a census of them among the children of Israel;

50 "but you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the Testimony, over all its furnishings, and over all things that belong to it; they shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they shall attend to it and camp around the tabernacle.

51 "And when the tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up. The outsider who comes near shall be put to death.

52 "The children of Israel shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own standard, according to their armies;

53 "but the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel; and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the Testimony."

54 Thus the children of Israel did; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they did.

The Tribes and Leaders by Armies

2 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

2 "Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting.

3 "On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with Judah shall camp according to their armies; and Nahshon the son of Amminadab

44 ^aNum. 26:64

46 ^aEx. 12:37; 38:26; Num. 2:32; 26:51, 63; 1 Heb. 11:12; Rev. 7:4-8

47 ^aNum. 2:33; 3:14-22; 26:57-62; 1 Chr. 6:1-47; 21:6

49 ^aNum. 2:33; 26:62

50 ^aEx. 38:21; Num. 3:7, 8; 4:15, 25-27, 33 ^bNum. 3:23, 29, 35, 38

51 ^aNum. 4:5-15; 10:17, 21 ^bNum. 10:21 ^cNum. 3:10, 38; 4:15, 19, 20; 18:22

52 ^aNum. 2:2, 34; 24:2

53 ^aNum. 1:50 ^bLev. 10:6; Num. 8:19; 16:46; 18:5; 1 Sam. 6:19 ^cNum. 8:24; 18:2-4; 1 Chr. 23:32 ¹have in their care

CHAPTER 2

2 ^aNum. 1:52; 24:2 ^bJosh. 3:4 ¹banner

3 ^aNum. 10:5 ^bNum. 1:7; 7:12; 10:14; Ruth 4:20; 1 Chr. 2:10; Matt. 1:4; Luke 3:32, 33

9 ^aNum. 10:14 ¹Lit. set forth

10 ^aNum. 10:6

14 ¹Deuel, Num. 1:14; 7:42

16 ^aNum. 10:18 ¹Lit. set forth second

17 ^aNum. 10:17, 21 ^bNum. 1:53 ¹company ²whole company ³banners

shall be the leader of the children of Judah."

4 And his army was numbered at seventy-four thousand six hundred.

5 "Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar, and Nethanel the son of Zuar shall be the leader of the children of Issachar."

6 And his army was numbered at fifty-four thousand four hundred.

7 "Then comes the tribe of Zebulun, and Eliab the son of Helon shall be the leader of the children of Zebulun."

8 And his army was numbered at fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

9 "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Judah, one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred—these shall break camp first.

10 "On the south side shall be the standard of the forces with Reuben according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur."

11 And his army was numbered at forty-six thousand five hundred.

12 "Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zuri-shaddai."

13 And his army was numbered at fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

14 "Then comes the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the children of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel."

15 And his army was numbered at forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

16 "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Reuben, one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty—they shall be the second to break camp.

17 "And the tabernacle of meeting shall move out with the camp of the Levites in the middle of the camps; as they camp, so they shall move out, everyone in his place, by their standards.

18 "On the west side shall be the standard of the forces with Ephraim according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammi-hud."

19 And his army was numbered at forty thousand five hundred.

20 "Next to him comes the tribe of Manasseh, and the leader of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur."

21 And his army was numbered at thirty-two thousand two hundred.

22 "Then comes the tribe of Benjamin, and the leader of the children of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideon."

23 And his army was numbered at

thirty-five thousand four hundred.
24 "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Ephraim, one hundred and eight thousand one hundred—"they shall ¹be the third to break camp.

25 "The ¹standard of the forces with Dan *shall be* on the north side according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Dan *shall be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai."

26 And his army was numbered at sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

27 "Those who camp next to him *shall be* the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the children of Asher *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran."

28 And his army was numbered at forty-one thousand five hundred.

29 "Then comes the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the children of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira the son of Enan."

30 And his army was numbered at fifty-three thousand four hundred.

31 "All who were numbered of the forces with Dan, one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred—"they shall ²break camp last, with their ²standards."

32 These *are* the ones who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces *were* six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

33 But "the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

34 Thus the children of Israel "did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses; ^bso they camped by their ¹standards and so they broke camp, each one by his family, according to their fathers' houses.

The Sons of Aaron

3 Now these are the 'records' of Aaron and Moses when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.

2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab, the 'firstborn, and 'Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, 'the anointed priests, 'whom he consecrated to minister as priests.

4 "Nadab and Abihu had died before the LORD when they offered profane fire before the LORD in the Wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests in the presence of Aaron their father.

The Levites Serve in the Tabernacle

5 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near,

24 ^aNum. 10:22;
¹Lit. *set forth third*

25 ¹*banner*

31 ^aNum. 10:25
¹Lit. *set forth last* ²*banners*

32 ^aEx. 38:26;
Num. 1:46;
11:21

33 ^aNum. 1:47;
26:57-62

34 ^aNum. 1:54
^bNum. 24:2, 5,
6 ¹*banners*

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aEx. 6:16-27
¹Lit. *generations*

2 ^aEx. 6:23
^bLev. 10:1, 2;
Num. 26:60,
61; 1 Chr. 24:2

3 ^aEx. 28:41;
Lev. 8 ¹Lit.
whose hands he filled

4 ^aLev. 10:1, 2;
Num. 26:61;
1 Chr. 24:2

6 ^aNum.
8:6-22; 18:1-7;
Deut. 10:8;
33:8-11

7 ^aNum. 1:50;
8:11, 15, 24, 26

9 ^aNum. 8:19;
18:6, 7 ¹Sam.,
LXX *Me*

10 ^aEx. 29:9;
Num. 18:7;
^bNum. 1:51;
3:38; 16:40

12 ^aNum. 3:41;
8:16; 18:6 ^bEx.
13:2; Num.
3:45; 8:14

13 ^aEx. 13:2;
Lev. 27:26;
Num. 8:16, 17;
Neh. 10:36;
Luke 2:23
^bEx. 13:12, 15;
Num. 8:17

15 ^aNum. 3:39;
26:62

16 ¹Lit. *mouth*

17 ^aGen. 46:11;
Ex. 6:16-22;
Num. 26:57;
1 Chr. 6:1, 16;
23:6

18 ^aNum.
4:38-41 ^bEx.
6:17

19 ^aNum.
4:34-37 ^bEx.
6:18

20 ^aEx. 6:19;
Num. 4:42-45

23 ^aNum. 1:53

and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.

7 "And they shall attend to his needs and the needs of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of meeting, to do 'the work of the tabernacle.

8 "Also they shall attend to all the furnishings of the tabernacle of meeting, and to the needs of the children of Israel, to do the work of the tabernacle.

9 "And 'you shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they *are* given entirely to 'him from among the children of Israel.

10 "So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, 'and they shall attend to their priesthood; ^bbut the outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

11 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

12 "Now behold, 'I Myself have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the children of Israel. Therefore the Levites shall be ^bMine,

13 "because 'all the firstborn *are* Mine. ^bOn the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I *am* the LORD."

Census of the Levites Commanded

14 Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, saying:

15 "Number the children of Levi by their fathers' houses, by their families; you shall number 'every male from a month old and above."

16 So Moses numbered them according to the 'word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

17 "These were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

18 And these *are* the names of the sons of 'Gershon by their families: ^bLibni and Shimei.

19 And the sons of 'Kohath by their families: ^bAmram, Izeahar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 "And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These *are* the families of the Levites by their fathers' houses.

21 From Gershon *came* the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimites; these *were* the families of the Gershonites.

22 Those who were numbered, according to the number of all the males from a month old and above—of those who were numbered *there were* seven thousand five hundred.

23 "The families of the Gershonites were to camp behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the leader of the father's

house of the Gershonites was Elia-saph the son of Lael.

25 ^aThe duties of the children of Gershon in the tabernacle of meet-ing ^bincluded ^cthe tabernacle, ^dthe tent with ^eits covering, ^fthe screen for the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

26 ^athe screen for the door of the court, ^bthe hangings of the court which ^care around the tabernacle and the altar, and ^dtheir cords, according to all the work relating to them.

27 ^aFrom Kohath ^bcame the family of the Amramites, the family of the Izharites, the family of the Hebron-ites, and the family of the Uzzielites; these ^cwere the families of the Kohathites.

28 According to the number of all the males, from a month old and above, ^athere were eight thousand ^bsix hundred ^ckeeping charge of the sanctuary.

29 ^aThe families of the children of Kohath were to camp on the south side of the tabernacle.

30 And the leader of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites was Elizaphan the son of ^aUzziel.

31 ^aTheir duty ^bincluded ^cthe ark, ^dthe table, ^ethe lampstand, ^fthe altars, the utensils of the sanctuary with which they ministered, ^gthe screen, and all the work relating to them.

32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest ^awas to be chief over the leaders of the Levites, ^bwith over-sight of those who kept charge of the sanctuary.

33 From Merari ^acame the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these ^bwere the families of Merari.

34 And those who were numbered, according to the number of all the males from a month old and above, ^awere six thousand two hundred.

35 The leader of the fathers' house of the families of Merari ^awas Zuriel the son of Abihail. ^bThese ^cwere to camp on the north side of the taber-nacle.

36 And ^athe appointed duty of the children of Merari ^bincluded the boards of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, its utensils, all the work relating to them,

37 and the pillars of the court all around, with their sockets, their pegs, and their cords.

38 ^aMoreover those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tabernacle of meet-ing, ^bwere Moses, Aaron, and his sons, ^ckeeping charge of the sanctu-ary, ^dto meet the needs of the chil-dren of Israel; but ^ethe outsider who came near ^fwas to be put to death.

39 ^aAll who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of

25 ^aNum. 4:24-26 ^bEx. 25:9 ^cEx. 26:1 ^dEx. 26:7, 14 ^eEx. 26:36

26 ^aEx. 27:9, 12, 14, 15 ^bEx. 27:16 ^cEx. 35:18

27 ^a1 Chr. 26:23

28 ¹Some LXX mss. ^{three} ²taking care of

29 ^aEx. 6:18; Num. 1:53

30 ^aLev. 10:4

31 ^aNum. 4:15 ^bEx. 25:10 ^cEx. 25:23 ^dEx. 25:31 ^eEx. 27:1; 30:1 ^fEx. 26:31-33

35 ^aNum. 1:53; 2:25

36 ^aNum. 4:31, 32

38 ^aNum. 1:53 ^bNum. 18:5 ^cNum. 3:7, 8 ^dNum. 3:10

39 ^aNum. 3:43; 4:48; 26:62

40 ^aNum. 3:15 ¹Take a cen-sus of

41 ^aNum. 3:12, 45

45 ^aNum. 3:12, 41

46 ^aEx. 13:13, 15; Num. 18:15, 16 ^bNum. 3:39, 43

47 ^aLev. 27:6; Num. 18:16 ^bNum. 1:2, 18, 20 ^cEx. 30:13

50 ^aNum. 3:46, 47

51 ^aNum. 3:48

CHAPTER 4

2 ^aNum. 3:27-32

3 ^aNum. 4:23, 30, 35; 8:24; 1 Chr. 23:3, 24, 27; Ezra 3:8

the LORD, by their families, all the males from a month old and above, were twenty-two thousand.

Levites Dedicated Instead of the Firstborn

40 Then the LORD said to Moses: ^a"Number¹ all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and above, and take the number of their names.

41 ^a"And you shall take the Levites for Me—I *am* the LORD—instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the livestock of the children of Israel."

42 So Moses numbered all the first-born among the children of Israel, as the LORD commanded him.

43 And all the firstborn males, according to the number of names from a month old and above, of those who were numbered of them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three.

44 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

45 ^a"Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock. The Levites shall be Mine: I *am* the LORD.

46 ^a"And for ^bthe redemption of the two hundred and seventy-three of the firstborn of the children of Israel, ^cwho are more than the number of the Levites,

47 "you shall take ^afive shekels for each one ^bindividually; you shall take ^cthem in the currency of the shekel of the sanctuary, ^dthe shekel of twenty gerahs.

48 "And you shall give the money, with which the excess number of them is redeemed, to Aaron and his sons."

49 So Moses took the redemption money from those who were over and above those who were re-deemed by the Levites.

50 From the firstborn of the chil-dren of Israel he took the money, ^aone thousand three hundred and sixty-five *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

51 And Moses ^agave their redemp-tion money to Aaron and his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Duties of the Sons of Kohath

4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

2 ^a"Take a census of the sons of ^bKohath from among the children of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' house,

3 ^a"from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the tabernacle of meeting.

4 ^a"This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of meeting, *relating to* ^bthe most holy things:

5 "When the camp prepares to journey, Aaron and his sons shall come, and they shall take down ^cthe covering veil and cover the ^bark of the Testimony with it.

6 "Then they shall put on it a covering of badger skins, and spread over *that* a cloth entirely of ^bblue; and they shall insert ^bits poles.

7 "On the ^atable of showbread they shall spread a blue cloth, and put on it the dishes, the pans, the bowls, and the ^bpitchers for pouring; and the ^bshowbread² shall be on it.

8 "They shall spread over them a scarlet cloth, and cover the same with a covering of badger skins; and they shall insert its poles.

9 "And they shall take a blue cloth and cover the ^alampstand of the light, ^bwith its lamps, its wick-trimmers, its trays, and all its oil vessels, with which they service it.

10 "Then they shall put it with all its utensils in a covering of badger skins, and put *it* on a carrying beam.

11 "Over ^athe golden altar they shall spread a blue cloth, and cover it with a covering of badger skins; and they shall insert its poles.

12 "Then they shall take all the ^autensils of service with which they minister in the sanctuary, put *them* in a blue cloth, cover them with a covering of badger skins, and put *them* on a carrying beam.

13 "Also they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth over it.

14 "They shall put on it all its implements with which they minister there—the firepans, the forks, the shovels, the ^bbasins, and all the utensils of the altar—and they shall spread on it a covering of badger skins, and insert its poles.

15 "And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is set to go, then ^athe sons of Kohath shall come to carry *them*; ^bbut they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. ^cThese *are* the things in the tabernacle of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

16 "The appointed duty of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is ^athe oil for the light, the ^bsweet incense, the daily grain offering, the ^aanointing oil, the oversight of all the tabernacle, of all that is in it, with the sanctuary and its furnishings."

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

18 "Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites;

19 "but do this in regard to them,

4 ^aNum. 4:15
^bNum. 4:19

5 ^aEx. 26:31;
Heb. 9:3 ^bEx.
25:10, 16

6 ^aEx. 39:1
^bEx. 25:13;
1 Kin. 8:7, 8

7 ^aEx. 25:23,
29, 30 ^bLev.
24:5-9 ¹jars
for the drink
offering ²Lit.
continual
bread

9 ^aEx. 25:31
^bEx. 25:37, 38

11 ^aEx. 30:1-5

12 ^aEx. 25:9;
1 Chr. 9:29

14 ¹bowls

15 ^aNum. 7:9;
10:21; Deut.
31:9; Josh.
4:10; 2 Sam.
6:13; 1 Chr.
15:2, 15
^b2 Sam. 6:6, 7;
1 Chr. 13:9, 10
^cNum. 3:31

16 ^aEx. 25:6;
Lev. 24:2 ^bEx.
30:34 ^cEx.
29:38 ^dEx.
30:23-25

19 ^aNum. 4:4
¹assign

20 ^aEx. 19:21;
1 Sam. 6:19

22 ^aNum. 3:22

23 ^aNum. 4:3;
1 Chr. 23:3,
24, 27

24 ^aNum. 7:7

25 ^aNum. 3:25,
26 ^bEx. 36:8
^cEx. 26:14

27 ¹command
²assign

28 ^aNum. 4:33
¹Lit. hand

29 ^aNum.
3:33-37

30 ^aNum. 4:3;
8:24-26

31 ^aNum. 3:36,
37 ^bNum. 7:8
^cEx. 26:15

32 ^aEx. 25:9;
38:21

33 ¹Lit. hand

that they may live and not die when they approach ^athe most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in and ¹appoint each of them to his service and his task.

20 ^a"But they shall not go in to watch while the holy things are being covered, lest they die."

Duties of the Sons of Gershon

21 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

22 "Also take a census of the sons of ^aGershon, by their fathers' house, by their families.

23 ^a"From thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, you shall number them, all who enter to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of meeting.

24 "This is the ^aservice of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and carrying:

25 ^a"They shall carry the ^bcurtains of the tabernacle and the tabernacle of meeting *with* its covering, the covering of ^bbadger skins that is on it, the screen for the door of the tabernacle of meeting,

26 "the screen for the door of the gate of the court, the hangings of the court which *are* around the tabernacle and altar, and their cords, all the furnishings for their service and all that is made for these things: so shall they serve.

27 "Aaron and his sons shall ¹assign all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, all their tasks and all their service. And you shall ²appoint to them all their tasks as their duty.

28 "This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of meeting. And their duties *shall be* ^aunder the ¹authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

Duties of the Sons of Merari

29 "As for the sons of ^aMerari, you shall number them by their families and by their fathers' house.

30 ^a"From thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

31 "And ^athis is ^bwhat they must carry as all their service for the tabernacle of meeting: ^athe boards of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets,

32 "and the pillars around the court with their sockets, pegs, and cords, with all their furnishings and all their service; and you shall ^aassign to *each man* by name the items he must carry.

33 "This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Merari, as all their service for the tabernacle of meeting, under the ¹authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest."

Census of the Levites

34 ^aAnd Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families and by their fathers' house,

35 from thirty ^ayears old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tabernacle of meeting;

36 ^aand those who were numbered by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These *were* the ones who were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all who might serve in the tabernacle of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

38 And those who were numbered of the sons of Gershon, by their families and by their fathers' house,

39 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tabernacle of meeting—

40 those who were numbered by their families, by their fathers' house, were two thousand six hundred and thirty.

41 ^aThese *are* the ones who were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all who might serve in the tabernacle of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

42 Those of the families of the sons of Merari who were numbered, by their families, by their fathers' house,

43 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tabernacle of meeting—

44 those who were numbered by their families were three thousand two hundred.

45 These *are* the ones who were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered ^aaccording to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

46 All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families and by their fathers' houses,

47 ^afrom thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who came to do the work of service and the work of bearing burdens in the tabernacle of meeting—

48 those who were numbered were eight thousand five hundred and eighty.

49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, ^aeach according to his service and according to his task; thus were they numbered by

34 ^aNum. 4:2

35 ^aNum. 4:47

41 ^aNum. 4:22

42 ¹household

45 ^aNum. 4:29

46 ^aNum. 3:39;
26:57–62;
1 Chr. 23:3–23

47 ^aNum. 4:3,
23, 30

49 ^aNum. 4:15,
24, 31 ^bNum.
4:1, 21

CHAPTER 5

2 ^aLev. 13:3, 8,
46; Num.
12:10, 14, 15
^bLev. 15:2
^cLev. 21:1;
Num. 9:6, 10;
19:11, 13;
31:19 ¹by con-
tact with

3 ^aLev. 26:11,
12; Num.
35:34; [2 Cor.
6:16]

6 ^aLev.
5:14–6:7

7 ^aLev. 5:5;
26:40, 41;
Josh. 7:19; Ps.
32:5; 1 John
1:9 ^bLev. 6:4, 5

8 ^aLev. 5:15;
6:6, 7; 7:7
¹redeemer,
Heb. *goel*

9 ^aEx. 29:28;
Lev. 6:17, 18,
26; 7:6–14
^bLev. 7:32–34;
10:14, 15
¹heave offer-
ing

10 ^aLev. 10:13
¹consecrated

13 ^aLev. 18:20;
20:10 ^bJohn
8:4

14 ^aProv. 6:34;
Song 8:6

15 ^aLev. 5:11

him, ^bas the LORD commanded Moses.

Ceremonially Unclean Persons Isolated

5 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 “Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every ^aleper, everyone who has a ^bdischarge, and whoever becomes ^cdefiled ¹by a corpse.

3 “You shall put out both male and female; you shall put them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camps ^ain the midst of which I dwell.”

4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did.

Confession and Restitution

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6 “Speak to the children of Israel: ^a“When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in unfaithfulness against the LORD, and that person is guilty,

7 ^a“then he shall confess the sin which he has committed. He shall make restitution for his trespass ^bin full, plus one-fifth of it, and give it to the one he has wronged.

8 “But if the man has no ¹relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution for the wrong *must go* to the LORD for the priest, in addition to ^athe ram of the atonement with which atonement is made for him.

9 “Every ^aoffering¹ of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring to the priest, shall be ^bhis. 10 “And every man’s ¹holy things shall be his; whatever any man gives the priest shall be ^ahis.”

Concerning Unfaithful Wives

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘If any man’s wife goes astray and behaves unfaithfully toward him,

13 ^aand a man ^alies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and it is concealed that she has defiled herself, and *there was* no witness against her, nor was she ^bcaught—

14 ‘if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes ^ajealous of his wife, who has defiled herself; or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, although she has not defiled herself—

15 ‘then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. He shall ^abring the offering required for her, one-tenth of

an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it and put no frankincense on it, because it is a grain offering of jealousy, an offering for remembering, for ^bbringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 'And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD.

17 'The priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel, and take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water. 18 'Then the priest shall stand the woman before the ^aLORD, uncover the woman's head, and put the offering for remembering in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy. And the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that brings a curse.

19 'And the priest shall put her under oath, and say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone astray to uncleanness *while* under your husband's *authority*, be free from this bitter water that brings a curse.

20 "But if you have gone astray *while* under your husband's *authority*, and if you have defiled yourself and some man other than your husband has lain with you"—

21 'then the priest shall ^aput the woman under the oath of the curse, and he shall say to the woman—^b"the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD makes your thigh ¹rot and your belly swell;

22 "and may this water that causes the curse ^ago into your stomach, and make your belly swell and your thigh rot." ^bThen the woman shall say, "Amen, so be it."

23 'Then the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall scrape *them* off into the bitter water.

24 'And he shall make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and the water that brings the curse shall enter her *to become bitter*.

25 ^a"Then the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, shall ^bwave the offering before the LORD, and bring it to the altar;

26 'and the priest shall take a handful of the offering, ^aas its memorial portion, burn it on the altar, and afterward make the woman drink the water.

27 'When he has made her drink the water, then it shall be, if she has defiled herself and behaved unfaithfully toward her husband, that the water that brings a ^acurse will enter her and *become bitter*, and her belly will swell, her thigh will rot, and the woman ^bwill become a curse among her people.

28 'But if the woman has not defiled herself, and is clean, then she shall

15 ^{b1} Kin. 17:18; Ezek. 29:16; Heb. 10:3

18 ^aHeb. 13:4

21 ^aJosh. 6:26; 1 Sam. 14:24; Neh. 10:29
^bJer. 29:22
¹Lit. *fall away*

22 ^aPs. 109:18
^bDeut. 27:15–26

25 ^aLev. 8:27
^bLev. 2:2, 9

26 ^aLev. 2:2, 9

27 ^aDeut. 28:37; Is. 65:15; Jer. 24:9; 29:18, 22; 42:18;
^bNum. 5:21

29 ^aNum. 5:19

31 ^aLev. 20:17, 19, 20 ¹*guilt*
²*iniquity*

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2 ^aLev. 27:2; Judg. 13:5; [Lam. 4:7; Amos 2:11, 12]; Acts 21:23; Rom. 1:1 ¹*Or makes a difficult vow*

3 ^aLev. 10:9; Amos 2:12; Luke 1:15

4 ¹Separation as a Nazirite

5 ^aJudg. 13:5; 16:17; 1 Sam. 1:11

6 ^aLev. 21:1–3, 11; Num. 19:11–22

7 ^aLev. 21:1, 2, 11; Num. 9:6
¹By touching a dead body

8 ^a[2 Cor. 6:17, 18]

9 ^aLev. 14:8, 9; Acts 18:18; 21:24

10 ^aLev. 5:7; 14:22; 15:14, 29

12 ^aLev. 5:6
¹void

be free and may conceive children.

29 'This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, *while* under her husband's *authority*, ^agoes astray and defiles herself,

30 'or when the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, and he becomes jealous of his wife; then he shall stand the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute all this law upon her.

31 'Then the man shall be free from ¹iniquity, but that woman ^a'shall bear her ²guilt.' "

The Law of the Nazirite

6 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When either a man or woman ¹consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, ^ato separate himself to the LORD,

3 ^a"he shall separate himself from wine and *similar* drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from *similar* drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins.

4 'All the days of his ¹separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, from seed to skin.

5 'All the days of the vow of his separation no ^arazor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. *Then* he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

6 'All the days that he separates himself to the LORD ^ahe shall not go near a dead body.

7 ^a"He shall not ¹make himself unclean even for his father or his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is on his head.

8 ^a"All the days of his separation he shall be holy to the LORD.

9 'And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall ^ashave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it.

10 'Then ^aon the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting;

11 'and the priest shall offer one as a sin offering and *the other* as a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned in regard to the corpse; and he shall sanctify his head that same day.

12 'He shall consecrate to the LORD the days of his separation, and bring a male lamb in its first year ^aas a trespass offering; but the former days shall be ¹lost, because his separation was defiled.

13 'Now this is the law of the Nazi-

rite: "When the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

14 "And he shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb in its first year without blemish as a burnt offering, one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish as a sin offering, one ram without blemish as a peace offering,

15 "a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their grain offering with their drink offerings.

16 "Then the priest shall bring them before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering;

17 "and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest shall also offer its grain offering and its drink offering.

18 "Then the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering.

19 "And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, one unleavened cake from the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and put them upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his consecrated hair,

20 "and the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD; they are holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering. After that the Nazirite may drink wine."

21 "This is the law of the Nazirite who vows to the LORD the offering for his separation, and besides that, whatever else his hand is able to provide; according to the vow which he takes, so he must do according to the law of his separation."

The Priestly Blessing

22 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 The LORD make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

26 "The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

27 "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

13 ^aActs 21:26

14 ^aLev. 4:2, 27, 32 ^bLev. 3:6

15 ^aLev. 2:4 ^bEx. 29:2 ^cNum. 15:5, 7, 10

18 ^aNum. 6:9; Acts 21:23, 24

19 ^a1 Sam. 2:15 ^bEx. 29:23, 24 ^cLev. 7:30

20 ^aEx. 29:27, 28

24 ^aDeut. 28:3-6 ^bPs. 121:7; John 7:11

25 ^aPs. 31:16; 67:1; 80:3, 7, 19; 119:135; Dan. 9:17 ^bGen. 43:29; Ex. 33:19; Mal. 1:9

26 ^aPs. 4:6; 89:15 ^bLev. 26:6; Is. 26:3, 12; John 14:27; Phil. 4:7 ¹Look upon you with favor

27 ^aDeut. 28:10; 2 Sam. 7:23; 2 Chr. 7:14; Is. 43:7; Dan. 9:18, 19 ^bEx. 20:24; Num. 23:20; Ps. 5:12; 67:7; 115:12, 13; Eph. 1:3 ¹invoke

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1 ^aEx. 40:17-33 ^bLev. 8:10, 11

2 ^aNum. 1:4 ¹Lit. who stood over

7 ^aNum. 4:24-28

8 ^aNum. 4:29-33 ¹Lit. hand

9 ^aNum. 4:15 ^bNum. 4:6-14

10 ^aNum. 7:1; Deut. 20:5; 1 Kin. 8:63; 2 Chr. 7:5, 9; Ezra 6:16; Neh. 12:27

12 ^aNum. 2:3

13 ^aEx. 30:13 ^bLev. 2:1

14 ^aEx. 30:34, 35

15 ^aLev. 1:2 ^bEx. 12:5

16 ^aLev. 4:23

17 ^aLev. 3:1

Offerings of the Leaders

7 Now it came to pass, when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, that he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings, and the altar and all its utensils; so he anointed them and consecrated them.

2 Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, who were the leaders of the tribes and over those who were numbered, made an offering.

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders, and for each one an ox; and they presented them before the tabernacle.

4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

5 "Accept these from them, that they may be used in doing the work of the tabernacle of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his service."

6 So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service;

8 and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because theirs was the service of the holy things, which they carried on their shoulders.

10 Now the leaders offered the dedication offering for the altar when it was anointed; so the leaders offered their offering before the altar.

11 For the LORD said to Moses, "They shall offer their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

12 And the one who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah.

13 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense;

15 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

16 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering.

19 For his offering he offered one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

20 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

21 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

22 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

23 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

24 On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the children of Zebulun, presented an offering.

25 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

26 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

27 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

28 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day ^aEliuzur the son of Shedeur, leader of the children of Reuben, presented an offering.

31 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

32 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

33 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

34 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

35 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Eliuzur the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day ^aShelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of Simeon, presented an offering.

37 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one

³⁰ ^aNum. 1:5; 2:10

³⁶ ^aNum. 1:6; 2:12; 7:41

⁴² ^aNum. 1:14; 2:14; 10:20
¹Reuel, Num. 2:14

⁴⁵ ^aPs. 40:6

⁴⁸ ^aNum. 1:10; 2:18; 1 Chr. 7:26

⁵⁴ ^aNum. 1:10; 2:20

hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

38 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

39 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

40 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

41 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day ^aEliasaph the son of ¹Deuel, leader of the children of Gad, presented an offering.

43 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

44 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

45 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as ^aa burnt offering;

46 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

47 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day ^aElishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the children of Ephraim, presented an offering.

49 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

50 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

51 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

52 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

53 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day ^aGamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the children of Manasseh, presented an offering.

55 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

56 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

57 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

58 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

59 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day ^aAbidan the son of Gideon, leader of the children of Benjamin, *presented an offering*.

61 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

62 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

63 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

64 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

65 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideon.

66 On the tenth day ^aAhiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the children of Dan, *presented an offering*.

67 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

68 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

69 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

70 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

71 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day ^aPagieli the son of Ocran, leader of the children of Asher, *presented an offering*.

73 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

74 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

75 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

60 ^aNum. 1:11; 2:22

66 ^aNum. 1:12; 2:25

72 ^aNum. 1:13; 2:27

78 ^aNum. 1:15; 2:29

84 ^aNum. 7:10

88 ^aNum. 7:1, 10

89 ^a[Ex. 33:9, 11]; Num. 12:8
^bEx. 25:21, 22
^cPs. 80:1; 99:1

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76 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

77 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Pagieli the son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day ^aAhira the son of Enan, leader of the children of Naphtali, *presented an offering*.

79 His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, and one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

80 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

81 one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

82 one kid of the goats as a sin offering;

83 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This was ^athe dedication offering for the altar from the leaders of Israel, when it was anointed: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold pans.

85 Each silver platter weighed one hundred and thirty *shekels* and each bowl seventy *shekels*. All the silver of the vessels weighed two thousand four hundred *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

86 The twelve gold pans full of incense weighed ten *shekels* apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the pans weighed one hundred and twenty *shekels*.

87 All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve young bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs in their first year twelve, with their grain offering, and the kids of the goats as a sin offering twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and the lambs in their first year sixty. This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was ^aanointed.

89 Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting ^ato speak with Him, he heard ^bthe voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from ^cbetween the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.

Arrangement of the Lamps

8 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 ^a"Speak to Aaron, and say to him, ^b"When you ^aarrange the lamps, the

2 ^aLev. 24:2-4

seven ¹lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.²

3 And Aaron did so; he arranged the lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 ^aNow this workmanship of the lampstand was hammered gold; from its shaft to its flowers it was ^bhammered work. ^cAccording to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.

Cleansing and Dedication of the Levites

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

6 "Take the Levites from among the children of Israel and cleanse them *ceremonially*.

7 "Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle ^awater of purification on them, and ^blet¹ them shave all their body, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.

8 "Then let them take a young bull with ^aits grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another young bull as a sin offering.

9 ^a"And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting, ^band you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israel.

10 "So you shall bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel ^ashall lay their hands on the Levites;

11 "and Aaron shall ¹offer the Levites before the LORD *like* a ^awave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the LORD.

12 ^a"Then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls, and you shall offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.

13 "And you shall stand the Levites before Aaron and his sons, and then offer them *like* a wave offering to the LORD.

14 "Thus you shall ^aseparate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be ^bMine.

15 "After that the Levites shall go in to service the tabernacle of meeting. So you shall cleanse them and ^aoffer them, *like* a wave offering.

16 "For they are ^awholly given to Me from among the children of Israel; I have taken them for Myself ^binstead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the children of Israel.

17 ^a"For all the firstborn among the children of Israel are Mine, *both* man and beast; on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I ¹sanctified them to Myself.

² ^bEx. 25:37; 40:25

⁴ ^aEx. 25:31
^bEx. 25:18
^cEx. 25:40;
Acts 7:44

⁷ ^aNum. 19:9, 13, 17, 20; Ps. 51:2, 7; [Heb. 9:13, 14] ^bLev. 14:8, 9 ¹Heb. *let them cause a razor to pass over*

⁸ ^aLev. 2:1; Num. 15:8–10

⁹ ^aEx. 29:4; 40:12 ^bLev. 8:3

¹⁰ ^aLev. 1:4

¹¹ ^aNum. 18:6
¹present

¹² ^aEx. 29:10

¹⁴ ^aNum. 16:9
^bNum. 3:12, 45; 16:9

¹⁵ ^aNum. 8:11, 13

¹⁶ ^aNum. 3:9
^bEx. 13:2; Num. 3:12, 45

¹⁷ ^aEx. 12:2, 12, 13, 15; Num. 3:13; Luke 2:23 ¹set them apart

¹⁹ ^aNum. 3:9
^bNum. 1:53; 16:46; 18:5; 2 Chr. 26:16

²¹ ^aNum. 8:7

²² ^aNum. 8:15
^bNum. 8:5

²⁴ ^aNum. 4:3; 1 Chr. 23:3, 24, 27

²⁶ ^aNum. 1:53

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² ^aEx. 12:1–16; Lev. 23:5; Num. 28:16; Deut. 16:1, 2
^b2 Chr. 30:1–15; Luke 22:7; 1 Cor. 5:7, 8]

³ ¹Lit. *between the evenings*
²observe
³statutes

⁵ ^aJosh. 5:10

⁶ ^aNum. 5:2; 19:11–22; John 18:28

18 "I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

19 "And ^aI have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the work for the children of Israel in the tabernacle of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel, ^bthat there be no plague among the children of Israel when the children of Israel come near the sanctuary."

20 Thus Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel did to the Levites; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the children of Israel did to them.

21 ^aAnd the Levites purified themselves and washed their clothes; then Aaron presented them, *like* a wave offering before the LORD, and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 ^aAfter that the Levites went in to do their work in the tabernacle of meeting before Aaron and his sons; ^bas the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "This is what *pertains* to the Levites: ^aFrom twenty-five years old and above one may enter to perform service in the work of the tabernacle of meeting;

25 "and at the age of fifty years they must cease performing this work, and shall work no more.

26 "They may minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of meeting, ^ato attend to needs, but they *themselves* shall do no work. Thus you shall do to the Levites regarding their duties."

The Second Passover

9 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying:

2 "Let the children of Israel keep ^athe Passover at its appointed ^btime.

3 "On the fourteenth day of this month, ^aat twilight, you shall ²keep it at its appointed time. According to all its ³rites and ceremonies you shall keep it."

4 So Moses told the children of Israel that they should keep the Passover.

5 And ^athey kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, at twilight, in the Wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did.

6 Now there were *certain* men who were ^adefiled by a human corpse, so that they could not keep

the Passover on that day; ^band they came before Moses and Aaron that day.

7 And those men said to him, "We became defiled by a human corpse. Why are we kept from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the children of Israel?"

8 And Moses said to them, "Stand still, that I may hear what the LORD will command concerning you."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If anyone of you or your ¹posterity is unclean because of a corpse, or is far away on a journey, he may still keep the LORD's Passover.

11 'On ^athe fourteenth day of the second month, at twilight, they may keep it. They shall ^beat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 ^a"They shall leave none of it until morning, ^bnor break one of its bones. ^cAccording to all the ¹ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.

13 'But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and ceases to keep the Passover, that same person ^ashall be cut off from among his people, because he ^bdid not bring the offering of the LORD at its appointed time; that man shall ^cbear his sin.

14 'And if a stranger ¹dwells among you, and would keep the LORD's Passover, he must do so according to the rite of the Passover and according to its ceremony; ^ayou shall have one ²ordinance, both for the stranger and the native of the land.'

The Cloud and the Fire

15 Now ^aon the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud ^bcovered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; ^cfrom evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire.

16 So it was always: the cloud covered it ^{by day}, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 Whenever the cloud ^awas ¹taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents.

18 At the ¹command of the LORD the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; ^aas long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped.

19 Even when the cloud continued long, many days above the tabernacle, the children of Israel ^akept the charge of the LORD and did not journey.

20 So it was, when the cloud was above the tabernacle a few days: according to the command of the LORD they would remain encamped,

⁶ ^bEx. 18:15, 19, 26; Num. 27:2

⁸ ^aEx. 18:22; Num. 27:5

¹⁰ ¹descendants

¹¹ ^{a2} Chr. 30:2, 15 ^bEx. 12:8

¹² ^aEx. 12:10 ^bEx. 12:46; [John 19:36] ^cEx. 12:43 ¹statutes

¹³ ^aGen. 17:14; Ex. 12:15, 47 ^bNum. 9:7 ^cNum. 5:31

¹⁴ ^aEx. 12:49; Lev. 24:22; Num. 15:15, 16, 29 ¹As a resident alien ²statute

¹⁵ ^aEx. 40:33, 34; Neh. 9:12, 19; Ps. 78:14 ^bIs. 4:5 ^cEx. 13:21, 22; 40:38

¹⁷ ^aEx. 40:36-38; Num. 10:11, 12, 33, 34; Ps. 80:1 ¹lifted up

¹⁸ ^{a1} Cor. 10:1 ¹Lit. mouth

¹⁹ ^aNum. 1:53; 3:8

²² ^aEx. 40:36, 37

²³ ^aNum. 9:19

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² ^aIs. 1:13

³ ^aJer. 4:5; Joel 2:15

⁴ ^aEx. 18:21; Num. 1:16; 7:2

⁵ ^aJoel 2:1 ^bNum. 2:3

⁶ ^aNum. 2:10

⁷ ^aNum. 10:3 ^bJoel 2:1

⁸ ^aNum. 31:6; Josh. 6:4; 1 Chr. 15:24; 2 Chr. 13:12 ¹statute

⁹ ^aNum. 31:6; Josh. 6:5; 2 Chr. 13:14 ^bJudg. 2:18; 4:3; 6:9; 10:8; 12 ^cGen. 8:1; Ps. 106:4

¹⁰ ^aLev. 23:24; Num. 29:1; 1 Chr. 15:24; 2 Chr. 5:12; Ps. 81:3 ^bLev. 23:24; Num. 10:9

and according to the command of the LORD they would journey.

21 So it was, when the cloud remained only from evening until morning: when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey; whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey.

22 *Whether it was two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel ^awould remain encamped and not journey; but when it was taken up, they would journey.*

23 At the command of the LORD they remained encamped, and at the command of the LORD they journeyed; they ^akept the charge of the LORD, at the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

Two Silver Trumpets

10 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for ^acalling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

3 "When ^athey blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

4 "But if they blow *only one*, then the leaders, the ^aheads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you.

5 "When you sound the ^aadvance, ^bthe camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey.

6 "When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie ^aon the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys.

7 "And when the assembly is to be gathered together, ^ayou shall blow, but not ^bsound the advance.

8 ^a"The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as ¹ordinance forever throughout your generations.

9 ^a"When you go to war in your land against the enemy who ^boppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be ^aremembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

10 "Also ^ain the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be ^aa memorial for you before your God: *I am the LORD your God.*"

Departure from Sinai

11 Now it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the

second year, that the cloud ^awas taken up from above the tabernacle of the Testimony.

12 And the children of Israel set out from the ^aWilderness of Sinai on ^btheir journeys; then the cloud settled down in the ^cWilderness of Paran.

13 So they started out for the first time ^aaccording to the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 The ¹standard of the camp of the children of Judah ^aset out first according to their armies; over their army was ^bNahshon the son of Amminadab.

15 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

17 Then ^athe tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set out, ^bcarrying the tabernacle.

18 And ^athe standard of the camp of Reuben set out according to their armies; over their army was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the ^aholy things. (The tabernacle would be ¹prepared for their arrival.)

22 And ^athe standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to their armies; over their army was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideon.

25 Then ^athe standard of the camp of the children of Dan (the rear guard of all the camps) set out according to their armies; over their army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 Over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the army of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.

28 ^aThus was the order of march of the children of Israel, according to their armies, when they began their journey.

29 Now Moses said to ^aHobab the son of ^bReuel¹ the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and ^awe will treat you well; for ^athe

11 ^aNum. 9:17

12 ^aEx. 19:1; Num. 1:1; 9:5

^bEx. 40:36
^cGen. 21:21; Num. 12:16; Deut. 1:1

13 ^aNum. 10:5, 6

14 ^aNum. 2:3-9
^bNum. 1:7
¹*banner*

17 ^aNum. 1:51
^bNum. 4:21-32; 7:7-9

18 ^aNum. 2:10-16

21 ^aNum. 4:4-20; 7:9
¹Prepared by the Gershonites and the Merarites

22 ^aNum. 2:18-24

25 ^aNum. 2:25-31; Josh. 6:9

28 ^aNum. 2:34

29 ^aJudg. 4:11
^bEx. 2:18; 3:1; 18:12 ^cGen. 12:7; Ex. 6:4-8

^cJudg. 1:16
^cGen. 32:12; Ex. 3:8
¹*Jethro, Ex. 3:1; LXX Raguel*

31 ^aJob 29:15
¹Act as our guide

32 ^aEx. 18:9; Lev. 19:34; Judg. 1:16

33 ^aEx. 3:1; Deut. 1:6
^bDeut. 1:33; Josh. 3:3-6; Ezek. 20:6

34 ^aEx. 13:21; Neh. 9:12, 19

35 ^aPs. 68:1, 2; 132:8; Is. 17:12-14

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1 ^aNum. 14:2; 16:11; 17:5; Deut. 9:22
^bPs. 78:21
^cLev. 10:2; 2 Kin. 1:12

2 ^aNum. 12:11, 13; 21:7
^b[James 5:16]

¹*extinguished*

3 ¹*Lit. Burning*

4 ^aEx. 12:38
^b1 Cor. 10:6

[Ps. 78:18]
¹*Lit. lusted intensely*

5 ^aEx. 16:3

6 ^aNum. 21:5

7 ^aEx. 16:14, 31

8 ^aEx. 16:31

9 ^aEx. 16:13, 14

LORD has promised good things to Israel."

30 And he said to him, "I will not go, but I will depart to my ^aown land and to my relatives."

31 So Moses said, "Please do not leave, inasmuch as you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you can ^bbe our ^ceyes.

32 "And it shall be, if you go with us—indeed it shall be—that ^awhatever good the LORD will do to us, the same we will do to you."

33 So they departed from ^athe mountain of the LORD on a journey of three days; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD ^bwent before them for the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

34 And ^athe cloud of the LORD was above them by day when they went out from the camp.

35 So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said:

^a"Rise up, O LORD!
Let Your enemies be scattered,
And let those who hate You flee before You."

36 And when it rested, he said:

^a"Return, O LORD,
To the many thousands of Israel."

The People Complain

11 Now ^awhen the people complained, it displeased the LORD; ^bfor the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the ^cfire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed ^asome in the outskirts of the camp.

2 Then the people ^acried out to Moses, and when Moses ^bprayed to the LORD, the fire was ¹quenched.

3 So he called the name of the place ¹Taberah, because the fire of the LORD had burned among them.

4 Now the ^amixed multitude who were among them ¹yielded to ^bintense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: ^a"Who will give us meat to eat?"

5 ^a"We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;

6 "but now ^aour whole being is dried up; ^athere is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"

7 Now ^athe manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium.

8 The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and ^aits taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil.

9 And ^awhen the dew fell on the

camp in the night, the manna fell on it.

10 Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased.

11 "So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the 'burden of all these people on me?"

12 "Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a 'guardian carries a nursing child,' to the land which You 'swore' to their fathers?"

13 "Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'

14 "I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me.

15 "If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and 'do not let me see my wretchedness!'"

The Seventy Elders

16 So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me 'seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and 'officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

17 "Then I will come down and talk with you there. 'I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.

18 "Then you shall say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept 'in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat.

19 'You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

20 "but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have 'despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?"'

21 And Moses said, "The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand men on foot; yet You have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month.'

22 "Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the

10 ^aPs. 78:21

11 ^aEx. 5:22; Deut. 1:12
¹responsibility

12 ^aIs. 40:11
^bIs. 49:23; 1 Thess. 2:7
^cGen. 26:3
¹solemnly promised

13 ^aMatt. 15:33; Mark 8:4

14 ^aEx. 18:18; Deut. 1:12

15 ^aRev. 3:17

16 ^aEx. 18:25; 24:1, 9 ^bDeut. 16:18

17 ^a1 Sam. 10:6; 2 Kin. 2:15; [Joel 2:28]

18 ^aEx. 16:7
¹Set yourselves apart

20 ^aPs. 78:29; 106:15
^b1 Sam. 10:19
^cNum. 21:5

21 ^aGen. 12:2; Ex. 12:37; Num. 1:46; 2:32

22 ^a2 Kin. 7:2

23 ^aIs. 50:2; 59:1 ^bNum. 23:19 ¹Is the LORD's power limited?

24 ^aNum. 11:16

25 ^a2 Kin. 2:15
^b1 Sam. 10:5; 6, 10; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17, 18; 1 Cor. 14:1
¹Tg., Vg. and they did not cease

26 ^aJer. 36:5

28 ^a[Mark 9:38–40; Luke 9:49]

29 ^a1 Cor. 14:5
¹jealous

31 ^aEx. 16:13; Ps. 78:26–28; 105:40

32 ^aEx. 16:36; Ezek. 45:11

33 ^aPs. 78:29–31; 106:15

34 ¹Lit. Graves of Craving

35 ^aNum. 33:17

fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?"

23 And the LORD said to Moses, "Has¹ the LORD's arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether ^bwhat I say will happen to you or not."

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle.

25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that ^bthey prophesied, ¹although they never did so again.

26 But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.

27 And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

28 So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, 'forbid them!'"

29 Then Moses said to him, "Are you ¹zealous for my sake? 'Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!'"

30 And Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

The LORD Sends Quail

31 Now a 'wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground.

32 And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten 'homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

33 But while the 'meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

34 So he called the name of that place 'Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving.

35 'From Kibroth Hattaavah the people moved to Hazereth, and camped at Hazereth.

Dissension of Aaron and Miriam

12 Then ^aMiriam and Aaron ¹spoke ^bagainst Moses because of the ²Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for ^che had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 So they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through ^aMoses? ^bHas He not spoken through us also?" And the LORD ^cheard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)

4 ^aSuddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So the three came out.

5 ^aThen the LORD came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward.

6 Then He said,

"Hear now My words:

If there is a prophet among you,

I, the LORD, make Myself known to him ^ain a vision;

I speak to him ^bin a dream.

7 Not so with ^aMy servant Moses;

^bHe is faithful in all ^cMy house.

8 I speak with him ^aface to face, Even ^bplainly,¹ and not in ²dark sayings;

And he sees ^athe form of the LORD.

Why then ^awere you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

9 So the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed.

10 And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, ^asuddenly Miriam ^bbecame ^cleprous, as ^dwhite as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper.

11 So Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord! Please ^ado not lay ¹this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned.

12 "Please ^ado not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!"

13 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please ^aheal her, O God, I pray!"

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but ^aspit in her face, would she not be shamed seven days? Let her be ^bshut¹ out of the camp seven days, and afterward she may be received ^{again}."

15 ^aSo Miriam was shut out of the camp seven days, and the people did

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¹ ^aNum. 20:1

^bNum. 11:1

^cEx. 2:21

¹ ^acriticized

² ^aCushite

² ^aNum. 16:3

^bMic. 6:4

^cEzek. 35:12,

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⁴ ^a[Ps. 76:9]

⁵ ^aEx. 19:9;

34:5

⁶ ^aGen. 46:2

^bGen. 31:10

⁷ ^aJosh. 1:1

^bHeb. 3:2, 5

^c1 Tim. 1:12

⁸ ^aDeut. 34:10

^b[1 Cor. 13:12]

^cEx. 33:19-23

^d2 Pet. 2:10

¹ ^aappearing

² ^ariddles

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 24:9

^b2 Kin. 5:27;

15:5

¹¹ ^a2 Sam.

19:19; 24:10

¹ ^athe penalty

for this

¹² ^aPs. 88:4

¹³ ^aPs. 103:3

¹⁴ ^aDeut. 25:9

^bLev. 13:46

¹ ^aexiled

¹⁵ ^aDeut. 24:9

¹⁶ ^aNum.

11:35; 33:17,

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² ^aDeut. 1:22;

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³ ^aNum. 12:16;

32:8

⁶ ^aNum. 34:19

^bJosh. 14:6, 7

⁸ ^aLXX, Vg.

^aOshea

¹⁶ ^aEx. 17:9

¹ ^asecretly

search ²LXX,

Vg. ^aOshea

¹⁷ ^aJudg. 1:9

²⁰ ^aDeut. 31:6,

7, 23 ¹fertile

or barren

²¹ ^aNum. 20:1;

27:14; 33:36

^bJosh. 19:28

^cJosh. 13:5

²² ^aJosh.

15:13, 14

not journey till Miriam was brought in ^{again}.

16 And afterward the people moved from ^aHazereth and camped in the Wilderness of Paran.

Spies Sent into Canaan

13 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 ^a"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them."

3 So Moses sent them ^afrom the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel.

4 Now these were their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

5 from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

6 ^afrom the tribe of Judah, ^bCaleb the son of Jephunneh;

7 from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;

8 from the tribe of Ephraim, ¹Hoshea the son of Nun;

9 from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

10 from the tribe of Zebulun, Gad-diel the son of Sodi;

11 from the tribe of Joseph, ^{that is}, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi;

12 from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;

13 from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

14 from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

15 from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to ¹spy out the land. And Moses called ^aHoshea² the son of Nun, Joshua.

17 Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to ^athe mountains, **18** "and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; **19** "whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; **20** "whether the land is ¹rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. ^aBe of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.

21 So they went up and spied out the land ^afrom the Wilderness of Zin as far as ^bRehob, near the entrance of ^cHamath.

22 And they went up through the South and came to ^aHebron; Ahi-

man, Sheshai, and Talmi, the descendants of ^bAnak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 ^aThen they came to the ¹Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. *They also brought* some of the pomegranates and figs.

24 The place was called the Valley of ¹Eshcol, because of the cluster which the men of Israel cut down there.

25 And they returned from spying out the land after forty days.

26 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at ^aKadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly ¹flows with ^amilk and honey, ^band this is its fruit.

28 "Nevertheless the ^apeople who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of ^bAnak there.

29 ^a"The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

30 Then ^aCaleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."

31 ^aBut the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we."

32 And they ^agave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone *as* spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and ^aall the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature.

33 "There we saw the ¹giants (^athe descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were ^blike² grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were ^cin their sight."

Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan

14 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people ^awept that night.

2 ^aAnd all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

3 "Why has the LORD brought us to this land to ¹fall by the sword, that our wives and ^achildren should be-

22 ^bJosh. 11:21, 22

23 ^aDeut. 1:24, 25 ¹Wadi

24 ¹Lit. *Cluster*

26 ^aDeut. 1:19

27 ^aEx. 3:8, 17; 13:5; 33:3

^bDeut. 1:25
¹Has an abundance of food

28 ^aDeut. 1:28; 9:1, 2 ^bJosh. 11:21, 22

29 ^aJudg. 6:3

30 ^aNum. 14:6, 24

31 ^aDeut. 1:28; 9:1-3

32 ^aNum. 14:36, 37
^bAmos 2:9

33 ^aDeut. 1:28; 9:2 ^bIs. 40:22
^c1 Sam. 17:42
¹Heb. *nephilim* ²As mere insects

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1 ^aDeut. 1:45

2 ^aEx. 16:2; 17:3

3 ^aDeut. 1:39
¹*be killed in battle*

4 ^aNeh. 9:17
^bActs 7:39

5 ¹*prostrated themselves*

7 ^aNum. 13:27

8 ^aDeut. 10:15
^bNum. 13:27

9 ^aDeut. 1:26; 9:7, 23, 24

^bDeut. 7:18
^cNum. 24:8
^dDeut. 20:1, 3, 4; 31:6-8
¹They shall be as food for our consumption.

10 ^aEx. 17:4
^bEx. 16:10

11 ^aHeb. 3:8
^bDeut. 9:23
¹*despise*
²*miraculous signs*

12 ^aEx. 32:10

13 ^aPs. 106:23
^bEx. 32:12

14 ^aDeut. 2:25

16 ^aDeut. 9:28

18 ^aEx. 34:6, 7
^bEx. 20:5

come victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

4 So they said to one another, ^a"Let us select a leader and ^breturn to Egypt."

5 Then Moses and Aaron ¹fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: ^a"The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land.

8 "If the LORD ^a'delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ^b'a land which flows with milk and honey.'

9 "Only ^a'do not rebel against the LORD, ^b'nor fear the people of the land, for ^c'they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, ^d'and the LORD *is* with us. Do not fear them."

10 ^aAnd all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now ^bthe glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

Moses Intercedes for the People

11 Then the LORD said to Moses: "How long will these people ^a'reject¹ Me? And how long will they not ^b'believe Me, with all the ²signs which I have performed among them?"

12 "I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will ^a'make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

13 And ^aMoses said to the LORD: ^b"Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them,

14 "and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have ^a'heard that You, LORD, *are* among these people; that You, LORD, *are* seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 "Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying,

16 ^a'Because the LORD was not ^b'able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.'

17 "And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying,

18 ^a'The LORD *is* longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears ^bthe guilty, ^c'visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the

children to the third and fourth *generation*.’

19 “Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, ^baccording to the greatness of Your mercy, just ^cas You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.”

20 Then the LORD said: “I have pardoned, ^aaccording to your word;

21 “but truly, as I live, ^aall the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD—

22 ^a“because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now ^bthese ten times, and have not heeded My voice,

23 “they certainly shall not ^asee the land of which I ^sswore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.

24 “But My servant ^aCaleb, because he has a different spirit in him and ^bhas followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

25 “Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn and ^amove out into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea.”

Death Sentence on the Rebels

26 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

27 ^a“How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? ^bI have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me.

28 “Say to them, ^a‘As I live,’ says the LORD, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you:

29 ‘The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, ^aall of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

30 ^a“Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I ^sswore I would make you dwell in.

31 ^a“But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall ¹know the land which ^byou have despised.

32 ^a“But as for you, ²your ¹carcasses shall fall in this wilderness.

33 ^a“And your sons shall ^bbe ¹shepherds in the wilderness ^bforty years, and ^bbear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.

34 ^a“According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, ^bforty days, for each day you shall bear your ¹guilt one year, *namely* forty years, ^cand you shall know My ²rejection.

35 ^a“I the LORD have spoken this. I

19 ^aEx. 32:32; 34:9 ^bPs. 51:1; 106:45 ^cPs. 78:38

20 ^aMic. 7:18–20

21 ^aPs. 72:19

22 ^aDeut. 1:35 ^bGen. 31:7

23 ^aNum. 26:65; 32:11 ¹solemnly promised

24 ^aJosh. 14:6, 8, 9 ^bNum. 32:12

25 ^aDeut. 1:40

27 ^aEx. 16:28 ^bEx. 16:12

28 ^aHeb. 3:16–19

29 ^aNum. 1:45, 46; 26:64

30 ^aDeut. 1:36–38 ¹solemnly promised

31 ^aDeut. 1:39 ^bPs. 106:24 ¹be acquainted with

32 ^aNum. 26:64, 65; 32:13 ¹You shall die.

33 ^aPs. 107:40 ^bDeut. 2:14 ^cEzek. 23:35 ¹Vg. wanderers

34 ^aNum. 13:25 ^bEzek. 4:6 ^c[Heb. 4:1] ¹iniquity ²opposition

35 ^aNum. 23:19 ^b1 Cor. 10:5

37 ^a[1 Cor. 10:10]

38 ^aJosh. 14:6, 10

39 ^aEx. 33:4

40 ^aDeut. 1:41–44

41 ¹overstep

42 ^aDeut. 1:42; 31:17

43 ^a2 Chr. 15:2

44 ^aDeut. 1:43

45 ^aNum. 21:3 CHAPTER 15

2 ^aLev. 23:10

3 ^aLev. 1:2, 3 ^bLev. 7:16; 22:18, 21 ^cLev. 23:2, 8, 12, 38 ^dEx. 29:18 ¹pleasing

4 ^aLev. 2:1; 6:14 ^bEx. 29:40 ^cNum. 28:5

5 ^aNum. 28:7, 14 ^bLev. 1:10; 3:6

6 ^aNum. 28:12, 14

will surely do so to all ^bthis evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.’ ”

36 Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land,

37 those very men who brought the evil report about the land, ^adied by the plague before the LORD.

38 ^aBut Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.

A Futile Invasion Attempt

39 Then Moses told these words to all the children of Israel, ^aand the people mourned greatly.

40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, ^a“Here we are, and we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised, for we have sinned!”

41 And Moses said, ^a“Now why do you ¹transgress the command of the LORD? For this will not succeed.

42 ^a“Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for the LORD is not among you.

43 ^a“For the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and you shall fall by the sword; ^abecause you have turned away from the LORD, the LORD will not be with you.”

44 ^aBut they presumed to go up to the mountaintop. Nevertheless, neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses departed from the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwell in that mountain came down and attacked them, and drove them back as far as ^aHormah.

Laws of Grain and Drink Offerings

15 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 ^a“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving to you,

3 ^aand you ^amake an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice, ^bto fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or ^cin your appointed feasts, to make a ^dsweet ¹aroma to the LORD, from the herd or the flock,

4 ^athen ^ahe who presents his offering to the LORD shall bring ^ba grain offering of one-tenth of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed ^cwith one-fourth of a hin of oil;

5 ^aand one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering you shall prepare with the burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each ^blamb.

6 ^a“Or for a ram you shall prepare

as a grain offering two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil;

7 "and as a drink offering you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a sweet aroma to the LORD.

8 "And when you prepare a young bull as a burnt offering, or as a sacrifice to fulfill a vow, or as a peace offering to the LORD,

9 "then shall be offered with the young bull a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil;

10 "and you shall bring as the drink offering half a hin of wine as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

11 "Thus it shall be done for each young bull, for each ram, or for each lamb or young goat.

12 "According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do with everyone according to their number.

13 "All who are native-born shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

14 "And if a stranger dwells with you, or whoever is among you throughout your generations, and would present an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD, just as you do, so shall he do.

15 "One ordinance shall be for you of the assembly and for the stranger who dwells with you, an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 "One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you."

17 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land to which I bring you,

19 'then it will be, when you eat of the bread of the land, that you shall offer up a heave offering to the LORD.

20 "You shall offer up a cake of the first of your ground meal as a heave offering; as a heave offering of the threshing floor, so shall you offer it up.

21 "Of the first of your ground meal you shall give to the LORD a heave offering throughout your generations.

Laws Concerning Unintentional Sin

22 "If you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses—

23 "all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations—

24 "then it will be, if it is unintentionally committed, without the

8 ^aLev. 7:11

9 ^aNum. 28:12, 14

11 ^aNum. 28

14 ¹As a resident alien

15 ^aEx. 12:49; Num. 9:14; 15:29 ¹statute

18 ^aNum. 15:2; Deut. 26:1

19 ^aJosh. 5:11, 12

20 ^aEx. 34:26; Lev. 23:10, 14, 17; Deut. 26:2, 10; Prov. 3:9, 10 ^bLev. 2:14; 23:10, 16

22 ^aLev. 4:2

24 ^aLev. 4:13 ^bNum. 15:8–10 ^cLev. 4:23 ¹Lit. away from the eyes

25 ^aLev. 4:20; [Heb. 2:17]

27 ^aLev. 4:27–31

28 ^aLev. 4:35

29 ^aNum. 15:15

30 ^aNum. 14:40–44; Deut. 1:43; 17:12; Ps. 19:13; Heb. 10:26 ¹defiantly, lit. with a high hand ²blasphemes ³Put to death

31 ^a2 Sam. 12:9; Prov. 13:13 ¹iniquity

32 ^aEx. 31:14, 15; 35:2, 3

34 ^aLev. 24:12

35 ^aEx. 31:14, 15 ^bLev. 24:14; Deut. 21:21; 1 Kin. 21:13; Acts 7:58

knowledge of the congregation, that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a sin offering.

25 "So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional; they shall bring their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their unintended sin.

26 "It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people did it unintentionally.

27 "And if a person sins unintentionally, then he shall bring a female goat in its first year as a sin offering.

28 "So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally, when he sins unintentionally before the LORD, to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 "You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them.

Law Concerning Presumptuous Sin

30 "But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people.

31 "Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him."

Penalty for Violating the Sabbath

32 Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.

33 And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation.

34 They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him.

35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."

36 So, as the LORD commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died.

Tassels on Garments

37 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell ^athem to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners.

39 "And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and ^aremember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you ^bmay not ^cfollow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined,

40 "and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be ^aholy for your God.

41 "I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God."

Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron

16 Now ^aKorah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with ^bDathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men*; 2 and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, ^arepresentatives of the congregation, men of renown.

3 "They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You ¹take too much upon yourselves, for ^ball the congregation is holy, every one of them, ^cand the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

4 So when Moses heard *it*, he ^afell on his face;

5 and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is ^aHis and ^bwho is ^choly,¹ and will cause *him* to come near to Him. That one whom He chooses He will cause to ^acome near to Him.

6 "Do this: Take censers, Korah and all your company;

7 "put fire in them and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow, and it shall be *that* the man whom the LORD chooses is the holy one. You *take* too much upon yourselves, you sons of Levi!"

8 Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi:

9 "Is *it* ^aa small thing to you that the God of Israel has ^bseparated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to serve them;

10 "and that He has brought you near to *Himself*, you and all your brethren, the sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking the priesthood also?

11 "Therefore you and all your company *are* gathered together

38 ^aDeut. 22:12; Matt. 23:5

39 ^aPs. 103:18
^bDeut. 29:19
^cPs. 73:27;
106:39; James 4:4

40 ^a[Lev. 11:44,
45; Rom. 12:1;
Col. 1:22;
1 Pet. 1:15, 16]

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1 ^aEx. 6:21
^bNum. 26:9;
Deut. 11:6

2 ^aNum. 1:16;
26:9

3 ^aNum. 12:2;
14:2; Ps.
106:16 ^bEx.
19:6 ^cEx.
29:45 ¹assume
too much for

4 ^aNum. 14:5;
20:6

5 ^a[2 Tim.
2:19] ^bLev.
21:6-8, 12
^cEzek. 40:46;
44:15, 16 ¹set
aside for His
use only

9 ^a1 Sam.
18:23; Is. 7:13
^bNum. 3:41,
45; 8:13-16;
Deut. 10:8

11 ^aEx. 16:7, 8

13 ^aEx. 16:3;
Num. 11:4-6
^bEx. 2:14;
Acts 7:27, 35

14 ^aNum.
14:1-4 ^bEx.
3:8; Lev. 20:24

15 ^aGen. 4:4, 5
^b1 Sam. 12:3;
Acts 20:33
¹graciously
regard

16 ^a1 Sam.
12:3, 7

19 ^aEx. 16:7,
10; Lev. 9:6,
23; Num.
14:10

21 ^aGen. 19:17;
Jer. 51:6 ^bEx.
32:10; 33:5

22 ^aNum. 14:5
^bNum. 27:16;
Job 12:10;
Eccl. 12:7;
Heb. 12:9
^cGen.
18:23-32; 20:4
¹prostrated
themselves

26 ^aGen. 19:12,
14, 15, 17

27 ^aEx. 20:5;
Num. 26:11

28 ^aEx. 3:12;
John 5:36
^bNum. 24:13;
John 5:30

against the LORD. ^aAnd what is Aaron that you complain against him?"

12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said, "We will not come up!

13 "Is *it* a small thing that you have brought us up out of ^aa land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you should ^bkeep acting like a prince over us?

14 "Moreover ^ayou have not brought us into ^ba land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!"

15 Then Moses was very angry, and said to the LORD, ^a"Do not ^brespect their offering. ^bI have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them."

16 And Moses said to Korah, "Tomorrow, you and all your company be present ^abefore the LORD—you and they, as well as Aaron.

17 "Let each take his censer and put incense in it, and each of you bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty censers; both you and Aaron, each *with* his censer."

18 So every man took his censer, put fire in it, laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the tabernacle of meeting with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered all the congregation against them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then ^athe glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.

20 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

21 ^a"Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may ^bconsume them in a moment."

22 Then they ^afell¹ on their faces, and said, "O God, ^bthe God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and You be angry with all the ^ccongregation?"

23 So the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.'

25 Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, ^a"Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins."

27 So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and their little ^achildren.

28 And Moses said: ^a"By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for *I* have not done *them* ^bof my own will.

29 "If these men die naturally like all men, or if they are ^avisited by the common fate of all men, *then* the LORD has not sent me.

30 "But if the LORD creates ^aa new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they ^bgo down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the LORD."

31 ^aNow it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them.

32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and ^aall the men with Korah, with all *their* goods.

33 So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.

34 Then all Israel who *were* around them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up *also*!"

35 And ^aa fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.

36 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

37 "Tell Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, to pick up the censers out of the blaze, for ^athey are holy, and scatter the fire some distance away.

38 "The censers of ^athese men who sinned ¹against their own souls, let them be made into hammered plates as a covering for the altar. Because they presented them before the LORD, therefore they are holy; ^band they shall be a sign to the children of Israel."

39 So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burned up had presented, and they were hammered out as a covering on the altar,

40 *to be a* memorial to the children of Israel ^athat no outsider, who is not a descendant of Aaron, should come near to offer incense before the LORD, that he might not become like Korah and his companions, just as the LORD had said to him through Moses.

Complaints of the People

41 On the next day ^aall the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD."

42 Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly ^athe cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting.

44 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²⁹ ^aEx. 20:5; Job 35:15; Is. 10:3

³⁰ ^aJob 31:3; Is. 28:21 ^b[Ps. 55:15]

³¹ ^aNum. 26:10; Ps. 106:17

³² ^aNum. 26:11; 1 Chr. 6:22, 37

³⁵ ^aLev. 10:2; Num. 11:1-3; 26:10; Ps. 106:18

³⁷ ^aLev. 27:28

³⁸ ^aProv. 20:2; Hab. 2:10 ^bNum. 17:10; Ezek. 14:8 ¹Or *at the cost of their own lives*

⁴⁰ ^aNum. 3:10; 2 Chr. 26:18 ¹reminder

⁴¹ ^aNum. 14:2; Ps. 106:25

⁴² ^aEx. 40:34

⁴⁶ ^aLev. 10:6; Num. 18:5 ¹Lit. *covering*

⁴⁸ ^aNum. 25:8; Ps. 106:30

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⁴ ^aEx. 25:16; ^bEx. 25:22; 29:42, 43; 30:36; Num. 17:7

⁵ ^aNum. 16:5 ^bNum. 16:11

⁷ ^aEx. 38:21; Num. 1:50, 51; 9:15; 18:2; Acts 7:44

⁸ ^a[Ezek. 17:24]; Heb. 9:4

¹⁰ ^aHeb. 9:4 ^bNum. 16:38; Deut. 9:7, 24 ^cNum. 17:5

45 "Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces.

46 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense *on it*, and take it quickly to the congregation and make ¹atonement for them; ^afor wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun."

47 Then Aaron took *it* as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; so ^athe plague was stopped.

49 Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died in the Korah incident.

50 So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped.

The Budding of Aaron's Rod

17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and get from them a rod from each father's house, all their leaders according to their fathers' houses—twelve rods. Write each man's name on his rod.

3 "And you shall write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi. For there shall be one rod for the head of *each* father's house.

4 "Then you shall place them in the tabernacle of meeting before ^athe Testimony, ^bwhere I meet with you.

5 "And it shall be *that* the rod of the man ^awhom I choose will blossom; thus I will rid Myself of the complaints of the children of Israel, ^bwhich they make against you."

6 So Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and each of their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

7 And Moses placed the rods before the LORD in ^athe tabernacle of witness.

8 Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the ^arod of Aaron, of the house of Levi, had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds.

9 Then Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD to all the children of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod.

10 And the LORD said to Moses, "Bring ^aAaron's rod back before the Testimony, to be kept ^bas a sign against the rebels, ^cthat you may put

their complaints away from Me, lest they die.”

11 Thus did Moses; just as the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

12 So the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, “Surely we die, we perish, we all perish!

13 ^a“Whoever even comes near the tabernacle of the LORD must die. Shall we all utterly die?”

Duties of Priests and Levites

18 Then the LORD said to Aaron: ^a“You and your sons and your father’s house with you shall ^bbear the ^ciniquity *related to* the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity *associated with* your priesthood.

2 ^a“Also bring with you your brethren of the ^ctribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may be ^bjoined with you and serve you while you and your sons *are* with you before the tabernacle of ^cwitness.

3 ^a“They shall attend to your ^cneeds and ^call the needs of the tabernacle; ^bbut they shall not come near the articles of the sanctuary and the altar, ^clest they die—they and you also.

4 ^a“They shall be joined with you and attend to the needs of the tabernacle of meeting, for all the work of the tabernacle; ^abut an outsider shall not come near you.

5 ^a“And you shall attend to ^cthe duties of the sanctuary and the duties of the altar, ^bthat there *may* be no more wrath on the children of Israel.

6 ^a“Behold, I Myself have ^ctaken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel; ^bthey are a gift to you, given by the LORD, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

7 ^a“Therefore ^ayou and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything at the altar and ^bbehind the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood to you as a ^cgift for service, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death.”

Offerings for Support of the Priests

8 And the LORD spoke to Aaron: ^a“Here, ^aI Myself have also given you ^ccharge of My heave offerings, all the holy gifts of the children of Israel; I have given them ^aas a portion to you and your sons, as an ordinance forever.

9 ^a“This shall be yours of the most holy things *reserved* from the fire: every offering of theirs, every ^agrain offering and every ^bsin offering and every ^ctrespass offering which they render to Me, *shall be* most holy for you and your sons.

10 ^a“In a most holy *place* you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to you.

11 ^a“This also is yours: ^cthe heave offering of their gift, with all the

13 ^aNum. 1:51, 53; 18:4, 7

CHAPTER 18

1 ^aNum. 17:13
^bEx. 28:38
^cguilt

2 ^aNum. 1:47
^bNum. 3:5–10
^ctestimony

3 ^aNum. 3:25, 31, 36
^bNum. 16:40
^cNum. 4:15
^dservice

4 ^aNum. 3:10

5 ^aLev. 24:3
^bNum. 8:19; 16:46

6 ^aNum. 3:12, 45
^bNum. 3:9

7 ^aNum. 3:10; 18:5
^bHeb. 9:3, 6
^c1 Pet. 5:2, 3

8 ^aLev. 6:16, 18; 7:28–34
^bEx. 29:29; 40:13, 15
^ccustody

9 ^aLev. 2:2, 3; 10:12, 13
^bLev. 6:25, 26
^cLev. 7:7

10 ^aLev. 6:16, 26

11 ^aDeut. 18:3–5
^bLev. 22:1–16
^cpurified

12 ^aEx. 23:19
^bEx. 22:29
^cLit. fat

13 ^aEx. 22:29; 23:19; 34:26

14 ^aLev. 27:1–33
^cconsecrated

15 ^aEx. 13:2
^bEx. 13:12–15

16 ^aLev. 27:6
^bEx. 30:13

17 ^aDeut. 15:19
^bLev. 3:2, 5

18 ^aEx. 29:26–28
^bbreast of the wave offering

19 ^a2 Chr. 13:5

20 ^aJosh. 13:14, 33
^bEzek. 44:28

21 ^aLev. 27:30–33
^bNum. 3:7, 8
^ca possession

22 ^aNum. 1:51
^bLev. 22:9

wave offerings of the children of Israel; I have given them to you, and your sons and daughters with you, as an ordinance forever. ^bEveryone who is ^cclean in your house may eat it.

12 ^a“All the ^cbest of the oil, all the best of the new wine and the grain, ^atheir firstfruits which they offer to the LORD, I have given them to you.

13 ^a“Whatever first ripe fruit is in their land, ^awhich they bring to the LORD, shall be yours. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it.

14 ^a“Every ^cdevoted thing in Israel shall be yours.

15 ^a“Everything that first opens ^cthe womb of all flesh, which they bring to the LORD, whether man or beast, shall be yours; nevertheless ^bthe firstborn of man you shall surely redeem, and the firstborn of unclean animals you shall redeem.

16 ^a“And those redeemed of the devoted things you shall redeem when one month old, ^aaccording to your valuation, for five shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is ^btwenty gerahs.

17 ^a“But the firstborn of a cow, the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat you shall not redeem; they *are* holy. ^bYou shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and burn their fat as an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

18 ^a“And their flesh shall be yours, just as the ^cwave¹ breast and the right thigh are yours.

19 ^a“All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given to you and your sons and daughters with you as an ordinance forever; ^ait is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD with you and your descendants with you.”

20 Then the LORD said to Aaron: ^a“You shall have ^cno inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; ^bI *am* your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel.

Tithes for Support of the Levites

21 ^a“Behold, ^aI have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as ^can inheritance in return for the work which they perform, ^bthe work of the tabernacle of meeting.

22 ^a“Hereafter the children of Israel shall not come near the tabernacle of meeting, ^blest they bear sin and die.

23 ^a“But the Levites shall perform the work of the tabernacle of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity; *it shall be* a statute forever, throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

24 ^a“For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up as a heave

offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites ^{as an inheritance}; therefore I have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.' "

The Tithe of the Levites

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

26 "Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them: 'When you take from the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it to the LORD, ^{a tenth of the tithe}.

27 'And your heave offering shall be reckoned to you as though *it were* the grain of the ^{threshing} floor and as the fullness of the winepress.

28 'Thus you shall also offer a heave offering to the LORD from all your tithes which you receive from the children of Israel, and you shall give the LORD's heave offering from it to Aaron the priest.

29 'Of all your gifts you shall offer up every heave offering due to the LORD, from all the ^{best of them}, the consecrated part of them.'

30 "Therefore you shall say to them: 'When you have lifted up the best of it, then the *rest* shall be accounted to the Levites as the produce of the threshing floor and as the produce of the winepress.

31 'You may eat it in any place, you and your households, for it is ^{your} reward for your work in the tabernacle of meeting.

32 'And you shall ^{bear} no sin because of it, when you have lifted up the best of it. But you shall not ^{profane} the holy gifts of the children of Israel, lest you die.'

Laws of Purification

19 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 "This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying: 'Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without ^{blemish}, in which there is no ^{defect} *band* on which a yoke has never come.

3 'You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it ^{outside} the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him;

4 'and Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and ^{sprinkle} some of its blood seven times directly in front of the tabernacle of meeting.

5 'Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight: ^{its} hide, its flesh, its blood, and its offal shall be burned.

6 'And the priest shall take ^{cedar} wood and ^{hyssop} and scarlet, and cast *them* into the midst of the fire burning the heifer.

24 ^{for a possession}

26 ^aNeh. 10:38

27 ^aNum. 15:20; [2 Cor. 8:12]

29 ¹Lit. *fat*

31 ^a[Matt. 10:10; Luke 10:7]; 1 Cor. 9:13; [1 Tim. 5:18] ¹wages

32 ^aLev. 19:8; 22:16; Ezek. 22:26 ^bLev. 22:2, 15

CHAPTER 19

2 ^aLev.

22:20-25

^bDeut. 21:3;

1 Sam. 6:7

¹statute

²defect

3 ^aLev. 4:12;

21; Num. 19:9;

Heb. 13:11

4 ^aLev. 4:6;

Heb. 9:13

5 ^aEx. 29:14;

Lev. 4:11, 12;

9:11

6 ^aLev. 14:4, 6,

49 ^bEx. 12:22;

1 Kin. 4:33

7 ^aLev. 11:25;

15:5; 16:26, 28

9 ^a[Heb. 9:13,

14] ^bNum.

19:13, 20, 21

¹Lit. *impurity*

11 ^aLev. 21:1,

11; Num. 5:2;

6:6; 9:6, 10;

31:19; Lam.

4:14; Hag.

2:13 ¹Lit. *soul*

of man

12 ^aNum.

19:19; 31:19

13 ^aLev. 22:3-7

^bLev. 15:31

^cNum. 8:7;

19:9 ^aLev.

7:20; 22:3

15 ^aLev. 11:32;

Num. 31:20

16 ^aNum.

19:11; 31:19

17 ^aNum. 19:9

¹Lit. *living*

18 ^aPs. 51:7

19 ^aLev. 14:9

20 ^aNum.

19:13

7 ^a'Then the priest shall wash his clothes, he shall bathe in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; the priest shall be unclean until evening.

8 'And the one who burns it shall wash his clothes in water, bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

9 'Then a man *who* is clean shall gather up ^{the} ashes of the heifer, and store *them* outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel ^{for} the water of ^{purification}; it is for purifying from sin.

10 'And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel and to the stranger who dwells among them.

11 ^a'He who touches the dead ^{body} of anyone shall be unclean seven days.

12 ^a'He shall purify himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day; *then* he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean.

13 'Whoever touches the body of anyone who has died, and ^{does} not purify himself, ^{defiles} the tabernacle of the LORD. That person shall be cut off from Israel. He shall be unclean, because ^{the} water of purification was not sprinkled on him; ^{this} uncleanness is still on him.

14 'This is the law when a man dies in a tent: All who come into the tent and all who *are* in the tent shall be unclean seven days;

15 'and every ^{open} vessel, which has no cover fastened on it, is unclean.

16 ^a'Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 'And for an unclean *person* they shall take some of the ^{ashes} of the heifer burnt for purification from sin, and ^{running} water shall be put on them in a vessel.

18 'A clean person shall take ^{hyssop} and dip *it* in the water, sprinkle *it* on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave.

19 'The clean *person* shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; ^{and} on the seventh day he shall purify himself, wash his clothes, and bathe in water; and at evening he shall be clean.

20 'But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has ^{defiled} the sanctuary of the LORD. The water of

purification has not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean.

21 'It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening.

22 "Whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and ^bthe person who touches it shall be unclean until evening.'

Moses' Error at Kadesh

20 Then^a the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in ^bKadesh; and ^cMiriam died there and was buried there.

2 "Now there was no water for the congregation; ^bso they gathered together against Moses and Aaron.

3 And the people ^acontended with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died ^bwhen our brethren died before the LORD!

4 "^aWhy have you brought up the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here?

5 "And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink."

6 So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and ^cthey ^dfell on their faces. And ^bthe glory of the LORD appeared to them.

7 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

8 "^aTake the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus ^byou shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals."

9 So Moses took the rod ^afrom before the LORD as He commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "^aHear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"

11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because ^ayou did not believe Me, to ^bhallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

22 ^aHag.
2:11-13 ^bLev.
15:5

CHAPTER 20

1 ^aNum. 13:21;
33:36 ^bNum.
13:26 ^cEx.
15:20

2 ^aEx. 17:1
^bNum. 16:19,
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3 ^aEx. 17:2
^bNum. 11:1,
33; 14:37;
16:31-35, 49

4 ^aEx. 17:3

6 ^aNum. 14:5;
16:4, 22, 45
^bNum. 14:10
^cprostrated
themselves

8 ^aEx. 4:17, 20;
17:5, 6 ^bNeh.
9:15

9 ^aNum. 17:10

10 ^aPs. 106:33

11 ^a[1 Cor.
10:4]

12 ^aDeut. 1:37;
3:26, 27; 34:5
^bLev. 10:3

13 ^aDeut. 33:8
^bLit. Con-
tention

14 ^aJudg.
11:16, 17
^bGen.
36:31-39
^cDeut. 2:4

15 ^aGen. 46:6
^bEx. 12:40
^cDeut. 26:6
^ddid evil to

16 ^aEx. 2:23;
3:7 ^bEx. 3:2;
14:19

17 ^aNum.
21:22

18 ^aNum.
24:18

19 ^aDeut. 2:6,
28

20 ^aJudg. 11:17

21 ^aDeut. 2:27,
30 ^bJudg.
11:18

22 ^aNum.
33:37 ^bNum.
21:4

24 ^aGen. 25:8
^bDie and join
his ancestors

25 ^aNum.
33:38

28 ^aEx. 29:29,
30 ^bNum.
33:38

13 "This was the water of ¹Meribah, because the children of Israel contended with the LORD, and He was hallowed among them.

Passage Through Edom Refused

14 "Now Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of ^bEdom. ^c"Thus says your brother Israel: 'You know all the hardship that has befallen us,

15 "^ahow our fathers went down to Egypt, ^band we dwelt in Egypt a long time, ^cand the Egyptians ^dafflicted us and our fathers.

16 "^aWhen we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and ^bsent the Angel and brought us up out of Egypt; now here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border.

17 'Please ^alet us pass through your country. We will not pass through fields or vineyards, nor will we drink water from wells; we will go along the King's Highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory.'

18 Then ^aEdom said to him, "You shall not pass through my *land*, lest I come out against you with the sword."

19 So the children of Israel said to him, "We will go by the Highway, and if I or my livestock drink any of your water, ^athen I will pay for it; let me only pass through on foot, nothing *more*."

20 Then he said, "^aYou shall not pass through." So Edom came out against them with many men and with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom ^arefused to give Israel passage through his territory; so Israel ^bturned away from him.

Death of Aaron

22 Now the children of Israel, the whole congregation, journeyed from ^aKadesh ^band came to Mount Hor.

23 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying:

24 "Aaron shall ^bbe ^cgathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the water of Meribah.

25 "^aTake Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor;

26 "^aand strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron shall be gathered to *his people* and die there."

27 So Moses did just as the LORD commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 ^aMoses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; and ^bAaron died there on

the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

29 Now when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel mourned for Aaron ^athirty days.

Canaanites Defeated at Hormah

21 The ^aking of Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the South, heard that Israel was coming on the road to Atharim. Then he fought against Israel and took some of them prisoners.

2 ^aSo Israel made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then ^bI will utterly destroy their cities."

3 And the LORD listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites, and they utterly destroyed them and their cities. So the name of that place was called ¹Hormah.

The Bronze Serpent

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to ^ago around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very ¹discouraged on the way.

5 And the people ^aspoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there* is no food and no water, and our soul ¹loathes this worthless bread."

6 So ^athe LORD sent ^bfiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

7 ^aTherefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have ^bsinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you: ^apray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses, ^a"Make a ^bfiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."

9 So ^aMoses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

From Mount Hor to Moab

10 Now the children of Israel moved on and ^acamped in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth and camped at ¹Ije Abarim, in the wilderness which is east of Moab, toward the sunrise.

12 ^aFrom there they moved and camped in the Valley of Zered.

13 From there they moved and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Am-

29 ^aGen. 50:3;
10; Deut. 34:8

CHAPTER 21

1 ^aNum. 33:40;
Josh. 12:14;
Judg. 1:16

2 ^aGen. 28:20;
Judg. 11:30
^bDeut. 2:34

3 ¹Lit. *Utter Destruction*

4 ^aJudg. 11:18
¹*impatient*

5 ^aNum. 20:4;
5 ¹*detests*

6 ^a1 Cor. 10:9
^bDeut. 8:15

7 ^aNum. 11:2;
Ps. 78:34; Is.
26:16; Hos.
5:15 ^bLev.
26:40 ^cEx. 8:8;
1 Sam. 12:19;
1 Kin. 13:6;
Acts 8:24

8 ^a[John 3:14,
15] ^bIs. 14:29;
30:6

9 ^a2 Kin. 18:4;
John 3:14, 15

10 ^aNum.
33:43, 44

11 ¹Lit. *The Heaps of Abarim*

12 ^aDeut. 2:13

13 ^aNum.
22:36; Judg.
11:18

14 ¹Ancient unknown places; Vg. *What He did in the Red Sea*

15 ^aNum.
21:28; Deut.
2:9, 18, 29

16 ^aJudg. 9:21

17 ^aEx. 15:1

18 ^aIs. 33:22

20 ^aNum. 23:28
¹Lit. *field*
²Heb. *Jeshimon*

21 ^aNum.
32:33; Deut.
2:26-37; Judg.
11:19

22 ^aNum.
20:16, 17

23 ^aDeut. 29:7
^bDeut. 2:32;
Judg. 11:20
¹*attacked*

24 ^aDeut. 2:33;
Josh. 12:1;
Neh. 9:22; Ps.
135:10;
136:19; Amos
2:9

25 ^aAmos 2:10

27 ¹*parables*

rites; for ^athe Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD:

¹"Waheb in Suphah,

The brooks of the Arnon,

15 And the slope of the brooks That reaches to the dwelling of ^aAr,
And lies on the border of Moab."

16 From there *they went* ^ato Beer, which is the well where the LORD said to Moses, "Gather the people together, and I will give them water."

17 ^aThen Israel sang this song:

"Spring up, O well!

All of you sing to it—

18 The well the leaders sank,
Dug by the nation's nobles,
By the ^alawgiver, with their staves."

And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah,

19 from Mattanah to Nahaliel,

from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

20 and from Bamoth, in the valley that is in the ¹country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah which looks ^adown on the ²wasteland.

King Sihon Defeated

21 Then ^aIsrael sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22 ^a"Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into fields or vineyards; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the King's Highway until we have passed through your territory."

23 ^aBut Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together and ¹went out against Israel in the wilderness, ^band he came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.

24 Then ^aIsrael defeated him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the people of Ammon; for the border of the people of Ammon was fortified.

25 So Israel took all these cities, and Israel ^adwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and in all its villages.

26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and had taken all his land from his hand as far as the Arnon.

27 Therefore those who speak in ¹proverbs say:

"Come to Heshbon, let it be built;

Let the city of Sihon be repaired.

28 "For fire went out from Heshbon,
A flame from the city of Sihon;
It consumed ^bAr of Moab,
The lords of the ^cheights of the Arnon.

29 Woe to you, ^aMoab!
You have perished, O people of ^bChemosh!
He has given his ^csons as fugitives,
And his ^ddaughters into captivity,
To Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 "But we have shot at them;
Heshbon has perished ^aas far as Dibon.
Then we laid waste as far as Nophah,
Which *reaches* to ^bMedeba."

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 Then Moses sent to ¹spy out ^aJazer; and they took its villages and drove out the Amorites who were there.

King Og Defeated

33 ^aAnd they turned and went up by the way to ^bBashan. So Og king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle ^cat Edrei.
34 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for I have ¹delivered him into your hand, with all his people and his land; and ^byou shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon."

35 ^aSo they defeated him, his sons, and all his people, until there was no survivor left him; and they took possession of his land.

Balak Sends for Balaam

22 Then ^athe children of Israel moved, and camped in the plains of Moab on the side of the Jordan *across from* Jericho.

2 Now ^aBalak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And ^aMoab was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and Moab was sick with dread because of the children of Israel.

4 So Moab said to ^athe elders of Midian, "Now this company will ¹lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

5 Then ^ahe sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at ^bPethor, which is near ¹the River in the land of ²the sons of his people, to call him, saying: "Look, a people has come from Egypt. See, they cover the face of the earth, and are settling next to me!"

28 ^aJer. 48:45, 46 ^bDeut. 2:9, 18; Is. 15:1 ^cNum. 22:41; 33:52

29 ^aJer. 48:46 ^bJudg. 11:24; 1 Kin. 11:33; 2 Kin. 23:13 ^cIs. 15:2, 5 ^dIs. 16:2

30 ^aNum. 32:3, 34; Jer. 48:18, 22 ^bIs. 15:2

32 ^aNum. 32:1, 3, 35; Jer. 48:32 ¹secretly search

33 ^aDeut. 29:7 ^bDeut. 3:1 ^cJosh. 13:12

34 ^aDeut. 3:2 ^bNum. 21:24; Ps. 135:10; 136:20 ¹given you victory over him

35 ^aDeut. 3:3, 4; 29:7; Josh. 13:12

CHAPTER 22

1 ^aNum. 33:48, 49

2 ^aJosh. 24:9; Judg. 11:25; Mic. 6:5; Rev. 2:14

3 ^aEx. 15:15

4 ^aNum. 25:15-18; 31:1-3; Josh. 13:21 ¹consume

5 ^aNum. 31:8, 16; Deut. 23:4; Josh. 13:22; 24:9; Neh. 13:1, 2; Mic. 6:5; 2 Pet. 2:15; Jude 11; Rev. 2:14 ^bDeut. 23:4

¹The Euphrates ²Or the people of Amau

6 ^aNum. 22:17; 23:7, 8 ^bNum. 22:12; 24:9

7 ^a1 Sam. 9:7, 8

8 ^aNum. 22:19

9 ^aGen. 20:3

12 ^aNum. 23:20; [Rom. 11:28]

15 ¹distinctly

17 ^aNum. 24:11 ^bNum. 22:6

18 ^aNum. 22:38; 24:13 ^b1 Kin. 22:14; 2 Chr. 18:13

19 ^aNum. 22:8

20 ^aNum. 22:9 ^bNum. 22:35; 23:5, 12, 16, 26; 24:13

22 ^aEx. 4:24

6 ^a"Therefore please come at once, ^bcurse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with ^athe diviner's fee in their hand, and they came to Balaam and spoke to him the words of Balak.

8 And he said to them, ^a"Lodge here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, as the LORD speaks to me." So the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9 ^a"Then God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?"

10 So Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying,

11 'Look, a people has come out of Egypt, and they cover the face of the earth. Come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overpower them and drive them out.' "

12 And God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for ^athey are blessed."

13 So Balaam rose in the morning and said to the princes of Balak, "Go back to your land, for the LORD has refused to give me permission to go with you."

14 And the princes of Moab rose and went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us."

15 Then Balak again sent princes, more numerous and more ¹honorable than they.

16 And they came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor: 'Please let nothing hinder you from coming to me;

17 'for I will certainly ^ahonor you greatly, and I will do whatever you say to me. ^bTherefore please come, curse this people for me.' "

18 Then Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, ^a"Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, ^bI could not go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

19 "Now therefore, please, you also ^astay here tonight, that I may know what more the LORD will say to me."

20 ^aAnd God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men come to call you, rise and go with them; but ^bonly the word which I speak to you—that you shall do."

21 So Balaam rose in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab.

Balaam, the Donkey, and the Angel

22 Then God's anger was aroused because he went, ^aand the Angel of the LORD took His stand in the way

as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

23 Now the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road.

24 Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side.

25 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again.

26 Then the Angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

28 Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

29 And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!"

30 "So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No."

31 Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face.

32 And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me."

33 "The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live."

34 And Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn back."

35 Then the Angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 Now when Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, which

23 ^aJosh. 5:13;
2 Kin. 6:17;
Dan. 10:7;
Acts 22:9

28 ^a2 Pet. 2:16

29 ^a[Prov.
12:10; Matt.
15:10]
¹mocked

30 ^a2 Pet. 2:16
¹accustomed

31 ^aGen. 21:19;
2 Kin. 6:17;
Luke 24:16, 31

32 ^a[2 Pet.
2:14, 15] ¹as
an adversary
²contrary

34 ^a1 Sam.
15:24, 30;
26:21; 2 Sam.
12:13 ¹Lit. is
evil in your
eyes

35 ^aNum. 22:20

36 ^aGen. 14:17
^bNum. 21:13

37 ^aNum.
22:17; 24:11

38 ^aNum.
23:26; 24:13;
1 Kin. 22:14;
2 Chr. 18:13

41 ^aNum.
21:28; Deut.
12:2 ¹the far-
thest extent

CHAPTER 23

1 ^aNum. 23:29

2 ^aNum. 23:14,
30

3 ^aNum. 23:15
^bNum. 23:4,
16

4 ^aNum. 23:16

5 ^aNum. 22:20,
35, 38; 23:16;
Deut. 18:18;
Jer. 1:9

7 ^aDeut. 23:4;
Job 27:1; 29:1;
Ps. 78:2
^bNum. 22:6,
11, 17 ^c1 Sam.
17:10

¹prophetic
discourse

8 ^aNum. 22:12

9 ^aDeut. 32:8;
33:28; Josh.
11:23 ^bEx.
33:16; Ezra
9:2; [Eph.
2:14]

10 ^aGen. 13:16;
22:17; 28:14;
2 Chr. 1:9 ¹Or
dust cloud

is on the border at the Arnon, the boundary of the territory.

37 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not earnestly send to you, calling for you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?"

38 And Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I have come to you! Now, have I any power at all to say anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I must speak."

39 So Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kirjath Huzoth.

40 Then Balak offered oxen and sheep, and he sent some to Balaam and to the princes who were with him.

Balaam's First Prophecy

41 So it was, the next day, that Balak took Balaam and brought him up to the high places of Baal, that from there he might observe the extent of the people.

23 ^a"Build seven altars for me here, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams."

2 And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

3 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a desolate height.

4 And God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered on each altar a bull and a ram."

5 Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

6 So he returned to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and he and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he took up his oracle and said:

"Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram,
From the mountains of the east.
^bCome, curse Jacob for me,
And come, denounce Israel!"

8 "How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?

And how shall I denounce whom the LORD has not denounced?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him,
And from the hills I behold him;
There! A people dwelling alone,

^bNot reckoning itself among the nations.

10 "Who can count the dust of Jacob,

Or number one-fourth of Israel?
Let me die ^bthe death of the righteous,
And let my end be like his!"

11 Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? ^aI took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed *them* bountifully!"
12 So he answered and said, ^a"Must I not take heed to speak what the LORD has put in my mouth?"

Balaam's Second Prophecy

13 Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from which you may see them; you shall see only the outer part of them, and shall not see them all; curse them for me from there."

14 So he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

15 And he said to Balak, "Stand here by your burnt offering while I ¹meet *the LORD* over there."

16 Then the LORD met Balaam, and ^aput a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

17 So he came to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?"

18 Then he took up his oracle and said:

^a"Rise up, Balak, and hear!
Listen to me, son of Zippor!

19 "God^a is not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He ^bsaid, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received *a command* to bless;
^aHe has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

21 "He^a has not observed iniquity in Jacob,
Nor has He seen ¹wickedness in Israel.
The LORD his God *is* with him,
^bAnd the shout of a King *is* among them.

22 ^a"God brings them out of Egypt;
He has ^bstrength like a wild ox.

23 "For *there* is no ¹sorcery against Jacob,
Nor any ²divination against Israel.
It now must be said of Jacob And of Israel, 'Oh, ^awhat God has done!'

10 ^bPs. 116:15

11 ^aNum. 22:11

12 ^aNum. 22:38

14 ^aNum. 23:1, 2

15 ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; Syr. call; LXX go and ask God

16 ^aNum. 22:35; 23:5

18 ^aJudg. 3:20

19 ^a1 Sam. 15:29; Mal. 3:6; James 1:17 ^bNum. 11:23; 1 Kin. 8:36

20 ^aGen. 12:2; 22:17; Num. 22:12

21 ^aPs. 32:2; [Rom. 4:7, 8] ^bPs. 89:15-18 ¹trouble

22 ^aNum. 24:8 ^bDeut. 33:17; Job 39:10

23 ^aPs. 31:19; 44:1 ¹enchantment ²fortune-telling

24 ^aGen. 49:9 ^bGen. 49:27; Josh. 11:23

26 ^aNum. 22:38

28 ^aNum. 21:20 ¹Heb. *Jeshimon*

CHAPTER 24

1 ^aNum. 23:3, 15 ¹enchantments

2 ^aNum. 2:2, 34 ^bNum. 11:25; 1 Sam. 10:10; 19:20, 23; 2 Chr. 15:1

3 ^aNum. 23:7, 18

4 ^aEzek. 1:28

6 ^aPs. 1:3; Jer. 17:8 ^bPs. 104:16

7 ^aJer. 51:13; Rev. 17:1, 15 ^b1 Sam. 15:8, 9 ^c2 Sam. 5:12; 1 Chr. 14:2

24 Look, a people rises ^alike a lioness,
And lifts itself up like a lion;
^bIt shall not lie down until it devours the prey,
And drinks the blood of the slain."

25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all!"

26 So Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not tell you, saying, ^a'All that the LORD speaks, that I must do'?"

Balaam's Third Prophecy

27 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please come, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there."

28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, that ^aoverlooks the ¹wasteland.

29 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build for me here seven altars, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams."

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on *every* altar.

24 Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at ^aother times, to seek to use ¹sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel ^aencamped according to their tribes; and ^bthe Spirit of God came upon him.

3 ^aThen he took up his oracle and said:

"The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor,
The utterance of the man whose eyes are opened,

4 The utterance of him who hears the words of God,
Who sees the vision of the Almighty,
Who ^afalls down, with eyes wide open:

5 "How lovely are your tents,
O Jacob!

Your dwellings, O Israel!
6 Like valleys that stretch out,
Like gardens by the riverside,
^aLike aloes ^bplanted by the LORD,

Like cedars beside the waters.
7 He shall pour water from his buckets,
And his seed *shall be* ^ain many waters.

"His king shall be higher than ^bAgag,
And his ^ckingdom shall be exalted.

- 8 "God^a brings him out of Egypt;
He has strength like a wild ox;
He shall ^bconsume the nations,
his enemies;
He shall ^cbreak their bones
And ^dpierce *them* with his
arrows.
9 'He^a bows down, he lies down
as a lion;
And as a lion, who shall rouse
him?"

^b"Blessed is he who blesses you,
And cursed is he who curses
you."

10 Then Balak's anger was aroused
against Balaam, and he ^astruck his
hands together; and Balak said to
Balaam, ^b"I called you to curse my
enemies, and look, you have bounti-
fully blessed *them* these three
times!

11 "Now therefore, flee to your
place. ^cI said I would greatly honor
you, but in fact, the LORD has kept
you back from honor."

12 So Balaam said to Balak, "Did I
not also speak to your messengers
whom you sent to me, saying,
13 'If Balak were to give me his
house full of silver and gold, I could
not go beyond the word of the
LORD, to do good or bad of my own
will. What the LORD says, that I
must speak?"

14 "And now, indeed, I am going to
my people. Come, ^cI will advise you
what this people will do to your peo-
ple in the ^blatter days."

Balaam's Fourth Prophecy

15 So he took up his oracle and said:

"The utterance of Balaam the
son of Beor,
And the utterance of the man
whose eyes are opened;

16 The utterance of him who hears
the words of God,
And has the knowledge of the
Most High,
Who sees the vision of the
Almighty,
Who falls down, with eyes wide
open:

17 "I^a see Him, but not now;
I behold Him, but not near;
^bA Star shall come out of Jacob;
^cA Scepter shall rise out of
Israel,
And ^dbatter the brow of Moab,
And destroy all the sons of
^etumult.

18 "And ^aEdom shall be a
possession;
Seir also, his enemies, shall be
a possession,
While Israel does ^bvaliantly.
19 "Out of Jacob One ^cshall have
dominion,

8 ^aNum. 23:22
^bNum. 14:9;
23:24 ^cPs. 2:9;
Jer. 50:17 ^dPs.
45:5

9 ^aGen. 49:9;
Num. 23:24
^bGen. 12:3;
27:29

10 ^aEzek.
21:14, 17
^bNum. 23:11;
Neh. 13:2

11 ^aNum.
22:17, 37

14 ^a[Mic. 6:5]
^bGen. 49:1;
Deut. 4:30;
Dan. 2:28

17 ^aRev. 1:7;
Matt. 1:2;
Luke 3:34
^bMatt. 2:2
^cGen. 49:10
^dshatter the
forehead
^eHeb. *Sheth*,
Jer. 48:45

18 ^a2 Sam.
8:14 ^bmightily

19 ^aGen. 49:10;
Amos 9:11, 12
^bshall rule

24 ^aGen. 10:4;
Ezek. 27:6;
Dan. 11:30
^bGen. 10:21,
25 ^cHeb. *Kit-
tim* ^dLit. *he or
that one*

25 ^aNum.
21:34; 31:8

CHAPTER 25

1 ^aNum. 33:49;
Josh. 2:1 ^bRev.
2:14 ^cHeb.
Shittim

2 ^aJosh. 22:17;
Hos. 9:10
^bEx. 34:15;
Deut. 32:38;
1 Cor. 10:20
^cEx. 20:5

3 ^aPs. 106:28,
29

4 ^aDeut. 4:3
^bNum. 25:11;
Deut. 13:17

5 ^aEx. 18:21
^bDeut. 13:6, 9

6 ^aJoel 2:17

7 ^aPs. 106:30
^bEx. 6:25

And destroy the remains of the
city."

20 Then he looked on Amalek, and
he took up his oracle and said:

"Amalek was first among the
nations,
But *shall be* last until he
perishes."

21 Then he looked on the Kenites,
and he took up his oracle and said:

"Firm is your dwelling place,
And your nest is set in the
rock;

22 Nevertheless Kain shall be
burned.
How long until Asshur carries
you away captive?"

23 Then he took up his oracle and
said:

"Alas! Who shall live when God
does this?"

24 But ships *shall come* from the
coasts of ^aCyprus,¹
And they shall afflict Asshur
and afflict ^bEber,
And so shall ^cAmalek, until he
perishes."

25 So Balaam rose and departed
and ^areturned to his place; Balak
also went his way.

Israel's Harlotry in Moab

25 Now Israel remained in ^aAca-
cia Grove,¹ and the ^bpeople
began to commit harlotry with the
women of Moab.

2 ^aThey invited the people to ^bthe
sacrifices of their gods, and the peo-
ple ate and ^cbowed down to their
gods.

3 So Israel was joined to Baal of
Peor, and ^athe anger of the LORD
was aroused against Israel.

4 Then the LORD said to Moses,
^a"Take all the leaders of the people
and hang the offenders before the
LORD, out in the sun, ^bthat the fierce
anger of the LORD may turn away
from Israel."

5 So Moses said to ^athe judges of
Israel, ^b"Every one of you kill his
men who were joined to Baal of
Peor."

6 And indeed, one of the children
of Israel came and presented to his
brethren a Midianite woman in the
sight of Moses and in the sight of all
the congregation of the children of
Israel, ^awho were weeping at the
door of the tabernacle of meeting.

7 Now ^awhen Phinehas ^bthe son
of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the
priest, saw *it*, he rose from among
the congregation and took a javelin
in his hand;

8 and he went after the man of

Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So "the plague was ^bstopped among the children of Israel.

9 And "those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.

10 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in ^bMy zeal.

12 "Therefore say, "Behold, I give to him My ^bcovenant of peace;

13 "and it shall be to him and ^chis descendants after him a covenant of ^ban everlasting priesthood, because he was ^czealous for his God, and ^cmade ^batonement for the children of Israel."

14 Now the name of the Israelite who was killed, who was killed with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a father's house among the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Midianite woman who was killed was Cozbi the daughter of "Zur; he was head of the people of a father's house in Midian.

16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

17 "Harass the Midianites, and ^battack them;

18 "for they harassed you with their ^cschemes¹ by which they seduced you in the matter of Peor and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a leader of Midian, their sister, who was killed in the day of the plague because of Peor."

The Second Census of Israel

26 And it came to pass, after the ^aplague, that the LORD spoke to Moses and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying:

2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel ^bfrom twenty years old and above, by their fathers' houses, all who are able to go to war in Israel."

3 So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them ^ain the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho, saying:

4 "Take a census of the people from twenty years old and above, just as the LORD ^ccommanded Moses and the children of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt."

5 "Reuben was the firstborn of Israel. The children of Reuben were: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

8 ^aPs. 106:30

^bNum.

16:46-48

9 ^aDeut. 4:3

11 ^aPs. 106:30

^b[Ex. 20:5];

Deut. 32:16;

21; 1 Kin.

14:22; Ps.

78:58; Ezek.

16:38

12 ^a[Mal. 2:4,

5; 3:1] ^bIs.

54:10; Ezek.

34:25; 37:26;

Mal. 2:5

13 ^a1 Chr. 6:4

^bEx. 40:15;

^cActs 22:3;

Rom. 10:2

^d[Heb. 2:17]

^eLit. covering

15 ^aNum. 31:8;

Josh. 13:21

17 ^aNum.

31:1-3 ^bbe

hostile

toward

18 ^aNum.

31:16; Rev.

2:14 ^btricks

CHAPTER 26

1 ^aNum. 25:9

2 ^aEx. 30:12;

38:25, 26;

Num. 1:2;

14:29 ^bNum.

1:3

3 ^aNum. 22:1;

31:12; 33:48;

35:1

4 ^aNum. 1:1

5 ^aGen. 46:8;

Ex. 6:14;

1 Chr. 5:1-3

9 ^aNum. 1:16;

16:1, 2

10 ^aNum.

16:32-35

^bNum.

16:38-40;

1 Cor. 10:6;

2 Pet. 2:6

11 ^aEx. 6:24;

1 Chr. 6:22, 23

12 ^aJemuel,

Gen. 46:10;

Ex. 6:15

^aJarib, 1 Chr.

4:24

13 ^aZohar,

Gen. 46:10

15 ^aZiphion,

Gen. 46:16

16 ^aEzbon,

Gen. 46:16

17 ^aSam., Syr.

Arodi and

Gen. 46:16

19 ^aGen. 38:2;

46:12

20 ^a1 Chr. 2:3

23 ^aSo with

Sam., LXX.

Syr., Vg.; Heb.

Puvah, Gen.

46:13; 1 Chr.

7:1 ^aSam.,

LXX, Syr., Vg.

Puaites

24 ^aJob, Gen.

46:13

26 ^aGen. 46:14

7 These *are* the families of the Reubenites; those who were numbered of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the son of Pallu was Eliab.

9 The sons of Eliab were Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. These *are* the Dathan and Abiram, "representatives of the congregation, who contended against Moses and Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against the LORD;

10 "and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah when that company died, when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men; ^band they became a sign.

11 Nevertheless "the children of Korah did not die.

12 The sons of Simeon according to their families were: of ¹Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of ²Jachin, the family of the Jachinites; 13 of ¹Zerah, the family of the Zarhites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These *are* the families of the Simeonites: twenty-two thousand two hundred.

15 The sons of Gad according to their families were: of ¹Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

16 of ¹Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 of ¹Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These *are* the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them: forty thousand five hundred.

19 "The sons of Judah were Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And "the sons of Judah according to their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Parzites; of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These *are* the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them: seventy-six thousand five hundred.

23 The sons of Issachar according to their families were: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of ¹Puah, the family of the ²Punites;

24 of ¹Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These *are* the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them: sixty-four thousand three hundred.

26 "The sons of Zebulun according

to their families *were*: of Sered, the family of the Sardites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. 27 *These are* the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them: sixty thousand five hundred.

28 *“The sons of Joseph according to their families, by Manasseh and Ephraim, were:*

29 *The sons of “Manasseh: of “Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir begot Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.*

30 *These are* the sons of Gilead: of ¹Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites; 31 of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

32 of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites.

33 Now *“Zelophehad* the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad *were* Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 *These are* the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them *were* fifty-two thousand seven hundred.

35 *These are* the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalites; of ¹Becher, the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And *these are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 *These are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them: thirty-two thousand five hundred. *These are* the sons of Joseph according to their families.

38 *“The sons of Benjamin according to their families were:* of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of ¹Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; 39 of *“Shupham,*¹ the family of the Shuphamites; of ²Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela *were* ¹Ard and Naaman: *“of Ard,* the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 *These are* the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were numbered of them *were* forty-five thousand six hundred.

42 *These are* the sons of Dan according to their families: of ¹Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. *These are* the families of Dan according to their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, *were* sixty-four thousand four hundred.

28 ^aGen. 46:20; Deut. 33:16

29 ^aJosh. 17:1
^b1 Chr. 7:14, 15

30 ¹Abiezer, Josh. 17:2

33 ^aNum. 27:1; 36:11

35 ¹Bered, 1 Chr. 7:20

38 ^aGen. 46:21; 1 Chr. 7:6
^bGen. 46:21; 1 Chr. 8:1, 2

39 ^a1 Chr. 7:12
¹MT *Shephupham*;
Shephuphan, 1 Chr. 8:5
²Hupham, Gen. 46:21

40 ^a1 Chr. 8:3
¹Addar, 1 Chr. 8:3

42 ¹Hushim, Gen. 46:23

44 ^aGen. 46:17; 1 Chr. 7:30

48 ^aGen. 46:24; 1 Chr. 7:13
¹Jahziel, 1 Chr. 7:13

49 ^a1 Chr. 7:13

51 ^aEx. 12:37; 38:26; Num. 1:46; 11:21

53 ^aJosh. 11:23; 14:1
^bNum. 33:54

54 ^aNum. 33:54

55 ^aNum. 33:54; 34:13; Josh. 11:23; 14:2

57 ^aGen. 46:11; Ex. 6:16–19; Num. 3:15; 1 Chr. 6:1, 16

59 ^aEx. 2:1, 2; 6:20

60 ^aNum. 3:2

61 ^aLev. 10:1, 2; Num. 3:3, 4; 1 Chr. 24:2

62 ^aNum. 3:39

44 *“The sons of Asher according to their families were:* of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

45 *Of the sons of Beriah:* of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. 46 And the name of the daughter of Asher *were* Serah.

47 *These are* the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them: fifty-three thousand four hundred.

48 *“The sons of Naphtali according to their families were:* of ¹Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of *“Shillem,* the family of the Shillemites.

50 *These are* the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them *were* forty-five thousand four hundred.

51 *“These are* those who were numbered of the children of Israel: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

53 *“To these the land shall be “divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names.*

54 *“To a large tribe you shall give a larger inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were numbered of them.*

55 *“But the land shall be “divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.*

56 *“According to the lot their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller.”*

57 *“And these are* those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 *These are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, and the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begot Amram.

59 The name of Amram's wife *were* *“Jochebed* the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and to Amram she bore Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam.

60 *“To Aaron were* born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 And *“Nadab and Abihu died* when they offered profane fire before the LORD.

62 *“Now those who were numbered of them were* twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and

above; ^bfor they were not numbered among the other children of Israel, because there was ^cno inheritance given to them among the children of Israel.

63 These *are* those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel ^cin the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho.

64 ^aBut among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest when they numbered the children of Israel in the ^bWilderness of Sinai.

65 For the LORD had said of them, "They ^ashall surely die in the wilderness." So there was not left a man of them, ^bexcept Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

Inheritance Laws

27 Then came the daughters of ^aZelophehad the son of Hezron, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these *were* the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses, before Eleazar the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, ^bby the doorway of the tabernacle of meeting, saying:

3 "Our father ^adied in the wilderness; but he was not in the company of those who gathered together against the LORD, ^bin company with Korah, but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons.

4 "Why should the name of our father be ^aremoved¹ from among his family because he had no son? ^bGive us a ²possession among our father's brothers."

5 So Moses ^abrought their case before the LORD.

6 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

7 "The daughters of Zelophehad speak *what* is right; ^ayou shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them.

8 "And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.

9 'If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

10 'If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

11 'And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the relative closest to him in his family, and he shall possess it.' " And it shall be to the children

62 ^bNum. 1:49
^cNum. 18:20,
23, 24

63 ^aNum. 26:3

64 ^aNum.
14:29-35
^bNum. 1:1-46

65 ^aNum.
14:26-35
^bNum. 14:30

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1 ^aNum. 26:33;
36:1, 11

3 ^aNum. 14:35;
26:64, 65
^bNum. 16:1, 2

4 ^aDeut. 25:6
^bJosh. 17:4
¹withdrawn
²inheritance

5 ^aEx.
18:13-26

7 ^aNum. 36:2

11 ^aNum.
35:29

12 ^aNum.
33:47

13 ^aDeut. 10:6;
34:5, 6 ¹Die
and join your
ancestors

14 ^aPs. 106:32,
33 ^bEx. 17:7

16 ^aNum.
16:22

17 ^aDeut. 31:2
^bZech. 10:2

18 ^aGen. 41:38
^bDeut. 34:9

19 ^aDeut. 3:28;
31:3, 7, 8, 23
¹commission

20 ^aNum.
11:17 ^bJosh.
1:16-18

21 ^a1 Sam.
23:9; 30:7
^bEx. 28:30
^c1 Sam. 22:10

23 ^aDeut. 3:28;
31:7, 8 ¹com-
missioned

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2 ^aLev. 3:11;
21:6, 8

3 ^aEx.
29:38-42

of Israel ^aa statute of judgment, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

Joshua the Next Leader of Israel

12 Now the LORD said to Moses: ^a"Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel.

13 "And when you have seen it, you also ^ashall ^bbe gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered.

14 "For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you ^arebelled against My command to hallow Me at the waters before their eyes." (These *are* the ^bwaters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

15 Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying:

16 "Let the LORD, ^athe God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 ^a"who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be ^blike sheep which have no shepherd."

18 And the LORD said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man ^cin whom is the Spirit, and ^alay your hand on him;

19 "set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and ^ainaugurate¹ him in their sight.

20 "And ^ayou shall give *some* of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel ^bmay be obedient.

21 ^a"He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the LORD for him ^bby the judgment of the Urim. ^cAt his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him—all the congregation."

22 So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands on him ^aand ¹inaugurated him, just as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

Daily Offerings

28 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the children of Israel, and say to them, 'My offering, ^aMy food for My offerings made by fire as a sweet aroma to Me, you shall be careful to offer to Me at their appointed time.'

3 "And you shall say to them, ^a'This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs in their first year

without blemish, day by day, as a regular burnt offering.

4 'The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, the other lamb you shall offer in the evening,

5 'and 'one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a ^bgrain offering mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil.

6 'It is 'a regular burnt offering which was ordained at Mount Sinai for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

7 'And its drink offering *shall be* one-fourth of a hin for each lamb; 'in a holy *place* you shall pour out the drink to the LORD as an offering.

8 'The other lamb you shall offer in the evening; as the morning grain offering and its drink offering, you shall offer *it* as an offering made by fire, a ¹sweet aroma to the LORD.

Sabbath Offerings

9 'And on the Sabbath day two lambs in their first year, without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering—

10 '*this is* 'the burnt offering for every Sabbath, besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.

Monthly Offerings

11 'At the beginnings of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish;

12 'three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram;

13 'and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb, as a burnt offering of sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

14 'Their drink offering shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, one-third of a hin for a ram, and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering for each month throughout the months of the year.

15 'Also 'one kid of the goats as a sin offering to the LORD shall be offered, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

Offerings at Passover

16 'On the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the LORD.

17 'And on the fifteenth day of this month is the feast; unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days.

18 'On the 'first day you *shall have* a holy ¹convocation. You shall do no ²customary work.

5 ^aEx. 16:36; Num. 15:4
^bLev. 2:1

6 ^aEx. 29:42; Amos 5:25

7 ^aEx. 29:42

8 ¹pleasing

10 ^aEzek. 46:4

11 ^aNum. 10:10; 1 Sam. 20:5; 1 Chr. 23:31; 2 Chr. 2:4; Ezra 3:5; Neh. 10:33; Is. 1:13, 14; Ezek. 45:17; 46:6, 7; Hos. 2:11; Col. 2:16

12 ^aNum. 15:4-12

15 ^aNum. 15:24; 28:3, 22

16 ^aEx. 12:1-20; Lev. 23:5-8; Num. 9:2-5; Deut. 16:1-8; Ezek. 45:21

17 ^aLev. 23:6

18 ^aEx. 12:16; Lev. 23:7
¹assembly or gathering
²occupational

19 ^aLev. 22:20; Num. 28:31; 29:8; Deut. 15:21

22 ^aNum. 28:15
¹Lit. covering

25 ^aEx. 12:16; 13:6; Lev. 23:8

26 ^aEx. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:10-21; Deut. 16:9-12; Acts 2:1

27 ^aLev. 23:18, 19

30 ¹Lit. covering

31 ^aNum. 28:3, 19
¹defect

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1 ^aEx. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:23-25

19 'And you shall present an offering made by fire as a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year. 'Be sure they are without blemish.

20 'Their grain offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah you shall offer for a bull, and two-tenths for a ram; 21 'you shall offer one-tenth of an ephah for each of the seven lambs; 22 'also 'one goat as a sin offering, to make ¹atonement for you.

23 'You shall offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a regular burnt offering.

24 'In this manner you shall offer the food of the offering made by fire daily for seven days, as a sweet aroma to the LORD; it shall be offered besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

25 'And 'on the seventh day you shall do have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work.

Offerings at the Feast of Weeks

26 'Also 'on the day of the first-fruits, when you bring a new grain offering to the LORD at your *Feast of Weeks*, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work.

27 'You shall present a burnt offering as a sweet aroma to the LORD: 'two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year,

28 'with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

29 'and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs;

30 'also one kid of the goats, to make ¹atonement for you.

31 'Be sure they are without ¹blemish. You shall present *them* with their drink offerings, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain offering.

Offerings at the Feast of Trumpets

29 'And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. For you 'it is a day of blowing the trumpets.

2 'You shall offer a burnt offering as a sweet aroma to the LORD: one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish.

3 'Their grain offering *shall be* fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,

4 'and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs;

5 'also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, to make atonement for you;

6 'besides ^athe burnt offering with its grain offering for the New Moon, ^bthe regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings, ^caccording to their ordinance, as a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

Offerings on the Day of Atonement

7 "On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall ^bafflict your souls; you shall not do any work.

8 "You shall present a burnt offering to the LORD as a sweet aroma: one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year. ^aBe sure they are without blemish.

9 "Their grain offering *shall be* of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

10 'and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs;

11 'also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides ^athe sin offering for atonement, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

Offerings at the Feast of Tabernacles

12 "On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work, and you shall keep a feast to the LORD seven days.

13 "You shall present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as a sweet aroma to the LORD: thirteen young bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs in their first year. They shall be without blemish.

14 "Their grain offering *shall be* of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for each of the two rams,

15 'and one-tenth for each of the fourteen lambs;

16 'also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

17 "On the ^asecond day *present* twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish,

18 'and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, ^aaccording to the ordinance;

19 'also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

20 "On the third day *present* eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish,

21 'and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for

6 ^aNum. 28:11-15
^bNum. 28:3
^cNum. 15:11, 12

7 ^aLev. 16:29-34;
23:26-32 ^bPs. 35:13; Is. 58:5

8 ^aNum. 28:19

11 ^aLev. 16:3, 5

12 ^aLev. 23:33-35;
Deut. 16:13-15;
Ezek. 45:25

13 ^aEzra 3:4

17 ^aLev. 23:36

18 ^aNum. 15:12; 28:7,
14; 29:3, 4, 9,
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21 ^aNum. 29:18

35 ^aLev. 23:36
¹solemn

39 ^aLev. 23:1-44;
1 Chr. 23:31;
2 Chr. 31:3;
Ezra 3:5; Neh. 10:33; Is. 1:14
^bLev. 7:16;
22:18, 21, 23;
23:38

the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, ^aaccording to the ordinance;

22 'also one goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

23 "On the fourth day *present* ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs in their first year, without blemish,

24 'and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance;

25 'also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

26 "On the fifth day *present* nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish,

27 'and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance;

28 'also one goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

29 "On the sixth day *present* eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish,

30 'and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance;

31 'also one goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

32 "On the seventh day *present* seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish,

33 'and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance;

34 'also one goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

35 "On the eighth day you shall have a 'sacred' assembly. You shall do no customary work.

36 "You shall present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as a sweet aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven lambs in their first year without blemish,

37 'and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance;

38 'also one goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

39 "These you shall present to the LORD at your 'appointed feasts (besides your 'vowed offerings and your freewill offerings) as your burnt offerings and your grain offerings, as your drink offerings and your peace offerings.' "

40 So Moses told the children of Israel everything, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Law Concerning Vows

30 Then Moses spoke to ^athe heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded:

2 ^a"If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or ^bswears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall ^cdo according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

3 "Or if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds *herself* by some agreement while in her father's house in her youth,

4 "and her father hears her vow and the agreement by which she has bound herself, and her father ^dholds his peace, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement with which she has bound herself shall stand.

5 "But if her father overrules her on the day that he hears, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will release her, because her father overruled her.

6 "If indeed she takes a husband, while bound by her vows or by a rash utterance from her lips by which she bound herself,

7 "and her husband hears *it*, and makes no response to her on the day that he hears, then her vows shall stand, and her agreements by which she bound herself shall stand.

8 "But if her husband ^eoverrules her on the day that he hears *it*, he shall make void her vow which she took and what she uttered with her lips, by which she bound herself, and the LORD will release her.

9 "Also any vow of a widow or a divorced woman, by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.

10 "If she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an agreement with an oath,

11 "and her husband heard *it*, and made no response to her and did not overrule her, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement by which she bound herself shall stand.

12 "But if her husband truly made them void on the day he heard *them*, then whatever proceeded from her lips concerning her vows or concerning the agreement binding her, it shall not stand; her husband has made them ^fvoid, and the LORD will release her.

13 "Every vow and every binding oath to afflict her soul, her husband may confirm it, or her husband may make it void.

14 "Now if her husband makes no response whatever to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all the agreements that bind her;

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¹ ^aNum. 1:4, 16; 7:2

² ^aLev. 27:2; Deut. 23:21-23; Judg. 11:30, 31, 35; Eccl. 5:4 ^bLev. 5:4; Matt. 14:9; Acts 23:14 ^cJob 22:27; Ps. 22:25; 50:14; 66:13, 14; Nah. 1:15

⁴ ¹says *nothing* to interfere

⁸ ^a[Gen. 3:16]

¹² ¹annulled or invalidated

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² ^aNum. 25:17 ^bNum. 27:12, 13

³ ^aJosh. 13:21

⁶ ^aNum. 10:9

⁷ ^aDeut. 20:13; Judg. 21:11; 1 Sam. 27:9; 1 Kin. 11:15, 16 ^bGen. 34:25

⁸ ^aJosh. 13:21 ^bNum. 25:15 ^cNum. 31:16; Josh. 13:22

¹¹ ^aDeut. 20:14

he confirms them, because he made no response to her on the day that he heard *them*.

15 "But if he does make them void after he has heard *them*, then he shall bear her guilt."

16 These *are* the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father's house.

Vengeance on the Midianites

31 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 ^a"Take vengeance on the Midianites for the children of Israel. Afterward you shall ^bbe gathered to your people."

3 So Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm some of yourselves for war, and let them go against the Midianites to take vengeance for the LORD on ^cMidian.

4 "A thousand from each tribe of all the tribes of Israel you shall send to the war."

5 So there were recruited from the divisions of Israel one thousand from *each* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 Then Moses sent them to the war, one thousand from *each* tribe; he sent them to the war with Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, with the holy articles and ^dthe signal trumpets in his hand.

7 And they warred against the Midianites, just as the LORD commanded Moses, and ^ethey killed all the ^fmales.

8 They killed the kings of Midian with *the rest* of those who were killed—^gEvi, Rekem, ^hZur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. ⁱBalaam the son of Beor they also killed with the sword.

9 And the children of Israel took the women of Midian captive, with their little ones, and took as spoil all their cattle, all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 They also burned with fire all the cities where they dwelt, and all their forts.

11 And ^jthey took all the spoil and all the booty—of man and beast.

Return from the War

12 Then they brought the captives, the booty, and the spoil to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the children of Israel, to the camp in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho.

13 And Moses, Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation, went to meet them outside the camp.

14 But Moses was angry with the officers of the army, *with* the captains over thousands and captains

over hundreds, who had come from the battle.

15 And Moses said to them: "Have you kept ^aall the women alive?

16 "Look, ^cthese women caused the children of Israel, through the ^bcounsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and ^cthere was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

17 "Now therefore, ^akill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known a man intimately.

18 "But keep alive ^afor yourselves all the young girls who have not known a man intimately.

19 "And as for you, ^aremain outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person, and ^bwhoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day.

20 "Purify every garment, everything made of leather, everything woven of goats' ^ahair, and everything made of wood."

21 Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to the battle, "This is the ¹ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses:

22 "Only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 "everything that can endure fire, you shall put through the fire, and it shall be clean; and it shall be purified ^awith the water of purification. But all that cannot endure fire you shall put through water.

24 ^a"And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day and be clean, and afterward you may come into the camp."

Division of the Plunder

25 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

26 "Count up the plunder that was ¹taken—of man and beast—you and Eleazar the priest and the chief fathers of the congregation;

27 "and ^adivide the plunder into two parts, between those who took part in the war, who went out to battle, and all the congregation.

28 "And levy a ¹tribute for the LORD on the men of war who went out to battle: ^aone of every five hundred of the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep;

29 "take it from their half, and ^agive it to Eleazar the priest as a heave offering to the LORD.

30 "And from the children of Israel's half you shall take ^aone of every fifty, drawn from the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep, from all the livestock, and give them to the Levites ^bwho ¹keep charge of the tabernacle of the LORD."

31 So Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

15 ^aDeut. 20:14

16 ^aNum. 25:2
^bNum. 24:14;
2 Pet. 2:15;
Rev. 2:14
^cNum. 25:9

17 ^aDeut. 7:2;
20:16–18;
Judg. 21:11

18 ^aDeut.
21:10–14

19 ^aNum. 5:2
^bNum.
19:11–22

21 ¹statute

23 ^aNum. 19:9,
17

24 ^aLev. 11:25

26 ¹captured

27 ^aJosh. 22:8;
1 Sam. 30:24

28 ^aNum.
31:30, 47 ¹tax

29 ^aDeut.
18:1–5

30 ^aNum.
31:42–47
^bNum. 3:7, 8,
25, 31, 36;
18:3, 4 ¹per-
form the ser-
vice

37 ¹tax

41 ^aNum. 5:9,
10; 18:8, 19

47 ^aNum. 31:30

50 ^aEx.
30:12–16 ¹Lit.
covering

53 ^aNum.
31:32; Deut.
20:14

32 The booty remaining from the plunder, which the men of war had taken, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep,

33 seventy-two thousand cattle,

34 sixty-one thousand donkeys,

35 and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of women who had not known a man intimately.

36 And the half, the portion for those who had gone out to war, was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep; 37 and the LORD's ¹tribute of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five.

38 The cattle were thirty-six thousand, of which the LORD's tribute was seventy-two.

39 The donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred, of which the LORD's tribute was sixty-one.

40 The persons were sixteen thousand, of which the LORD's tribute was thirty-two persons.

41 So Moses gave the tribute which was the LORD's heave offering to Eleazar the priest, ^aas the LORD commanded Moses.

42 And from the children of Israel's half, which Moses separated from the men who fought—

43 now the half belonging to the congregation was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep,

44 thirty-six thousand cattle,

45 thirty thousand five hundred donkeys,

46 and sixteen thousand persons—

47 and ^afrom the children of Israel's half Moses took one of every fifty, drawn from man and beast, and gave them to the Levites, who kept charge of the tabernacle of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

48 Then the officers who were over thousands of the army, the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, came near to Moses;

49 and they said to Moses, "Your servants have taken a count of the men of war who are under our command, and not a man of us is missing.

50 "Therefore we have brought an offering for the LORD, what every man found of ornaments of gold: armlets and bracelets and signet rings and earrings and necklaces, ^ato make ¹atonement for ourselves before the LORD."

51 So Moses and Eleazar the priest received the gold from them, all the fashioned ornaments.

52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered to the LORD, from the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

53 ^a(The men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest received the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of meeting ^aas a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

The Tribes Settling East of the Jordan

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of livestock; and when they saw the land of ^aJazer and the land of ^bGilead, that indeed the region was a place for livestock,

2 the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

3 “Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, ^aNimrah, ^bHeshbon, Elealeh, ^cShebam, Nebo, and ^dBeon,

4 “the country ^awhich the LORD defeated before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock.”

5 Therefore they said, “If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not take us over the Jordan.”

6 And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben: “Shall your brethren go to war while you sit here?”

7 “Now why will you ^adiscourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them?”

8 “Thus your fathers did ^awhen I sent them away from Kadesh Barnea ^bto see the land.

9 “For ^awhen they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 ^a“So the LORD’s anger was aroused on that day, and He swore an oath, saying,

11 “Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, ^afrom twenty years old and above, shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because ^bthey have not wholly followed Me,

12 ^cexcept Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, ^dfor they have wholly followed the LORD.”

13 “So the LORD’s anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them ^awander in the wilderness forty years, until ^ball the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone.

14 “And look! You have risen in your fathers’ place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the ^afierce anger of the LORD against Israel.

15 “For if you ^aturn away from fol-

54 ^aEx. 30:16

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1 ^aNum. 21:32; Josh. 13:25;
2 Sam. 24:5
^bDeut. 3:13

3 ^aNum. 32:36
^bJosh. 13:17;
26 ^cNum.
32:38 ^dNum.
32:38

4 ^aNum. 21:24;
34, 35

7 ^aNum.
13:27–14:4

8 ^aNum. 13:3;
26 ^bDeut.
1:19–25

9 ^aNum. 13:24;
31; Deut. 1:24;
28

10 ^aNum.
14:11; Deut.
1:34–36

11 ^aNum.
14:28, 29;
26:63–65;
Deut. 1:35
^bNum. 14:24;
30

12 ^aNum.
14:6–9, 24, 30;
Deut. 1:36;
Josh. 14:8, 9

13 ^aNum.
14:33–35
^bNum. 26:64;
65

14 ^aNum. 11:1;
Deut. 1:34

15 ^aDeut.
30:17, 18;
Josh.
22:16–18;
2 Chr. 7:19;
15:2

17 ^aJosh. 4:12;
13

18 ^aJosh.
22:1–4 ¹pos-
sessed

19 ^aJosh. 12:1;
13:8

20 ^aDeut. 3:18;
Josh. 1:14

22 ^aDeut. 3:20;
Josh. 11:23
^bJosh. 22:4
^cDeut. 3:12;
15, 16, 18;
Josh. 1:15;
13:8, 32; 22:4;
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23 ^aGen. 4:7;
44:16; Josh.
7:1–26; Is.
59:12; [Gal.
6:7]

24 ^aNum. 32:16
¹what you
said you
would do

26 ^aJosh. 1:14

27 ^aJosh. 4:12

28 ^aJosh. 1:13

lowing Him, He will once again leave them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all these people.”

16 Then they came near to him and said: “We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones,

17 “but ^awe ourselves will be armed, ready to go before the children of Israel until we have brought them to their place; and our little ones will dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 ^a“We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has ¹received his inheritance.

19 “For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, ^abecause our inheritance has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Jordan.”

20 Then ^aMoses said to them: “If you do this thing, if you arm yourselves before the LORD for the war,

21 “and all your armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven out His enemies from before Him,

22 “and ^athe land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward ^byou may return and be blameless before the LORD and before Israel; and ^cthis land shall be your possession before the LORD.

23 “But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure ^ayour sin will find you out.

24 ^a“Build cities for your little ones and folds for your sheep, and do ^bwhat has proceeded out of your mouth.”

25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying: “Your servants will do as my lord commands.

26 ^a“Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock will be there in the cities of Gilead;

27 ^a“but your servants will cross over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, just as my lord says.”

28 So Moses gave command ^aconcerning them to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel.

29 And Moses said to them: “If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben cross over the Jordan with you, every man armed for battle before the LORD, and the land is subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead as a possession.

30 “But if they do not cross over armed with you, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.”

31 Then the children of Gad and the

children of Reuben answered, saying: "As the LORD has said to your servants, so we will do.

32 "We will cross over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, but the possession of our inheritance *shall remain* with us on this side of the Jordan."

33 So ^aMoses gave to the children of Gad, to the children of Reuben, and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, ^bthe kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land with its cities within the borders, the cities of the surrounding country.

34 And the children of Gad built ^aDibon and Ataroth and ^bAroer,

35 Atroth and Shophan and ^aJazer and Jogbehah,

36 ^aBeth Nimrah and Beth Haran, ^bfortified cities, and folds for sheep.

37 And the children of Reuben built ^aHeshbon and Elealeh and Kirjathaim,

38 ^aNebo and ^bBaal Meon ^c(their names being changed) and Shibmah; and they gave *other* names to the cities which they built.

39 And the children of ^aMachir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it, and ¹dispossessed the Amorites who were in it.

40 So Moses ^agave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he dwelt in it.

41 Also ^aJair the son of Manasseh went and took its small towns, and called them ^bHavoth Jair.¹

42 Then Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages, and he called it Nobah, after his own name.

Israel's Journey from Egypt Reviewed

33 These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the ^ahand of Moses and Aaron.

2 Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the LORD. And these *are* their journeys according to their starting points:

3 They ^adeparted from Rameses in ^bthe first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the children of Israel went out ^cwith boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4 For the Egyptians were burying all *their* firstborn, ^awhom the LORD had killed among them. Also ^bon their gods the LORD had executed judgments.

5 ^aThen the children of Israel moved from Rameses and camped at Succoth.

6 They departed from ^aSuccoth and camped at Etham, which is on the edge of the wilderness.

7 ^aThey moved from Etham and

33 ^aDeut. 3:8-17; 29:8; Josh. 12:1-6; 13:8-31; 22:4
^bNum. 21:24, 33, 35

34 ^aNum. 33:45, 46
^bDeut. 2:36

35 ^aNum. 32:1, 3

36 ^aNum. 32:3
^bNum. 32:24

37 ^aNum. 21:27

38 ^aIs. 46:1
^bEzek. 25:9
^cEx. 23:13; Josh. 23:7

39 ^aGen. 50:23; Num. 27:1;
36:1 ¹drove out

40 ^aDeut. 3:12, 13, 15; Josh. 13:31

41 ^aDeut. 3:14; Josh. 13:30
^bJudg. 10:4;
1 Kin. 4:13
¹Lit. Towns of Jair

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1 ^aPs. 77:20

3 ^aEx. 12:37
^bEx. 12:2; 13:4
^cEx. 14:8

4 ^aEx. 12:29
^bEx. 12:12;
18:11; Is. 19:1

5 ^aEx. 12:37

6 ^aEx. 13:20

7 ^aEx. 14:1, 2, 9

8 ^aEx. 14:22; 15:22, 23
^bMany Heb. mss., Sam., Syr., Tg. Vg. from Pi Hahiroth; cf. Num. 33:7

9 ^aEx. 15:27

11 ^aEx. 16:1

14 ^aEx. 17:1; 19:2

15 ^aEx. 16:1; 19:1, 2

16 ^aNum. 11:34
¹Lit. Graves of Craving

17 ^aNum. 11:35

18 ^aNum. 12:16

30 ^aDeut. 10:6

32 ^aDeut. 10:6
^bDeut. 10:7

35 ^aDeut. 2:8; 1 Kin. 9:26; 22:48

36 ^aNum. 20:1; 27:14

37 ^aNum. 20:22, 23; 21:4

turned back to Pi Hahiroth, which is east of Baal Zephon; and they camped near Migdol.

8 They departed ¹from before Hahiroth and ^apassed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, went three days' journey in the Wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah.

9 They moved from Marah and ^acame to Elim. At Elim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there.

10 They moved from Elim and camped by the Red Sea.

11 They moved from the Red Sea and camped in the ^aWilderness of Sin.

12 They journeyed from the Wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophkah.

13 They departed from Dophkah and camped at Alush.

14 They moved from Alush and camped at ^aRephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

15 They departed from Rephidim and camped in the ^aWilderness of Sinai.

16 They moved from the Wilderness of Sinai and camped ^aat ¹Kibroth Hattaavah.

17 They departed from Kibroth Hattaavah and ^acamped at Hazeroth.

18 They departed from Hazeroth and camped at ^aRithmah.

19 They departed from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perez.

20 They departed from Rimmon Perez and camped at Libnah.

21 They moved from Libnah and camped at Rissah.

22 They journeyed from Rissah and camped at Kehelathah.

23 They went from Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher.

24 They moved from Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah.

25 They moved from Haradah and camped at Makheloth.

26 They moved from Makheloth and camped at Tahath.

27 They departed from Tahath and camped at Terah.

28 They moved from Terah and camped at Mithkah.

29 They went from Mithkah and camped at Hashmonah.

30 They departed from Hashmonah and ^acamped at Moseroth.

31 They departed from Moseroth and camped at Bene Jaakan.

32 They moved from ^aBene Jaakan and ^bcamped at Hor Hagidgad.

33 They went from Hor Hagidgad and camped at Jotbathah.

34 They moved from Jotbathah and camped at Abronah.

35 They departed from Abronah ^aand camped at Ezion Geber.

36 They moved from Ezion Geber and camped in the ^aWilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.

37 They moved from ^aKadesh and

camped at Mount Hor, on the boundary of the land of Edom.

38 Then Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the command of the LORD, and died there in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first day of the fifth month.

39 Aaron was one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

40 Now the king of Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the South in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

41 So they departed from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah.

42 They departed from Zalmonah and camped at Punon.

43 They departed from Punon and camped at Obotoh.

44 They departed from Obotoh and camped at Ije Abarim, at the border of Moab.

45 They departed from Ijlim and camped at Dibon Gad.

46 They moved from Dibon Gad and camped at Almon Diblathaim.

47 They moved from Almon Diblathaim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 They departed from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho.

49 They camped by the Jordan, from Beth Jesimoth as far as the Abel Acacia Grove in the plains of Moab.

Instructions for the Conquest of Canaan

50 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho, saying,

51 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

52 'then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places;

53 'you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

54 'And you shall divide the land by lot as an inheritance among your families; to the larger you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give a smaller inheritance; there everyone's inheritance shall be whatever falls to him by lot. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

55 'But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides,

38 ^aNum. 20:25, 28

40 ^aNum. 21:1

43 ^aNum. 21:10

44 ^aNum. 21:11

45 ^aNum. 32:34 ¹Same as Ije Abarim, v. 44

46 ^aJer. 48:22

47 ^aDeut. 32:49

48 ^aNum. 22:1; 31:12; 35:1

49 ^aNum. 25:1 ¹Heb. Abel Shittim

51 ^aJosh. 3:17

52 ^aDeut. 7:2, 5; 12:3 ¹Places for pagan worship

53 ^aDeut. 11:31

54 ^aNum. 26:53-56

55 ^aJosh. 23:13

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2 ^aGen. 17:8

3 ^aJosh. 15:1-3 ^bGen. 14:3

4 ^aJosh. 15:3 ^bNum. 13:26; 32:8 ^cJosh. 15:3, 4

5 ^aJosh. 15:4, 47

6 ^aEzek. 47:20

7 ^aNum. 33:37

8 ^aNum. 13:21 ^bEzek. 47:15

9 ^aEzek. 47:17

11 ^a2 Kin. 23:33 ^bDeut. 3:17 ¹Lit. shoulder

12 ^aNum. 34:3

13 ^aJosh. 14:1-5

14 ^aNum. 32:33

and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.

56 'Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them.'

The Appointed Boundaries of Canaan

34 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance—the land of Canaan to its boundaries.

3 "Your southern border shall be from the Wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom; then your southern border shall extend eastward to the end of the Salt Sea;

4 'your border shall turn from the southern side of the Ascent of Akkrabbim, continue to Zin, and be on the south of Kadesh Barnea; then it shall go on to Hazar Addar, and continue to Azmon;

5 'the border shall turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and it shall end at the Sea.

6 'As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea for a border; this shall be your western border.

7 'And this shall be your northern border: From the Great Sea you shall mark out your border line to Mount Hor;

8 'from Mount Hor you shall mark out your border to the entrance of Hamath; then the direction of the border shall be toward Zedad;

9 'the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and it shall end at Hazar Enan. This shall be your northern border.

10 'You shall mark out your eastern border from Hazar Enan to Shepham;

11 'the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain; the border shall go down and reach to the eastern side of the Sea of Chinnereth;

12 'the border shall go down along the Jordan, and it shall end at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land with its surrounding boundaries.'

13 Then Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying: "This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which the LORD has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half-tribe.

14 "For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance; and the half-tribe of Manasseh has received its inheritance.

15 "The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance

on this side of the Jordan, *across from Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise.*"

The Leaders Appointed to Divide the Land

16 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
17 "These *are* the names of the men who shall divide the land among you as an inheritance: "Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun.

18 "And you shall take one "leader of every tribe to divide the land for the inheritance.

19 "These *are* the names of the men: from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

20 "from the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammi-hud;

21 "from the tribe of Benjamin, Eli-dad the son of Chislon;

22 "a leader from the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli;

23 "from the sons of Joseph: a leader from the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod,

24 "and a leader from the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan;

25 "a leader from the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach;

26 "a leader from the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan;

27 "a leader from the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi;

28 "and a leader from the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."

29 These *are* the ones the LORD commanded to "divide the inheritance among the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

Cities for the Levites

35 And the LORD spoke to Moses in "the plains of Moab by the Jordan *across from Jericho*, saying:

2 "a"Command the children of Israel that they give the Levites cities to dwell in from the inheritance of their possession, and you shall *also* give the Levites "common-land around the cities.

3 "They shall have the cities to dwell in; and their common-land shall be for their cattle, for their herds, and for all their animals.

4 "The common-land of the cities which you will give the Levites *shall extend from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits all around.*

5 "And you shall measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, on the south side two thousand cubits, on the west side two

17 ^aJosh. 14:1, 2; 19:51

18 ^aNum. 1:4, 16

29 ¹apportion

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1 ^aNum. 33:50

2 ^aJosh. 14:3, 4; 21:2, 3; Ezek. 45:1; 48:10-20 ^bLev. 25:32-34

6 ^aDeut. 4:41; Josh. 20:2, 7, 8; 21:3, 13

7 ^aJosh. 21:41

8 ^aJosh. 21:3 ^bNum. 26:54; 33:54

10 ^aDeut. 19:2; Josh. 20:1-9

11 ^aEx. 21:13; Num. 35:22-25; Deut. 19:1-13

12 ^aDeut. 19:6; Josh. 20:3, 5, 6

13 ^aNum. 35:6

14 ^aDeut. 4:41; Josh. 20:8

15 ^aNum. 15:16

16 ^aEx. 21:12, 14; Lev. 24:17; Deut. 19:11, 12

19 ^aNum. 35:21, 24, 27; Deut. 19:6, 12 ¹A family member who is to avenge the victim

20 ^aGen. 4:8; 2 Sam. 3:27; 20:10; 1 Kin. 2:31, 32 ^bEx. 21:14; Deut. 19:11, 12

thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits. The city *shall be* in the middle. This shall belong to them as common-land for the cities.

6 "Now among the cities which you will give to the Levites *you shall appoint* "six cities of refuge, to which a manslayer may flee. And to these you shall add forty-two cities.

7 "So all the cities you will give to the Levites *shall be* "forty-eight; these *you shall give* with their common-land.

8 "And the cities which you will give *shall be* "from the possession of the children of Israel; ^bfrom the larger *tribe* you shall give many, from the smaller you shall give few. Each shall give some of its cities to the Levites, in proportion to the inheritance that each receives."

Cities of Refuge

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: "When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

11 "then "you shall appoint cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally may flee there.

12 "They shall be cities of refuge for you from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation in judgment.

13 "And of the cities which you give, you shall have "six cities of refuge.

14 "You shall appoint three cities on this side of the Jordan, and three cities you shall appoint in the land of Canaan, *which will be* cities of refuge.

15 "These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israel, "for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills a person accidentally may flee there.

16 "But if he strikes him with an iron implement, so that he dies, *he is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 "And if he strikes him with a stone in the hand, by which one could die, and he does die, *he is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 "Or if he strikes him with a wooden hand weapon, by which one could die, and he does die, *he is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 "The¹ avenger of blood himself shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him, he shall put him to death.

20 "If he pushes him out of hatred or, ^bwhile lying in wait, hurls something at him so that he dies,

21 "or in enmity he strikes him with his hand so that he dies, the one who

struck *him* shall surely be put to death. He is a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

22 'However, if he pushes him suddenly ^awithout enmity, or throws anything at him without lying in wait,

23 'or uses a stone, by which a man could die, throwing *it* at him without seeing *him*, so that he dies, while he was not his enemy or seeking his harm,

24 'then ^athe congregation shall judge between the manslayer and the avenger of blood according to these judgments.

25 'So the congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall return him to the city of refuge where he had fled, and ^ahe shall remain there until the death of the high priest ^bwho was anointed with the holy oil.

26 'But if the manslayer at any time goes outside the limits of the city of refuge where he fled,

27 'and the avenger of blood finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of ¹blood,

28 'because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession.

29 'And these *things* shall be ^aa statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 'Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the ^atestimony of witnesses; but one witness is not *sufficient* testimony against a person for the death *penalty*.

31 'Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.

32 'And you shall take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to dwell in the land before the death of the priest.

33 'So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood ^adefiles the land, and no ¹atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except ^bby the blood of him who shed it.

34 'Therefore ^ado not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for ¹I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.'

Marriage of Female Heirs

36 Now the chief fathers of the families of the ^achildren of Gilead the son of Machir, the son

22 ^aEx. 21:13

24 ^aNum. 35:12; Josh. 20:6

25 ^aJosh. 20:6
^bEx. 29:7; Lev. 4:3; 21:10

27 ¹Murder

29 ^aNum. 27:11

30 ^aDeut. 17:6; 19:15; Matt. 18:16; John 7:51; 8:17, 18; 2 Cor. 13:1; Heb. 10:28

33 ^aDeut. 21:7, 8; Ps. 106:38
^bGen. 9:6 ¹Lit. covering

34 ^aLev. 18:24, 25; Deut. 21:23 ^bEx. 29:45, 46

CHAPTER 36

1 ^aNum. 26:29
^bNum. 27:1-11

2 ^aNum. 26:55; 33:54; Josh. 17:4 ^bNum. 27:1, 5-7

3 ^aNum. 27:4

4 ^aLev. 25:10

5 ^aNum. 27:7

6 ^aNum. 36:11,
12 ¹Lit. be wives to

7 ^{a1} Kin. 21:3

8 ^{a1} Chr. 23:22

11 ^aNum. 26:33; 27:1

13 ^aNum. 26:3; 33:50

of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and ^bspoke before Moses and before the leaders, the chief fathers of the children of Israel.

2 And they said: ^a"The LORD commanded my lord *Moses* to give the land as an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel, and ^bmy lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters.

3 "Now if they are married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then their inheritance will be ^ataken from the inheritance of our fathers, and it will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so it will be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 "And when ^athe Jubilee of the children of Israel comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers."

5 Then Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying: ^a"What the tribe of the sons of Joseph speaks is right.

6 "This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, 'Let them ¹marry whom they think best, ^abut they may marry only within the family of their father's tribe.'

7 "So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not change hands from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israel shall ^akeep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 "And ^aevery daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel shall be the wife of one of the family of her father's tribe, so that the children of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers.

9 "Thus no inheritance shall change hands from *one* tribe to another, but every tribe of the children of Israel shall keep its own inheritance."

10 Just as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad;

11 "for Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to the sons of their father's brothers.

12 They were married into the families of the children of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's family.

13 These *are* the commandments and the judgments which the LORD commanded the children of Israel by the hand of Moses ^ain the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho.

DEUTERONOMY

DEUTERONOMY, Moses' "Upper Desert Discourse," consists of a series of farewell messages by Israel's 120-year-old leader. It is addressed to the new generation destined to possess the Land of Promise—those who survived the forty years of wilderness wandering.

Like Leviticus, Deuteronomy contains a vast amount of legal detail, but its emphasis is on the laymen rather than the priests. Moses reminds the new generation of the importance of obedience if they are to learn from the sad example of their parents.

The Hebrew title of Deuteronomy is *Haddebarim*, "The Words," taken from the opening phrase in 1:1, "These are the words." The parting words of Moses to the new generation are given in oral and written form so that they will endure to all generations. Deuteronomy has been called "five-fifths of the Law" since it completes the five books of Moses. The Jewish people have also called it *Mishneh Torah*, "Repetition of the Law," which is translated in the Septuagint as *To Deuteronomion Touto*, "This Second Law." Deuteronomy, however, is not a second law but an adaptation and expansion of much of the original law given on Mount Sinai. The English title comes from the Greek title *Deuteronomion*, "Second Law." Deuteronomy has also been appropriately called the "Book of Remembrance."

The Previous Command to Enter Canaan

THESE are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel ^aon this side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain opposite ²Soph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir ^ato Kadesh Barnea.

3 Now it came to pass ^ain the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, *that* Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him as commandments to them,

4 ^aafter he had killed Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwell in Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who dwell at Ashtaroth ^bin Edrei.

5 On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying,

6 "The LORD our God spoke to us ^ain Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long ^benough at this mountain.

7 'Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates.

8 'See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD ¹swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.'

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aDeut. 4:44–46 ¹Heb. arabah ²One LXX ms., Tg., Vg. Red Sea

2 ^aNum. 13:26; 32:8

3 ^aNum. 33:38

4 ^aNum. 21:23, 24, 33–35

^bJosh. 13:12

¹LXX, Syr., Vg. and; cf. Josh. 12:4

6 ^aEx. 3:1, 12 ^bEx. 19:1, 2

7 ¹Heb. arabah

8 ^aGen. 12:7; 15:5; 22:17; 26:3; 28:13 ¹promised

9 ^aEx. 18:18, 24 ¹am not able to bear you by myself

10 ^aGen. 15:5; 22:17

11 ^{a2} Sam. 24:3 ^bGen. 15:5

12 ^{a1} Kin. 3:8, 9

13 ¹rulers

15 ^aEx. 18:25 ¹appointed

16 ^aDeut. 16:18 ^bLev. 24:22

17 ^aProv. 24:23–26 ^{b2} Chr. 19:6 ^cEx. 18:22, 26

Tribal Leaders Appointed

9 "And ^aI spoke to you at that time, saying: 'I alone am not able to bear you.

10 'The LORD your God has multiplied you, ^aand here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude.

11 ^a'May the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you ^{as} He has promised you!

12 ^a'How can I alone bear your problems and your burdens and your complaints?

13 'Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them ¹heads over you.'

14 "And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have told us to do is good.'

15 "So I took ^athe heads of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and ¹made them heads over you, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for your tribes.

16 "Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear the cases between your brethren, and ¹judge righteously between a man and his ^bbrother or the stranger who is with him.

17 ^a'You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for ^bthe judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you, ^cbring to me, and I will hear it.'

18 "And I commanded you at that

time all the things which you should do.

Israel's Refusal to Enter the Land

19 "So we departed from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw on the way to the mountains of the Amorites, as the LORD our God had commanded us. Then we came to Kadesh Barnea.

20 "And I said to you, 'You have come to the mountains of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us.

21 "Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the LORD God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.'

22 "And every one of you came near to me and said, 'Let us send men before us, and let them search out the land for us, and bring back word to us of the way by which we should go up, and of the cities into which we shall come.'

23 "The plan pleased me well; so I took twelve of your men, one man from each tribe.

24 "And they departed and went up into the mountains, and came to the Valley of Eshcol, and spied it out.

25 "They also took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought back word to us, saying, 'It is a good land which the LORD our God is giving us.'

26 "Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God;

27 "and you complained in your tents, and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 'Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there."'

29 "Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, nor afraid of them.

30 "The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

31 'and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.'

32 "Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God,

33 "who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

19 ^aDeut. 2:7; 8:15; 32:10
^bNum. 13:26

21 ^aJosh. 1:6, 9

23 ^aNum. 13:2, 3

24 ^aNum. 13:21-25

25 ^aNum. 13:27

26 ^aNum. 14:1-4

27 ^aPs. 106:25
^bDeut. 9:28

28 ^aDeut. 9:1, 2
^bNum. 13:28
¹Lit. *melted*

29 ^aNum. 14:9

30 ^aEx. 14:14

31 ^aIs. 46:3, 4; 63:9

32 ^aJude 5

33 ^aEx. 13:21
^bNum. 10:33

34 ^aDeut. 2:14, 15

35 ^aNum. 14:22, 23
¹*promised*

36 ^a[Josh. 14:9]
^bNum. 32:11, 12
¹*fully*

37 ^aDeut. 3:26; 4:21; 34:4

38 ^aNum. 14:30
^{b1} Sam. 16:22
^cDeut. 31:7, 23

39 ^aNum. 14:31
^bNum. 14:3
^cIs. 7:15, 16

40 ^aNum. 14:25

41 ^aNum. 14:40

42 ^aNum. 14:41-43

43 ^aNum. 14:44
^bDeut. 17:12, 13
¹*willfully*

44 ^aPs. 118:12

46 ^aDeut. 2:7, 14

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aDeut. 1:40
^bNum. 14:25
¹*circled around*

3 ^aDeut. 2:7, 14

4 ^aNum. 20:14-21
^bDeut. 23:7

The Penalty for Israel's Rebellion

34 "And the LORD heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and took an oath, saying,

35 "Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers,

36 "except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed the LORD.'

37 "The LORD was also angry with me for your sakes, saying, 'Even you shall not go in there.

38 "Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 "Moreover your little ones and your children, who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.

40 "But as for you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea.'

41 "Then you answered and said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And when everyone of you had girded on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the mountain.

42 "And the LORD said to me, 'Tell them, "Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you; lest you be defeated before your enemies."'

43 "So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and presumptuously¹ went up into the mountain.

44 "And the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out against you and chased you as bees do, and drove you back from Seir to Hormah.

45 "Then you returned and wept before the LORD, but the LORD would not listen to your voice nor give ear to you.

46 "So you remained in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you spent there.

The Desert Years

2 "Then we turned and journeyed into the wilderness of the Way of the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and we skirted Mount Seir for many days.

2 "And the LORD spoke to me, saying:

3 "You have skirted this mountain long enough; turn northward.

4 "And command the people, saying, "You are about to pass through the territory of your brethren, the

descendants of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore watch yourselves carefully.

5 "Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you *any* of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, ^abecause I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

6 "You shall buy food from them with money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink.

7 "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your ¹trudging through this great wilderness. *"These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing."*

8 "And when we passed beyond our brethren, the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir, away from the road of the plain, away from ^aElath and Ezion Geber, we ^bturned and passed by way of the Wilderness of Moab.

9 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor contend with them in battle, for I will not give you *any* of their land as a possession, because I have given ^aAr to ^bthe descendants of Lot as a possession.'

10 ^a(The Emim had dwelt there in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as ^bthe Anakim.

11 They were also regarded as ¹giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

12 ^aThe Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their ¹place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave them.)

13 "Now rise and cross over ^athe Valley of the Zered.' So we crossed over the Valley of the Zered.

14 "And the time we took to come ^afrom Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered was thirty-eight years, ^buntil all the generation of the men of war ¹was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as the LORD had sworn to them.

15 "For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they ¹were consumed.

16 "So it was, when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people,

17 "that the LORD spoke to me, saying:

18 'This day you are to cross over at Ar, the boundary of Moab.

19 'And *when* you come near the people of Ammon, do not harass them or meddle with them, for I will not give you *any* of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession,

⁵ ^aGen. 36:8; Josh. 24:4

⁷ ^aDeut. 8:2-4; [Matt. 6:8, 32] ¹Lit. *goings*

⁸ ^aJudg. 11:18; 1 Kin. 9:26 ^bNum. 21:4

⁹ ^aNum. 21:15; 28; Deut. 2:18, 29 ^bGen. 19:36-38

¹⁰ ^aGen. 14:5 ^bNum. 13:22, 33; Deut. 9:2

¹¹ ¹Heb. *rephaim*

¹² ^aGen. 14:6; 36:20; Deut. 2:22 ¹stead

¹³ ^aNum. 21:12 ¹Wadi or Brook

¹⁴ ^aNum. 13:26 ^bNum. 14:33; 26:64; Deut. 1:34, 35 ^cNum. 14:35; Ezek. 20:15 ¹perished

¹⁵ ¹perished

¹⁹ ^aGen. 19:38; Num. 21:24

²⁰ ^aGen. 14:5 ¹Heb. *rephaim*

²¹ ^aDeut. 2:10

²² ^aGen. 36:8; Deut. 2:5

^bGen. 14:6; 36:20-30

²³ ^aJosh. 13:3 ^bGen. 10:14; 1 Chr. 1:12; Jer. 47:4; Amos 9:7

²⁴ ^aNum. 21:13, 14; Judg. 11:18

^bDeut. 1:4 ¹to take possession

²⁵ ^aEx. 23:27; Deut. 11:25; Josh. 2:9 ^bEx. 15:14-16

¹everywhere under the heavens

²⁶ ^aNum. 21:21-32; Deut. 1:4; Judg. 11:19-21

^bDeut. 20:10

²⁷ ^aNum. 21:21, 22; Judg. 11:19

²⁸ ^aNum. 20:19

²⁹ ^aNum. 20:18; Deut. 23:3, 4; Judg. 11:17

³⁰ ^aNum. 21:23 ^bJosh. 11:20

^cEx. 4:21

³¹ ^aDeut. 1:3, 8

³² ^aNum. 21:23

³³ ^aEx. 23:31; Deut. 7:2

^bNum. 21:24

¹Lit. *before us*

³⁴ ^aLev. 27:28

because I have given it to ^athe descendants of Lot as a possession.'

20 (That was also regarded as a land of ¹giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them ^aZamzummim,

21 ^aa people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But the LORD destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place,

22 just as He had done for the descendants of Esau, ^awho dwell in Seir, when He destroyed ^bthe Horites from before them. They dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, even to this day.

23 And ^athe Avim, who dwell in villages as far as Gaza—^bthe Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and dwelt in their place.)

24 "Rise, take your journey, and ^across over the River Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand ^bSihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin ¹to possess it, and engage him in battle.

25 ^aThis day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations ¹under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall ^btremble and be in anguish because of you.'

King Sihon Defeated

26 "And I ^asent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon, ^bwith words of peace, saying,

27 ^aLet me pass through your land; I will keep strictly to the road, and I will turn neither to the right nor to the left.

28 'You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; ^aonly let me pass through on foot,

29 ^ajust as the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir and the Moabites who dwell in Ar did for me, until I cross the Jordan to the land which the LORD our God is giving us.'

30 ^aBut Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for ^bthe LORD your God ^ahardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as it is this day.

31 "And the LORD said to me, 'See, I have begun to ^agive Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to possess it, that you may inherit his land.'

32 ^aThen Sihon and all his people came out against us to fight at Jahaz.

33 "And ^athe LORD our God delivered him ^bover to us; so ^bwe defeated him, his sons, and all his people.

34 "We took all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed the men, women, and little ones of every city; we left none remaining.

35 "We took only the livestock as

plunder for ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we took.

36 ^a“From Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, and *from* ^bthe city that is in the ravine, as far as Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us; ^cthe LORD our God delivered all to us.

37 “Only you did not go near the land of the people of Ammon—anywhere along the River ^aJabbok, or to the cities of the mountains, or ^bwherever the LORD our God had forbidden us.

King Og Defeated

3 “Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan; and ^aOg king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle ^bat Edrei.

2 “And the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to ^aSihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.’

3 “So the LORD our God also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we ^aattacked him until he had no survivors remaining.

4 “And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, ^aall the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 “All these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides a great many rural towns.

6 “And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king ^aof Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city.

7 “But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves.

8 “And at that time we took the ^aland from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were on this side of the Jordan, from the River Arnon to Mount ^bHermion

9 “(the Sidonians call ^aHermion Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir),

10 ^a“all the cities of the plain, all Gilead, and ^ball Bashan, as far as Salcah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 ^a“For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of ^bthe ^cgiant. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in ^aRabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

The Land East of the Jordan Divided

12 “And this ^aland, which we possessed at that time, ^bfrom Aroer, which is by the River Arnon, and half the mountains of Gilead and ^cits

36 ^aDeut. 3:12; 4:48 ^bJosh. 13:9, 16 ^cPs. 44:3

37 ^aGen. 32:22 ^bDeut. 2:5, 9, 19

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aNum. 21:33–35 ^bDeut. 1:4

2 ^aNum. 21:34

3 ^astruck

4 ^aDeut. 3:13, 14

6 ^aDeut. 2:24, 34, 35

8 ^aJosh. 12:6; 13:8–12 ^b1 Chr. 5:23

9 ^a1 Chr. 5:23

10 ^aDeut. 4:49 ^bJosh. 12:5; 13:11

11 ^aAmos 2:9 ^bDeut. 2:11, 20 ^cJer. 49:2 ^dHeb. *rephaim*

12 ^aNum. 32:33 ^bDeut. 2:36 ^cNum. 34:14

13 ^aJosh. 13:29–31; 17:1 ^bHeb. *rephaim*

14 ^a1 Chr. 2:22 ^bJosh. 13:13 ^cNum. 32:41 ^dLit. *Towns of Jair*

15 ^aNum. 32:39, 40

16 ^a2 Sam. 24:5 ^bNum. 21:24

17 ^aNum. 34:11, 12 ^bGen. 14:3

18 ^aNum. 32:20

20 ^aDeut. 12:9, 10 ^bJosh. 22:4

21 ^a[Num. 27:22, 23]

22 ^aEx. 14:14

23 ^a[2 Cor. 12:8, 9]

24 ^aDeut. 5:24; 11:2 ^b2 Sam. 7:22 ^cstrong

25 ^aDeut. 4:22

26 ^aNum. 20:12; 27:14

27 ^aNum. 23:14; 27:12

cities, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites.

13 ^a“The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the ^cgiant.)

14 ^a“Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, ^bas far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and ^ccalled Bashan after his own name, ^dHavoth Jair, to this day.)

15 “Also I gave ^aGilead to Machir.

16 “And to the Reubenites ^aand the Gadites I gave from Gilead as far as the River Arnon, the middle of the river as ^bthe border, as far as the River Jabbok, ^bthe border of the people of Ammon;

17 “the plain also, with the Jordan as ^bthe border, from Chinnereth ^aas far as the east side of the Sea of the Arabah ^b(the Salt Sea), below the slopes of Pisgah.

18 “Then I commanded you at that time, saying: ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. ^aAll you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel.’

19 ‘But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which I have given you,’

20 ‘until the LORD has given ^arest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may ^breturn to his possession which I have given you.’

21 “And ^aI commanded Joshua at that time, saying, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass.’

22 ‘You must not fear them, for ^athe LORD your God Himself fights for you.’

Moses Forbidden to Enter the Land

23 “Then ^aI pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying:

24 ‘O LORD GOD, You have begun to show Your servant ^aYour greatness and Your ^bmighty hand, for ^bwhat god is *there* in heaven or on earth who can do *anything* like Your works and Your *mighty deeds*?

25 ‘I pray, let me cross over and see ^athe good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.’

26 “But the LORD ^awas angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the LORD said to me: ‘Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter.’

27 ^a“Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold

it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.

28 'But ^acommand! Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.'

29 'So we stayed in ^athe valley opposite Beth Peor.

Moses Commands Obedience

4 'Now, O Israel, listen to ^athe statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and ^bpossess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you.

2 ^a'You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3 'Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at ^aBaal Peor; for the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor.

4 'But you who held fast to the LORD your God *are* alive today, every one of you.

5 'Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to *them* in the land which you go to possess.

6 'Therefore be careful to observe *them*; for this is ^ayour wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

7 'For ^awhat great nation is *there* that has ^bGod! so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?

8 'And what great nation is *there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?

9 'Only take heed to yourself, and diligently ^akeep yourself, lest you ^bforget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And ^ateach them to your children and your grandchildren,

10 '*especially concerning* ^athe day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, and they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.'

11 'Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.

12 ^a'And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw

28 ^aNum. 27:18, 23
¹charge

29 ^aDeut. 4:46; 34:6

CHAPTER 4

1 ^a[Rom. 10:5]
¹take possession of

2 ^aProv. 30:6

3 ^aNum. 25:1-9

6 ^a[2 Tim. 3:15]

7 ^a[2 Sam. 7:23] ^b[Is. 55:6] ¹Or a god

9 ^aProv. 4:23
^bDeut. 29:2-8
^cGen. 18:19

10 ^aEx. 19:9, 16, 17

12 ^aDeut. 5:4, 22 ^b1 Kin. 19:11-18
¹similitude

13 ^aDeut. 9:9, 11 ^bEx. 34:28
^cEx. 24:12

14 ^aEx. 21:1
¹do or perform

15 ^aJosh. 23:11
^bIs. 40:18

16 ^aDeut. 9:12; 31:29 ^bEx. 20:4, 5 ^cRom. 1:23 ¹similitude

19 ^aDeut. 17:3
^b2 Kin. 21:3
^c[Rom. 1:25]
¹divided

20 ^aJer. 11:4
^bDeut. 7:6; 27:9

21 ^aNum. 20:12 ^bNum. 27:13, 14

22 ^a2 Pet. 1:13-15 ^bDeut. 3:27 ^cDeut. 3:25 ¹take possession of

23 ^aDeut. 4:16

24 ^aDeut. 9:3
^bEx. 20:5; 34:14

25 ^a2 Kin. 17:17

26 ^aDeut. 30:18, 19 ¹live long on it

no ¹form; ^byou only heard a voice.

13 ^a'So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, ^bthe Ten Commandments; and ^aHe wrote them on two tablets of stone.

14 'And ^athe LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might ^bobserve them in the land which you cross over to possess.

Beware of Idolatry

15 ^a'Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no ^bform when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

16 'lest you ^aact corruptly and ^bmake for yourselves a carved image in the ¹form of any figure: ^athe likeness of male or female,

17 'the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air,

18 'the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth.

19 'And *take heed*, lest you ^alift your eyes to heaven, and *when* you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, ^ball the host of heaven, you feel driven to ^aworship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has ^agiven to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.

20 'But the LORD has taken you and ^abrought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be ^bHis people, an inheritance, as you are this day.

21 'Furthermore ^athe LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that ^bI would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

22 'But ^aI must die in this land, ^bI must not cross over the Jordan; but you shall cross over and ^bpossess ^athat good land.

23 'Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, ^aand make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you.

24 'For ^athe LORD your God is a consuming fire, ^ba jealous God.

25 'When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and ^ado evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger,

26 ^a'I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not ¹prolong your

days in it, but will be utterly destroyed.

27 "And the LORD "will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.

28 "And "there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, "which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

29 "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

30 "When you are in ¹distress, and all these things come upon you in the "latter days, when you ²turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice 31 "(for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor "destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

32 "For "ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask ³from one end of heaven to the other, whether any great thing like this has happened, or anything like it has been heard.

33 "Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

34 "Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, "by trials, "by signs, by wonders, by war, "by a mighty hand and "an outstretched arm, "and by great "terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 "To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; "there is none other besides Him.

36 "Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

37 "And because "He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their ¹descendants after them; and ²He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,

38 "driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is this day.

39 "Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that "the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

40 "You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that ¹it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may

27 ^aDeut. 28:62

28 ^aJer. 16:13
^bPs. 115:4-7;
135:15-17

29 ^a[2 Chr. 15:4]

30 ^aHos. 3:5
^bJoel 2:12
¹tribulation

31 ^aJer. 30:11

32 ^aJob 8:8
^bMatt. 24:31

33 ^aDeut. 5:24-26

34 ^aDeut. 7:19
^bEx. 7:3 ^cEx. 13:3 ^dEx. 6:6
^eDeut. 26:8
¹calamities

35 ^aMark 12:32

36 ^aHeb. 12:19, 25

37 ^aDeut. 7:7, 8; 10:15; 33:3
^bEx. 13:3, 9,
14 ¹Lit. seed

38 ^aDeut. 7:1

39 ^aJosh. 2:11

40 ^aLev. 22:31
¹you may prosper ²live long

41 ^aNum. 35:6

42 ^aDeut. 19:4

43 ^aJosh. 20:8

46 ^aDeut. 3:29
^bNum. 21:24
¹struck

47 ^aNum. 21:33-35
¹east

48 ^aDeut. 2:36;
3:12 ^bDeut. 3:9 ¹Syr. Sirion

49 ^aDeut. 3:17

CHAPTER 5

2 ^aEx. 19:5

3 ^aHeb. 8:9

4 ^aEx. 19:9

5 ^aGal. 3:19
^bEx. 19:16

6 ^aEx. 20:2-17
¹slavery

7 ^aHos. 13:4
¹besides

8 ^aEx. 20:4

²prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

Cities of Refuge East of the Jordan

41 Then Moses "set apart three cities on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun,

42 "that the manslayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without having hated him in time past, and that by fleeing to one of these cities he might live:

43 "Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

Introduction to God's Law

44 Now this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel.

45 These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt,

46 "on this side of the Jordan, "in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel "defeated¹ after they came out of Egypt.

47 And they took possession of his land and the land "of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who were on this side of the Jordan, toward the "rising of the sun,

48 "from Arero, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, even to Mount ¹Sion (that is, ²Hermon),

49 and all the plain on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, below the "slopes of Pisgah.

The Ten Commandments Reviewed

5 And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.

2 "The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 "The LORD "did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive.

4 "The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.

5 "I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for ²you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said:

6 "I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹bondage.

7 "You shall have no other gods ¹before Me.

8 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any

- likeness of *anything* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;
- 9 you shall not ^abow¹ down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, ²visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,
- 10 ^abut showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and ¹keep My commandments.
- 11 ^aYou shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* ¹guiltless who takes His name in vain.
- 12 ^aObserve the Sabbath day, to ¹keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.
- 13 ^aSix days you shall labor and do all your work,
- 14 but the seventh day is the ^aSabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.
- 15 ^aAnd remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there ^bby a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.
- 16 ^aHonor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, ^bthat your days may be long, and that it may be well with ^ayou in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- 17 ^aYou shall not murder.
- 18 ^aYou shall not commit adultery.
- 19 ^aYou shall not steal.
- 20 ^aYou shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 21 ^aYou shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.
- 22 "These words the LORD spoke to

⁹ ^aEx. 34:7, 14-16 ¹*worship them*
²*punishing*

¹⁰ ^aDan. 9:4
¹*observe*

¹¹ ^aEx. 20:7
¹*innocent*

¹² ^aEx. 20:8
¹*sanctify it*

¹³ ^aEx. 23:12; 35:2

¹⁴ ^a[Heb. 4:4]

¹⁵ ^aDeut. 15:15 ^bDeut. 4:34, 37

¹⁶ ^aLev. 19:3
^bDeut. 6:2
^cDeut. 4:40

¹⁷ ^aMatt. 5:21

¹⁸ ^aEx. 20:14

¹⁹ ^a[Rom. 13:9]

²⁰ ^aEx. 20:16; 23:1

²¹ ^aEx. 20:17

²² ^aDeut. 4:13

²³ ^aEx. 20:18, 19

²⁴ ^aEx. 19:19
^bDeut. 4:33

²⁵ ^aDeut. 18:16

²⁶ ^aDeut. 4:33

²⁷ ^aEx. 20:19

²⁸ ^aDeut. 18:17

²⁹ ^aPs. 81:13
^bDeut. 11:1
^cDeut. 4:40

³¹ ^a[Gal. 3:19]

³² ^aDeut. 17:20; 28:14
¹*observe*

³³ ^aDeut. 10:12 ^bDeut. 4:40

CHAPTER 6

¹ ^aDeut. 12:1

all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And ^aHe wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

The People Afraid of God's Presence

23 ^a"So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders.

24 "And you said: 'Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and ^awe have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he ^bstill lives.

25 'Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; ^aif we hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore, then we shall die.

26 ^a"For who is *there* of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived?

27 'You go near and hear all that the LORD our God may say, and ^atell us all that the LORD our God says to you, and we will hear and do *it*.'

28 "Then the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me: 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. ^aThey are right *in* all that they have spoken.

29 ^a"Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and ^balways keep all My commandments, ^cthat it might be well with them and with their children forever!

30 'Go and say to them, "Return to your tents."

31 'But as for you, stand here by Me, ^aand I will speak to you all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe *them* in the land which I am giving them to possess.'

32 "Therefore you shall ¹be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; ^ayou shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

33 "You shall walk in ^aall the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live ^band *that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.*

The Greatest Commandment

6 "Now this is ^athe commandment, and *these* are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the

land which you are crossing over to possess,

2 ^a"that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, ^band that your days may be prolonged.

3 ^a"Therefore hear, O Israel, and ^bbe careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may ^a"multiply greatly ^bas the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—"a land flowing with milk and honey."

4 ^a"Hear, O Israel: ¹The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

5 ^a"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, ^bwith all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 ^a"And ^athese words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 ^a"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 ^a"You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 ^a"You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Caution Against Disobedience

10 ^a"So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He ^aswore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities ^a"which you did not build,

11 ^a"houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—"when you have eaten and are full—

12 ^a"then beware, lest you forget the ^aLORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13 ^a"You shall ^afear the LORD your God and serve Him, and ^bshall take oaths in His name.

14 ^a"You shall not go after other gods, ^athe gods of the peoples who are all around you

15 ^a"(for ^athe LORD your God is a jealous God ^bamong you), lest the anger of the LORD your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.

16 ^a"You shall not ^atempt the LORD your God ^bas you ^atempted Him in Massah.

17 ^a"You shall ^adiligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.

18 ^a"And you ^ashall do ^awhat is right and good in the sight of the LORD,

2 ^a[Ecc. 12:13] ^bDeut. 4:40

3 ^aDeut. 7:13
^bGen. 22:17
^cEx. 3:8, 17
¹Lit. *observe to do*

4 ^a[1 Cor. 8:4, 6] ¹Or *The LORD is our God, the LORD alone, i.e., the only one*

5 ^aMatt. 22:37
^b2 Kin. 23:25

6 ^aDeut. 11:18-20

7 ^aDeut. 4:9; 11:19

8 ^aProv. 3:3; 6:21; 7:3

9 ^aDeut. 11:20

10 ^aJosh. 24:13
¹*promised*

11 ^aDeut. 8:10; 11:15; 14:29

12 ^aDeut. 8:11-18

13 ^aMatt. 4:10
^bDeut. 5:11

14 ^aDeut. 13:7

15 ^aEx. 20:5
^bEx. 33:3

16 ^aLuke 4:12
^b[1 Cor. 10:9]
¹*test ²tested*

17 ^aDeut. 11:22

18 ^aEx. 15:26

19 ^aNum. 33:52, 53

20 ^aEx. 13:8, 14

21 ^aEx. 13:3

23 ¹*promised*

24 ^aDeut. 6:2
^bJer. 32:39

^cDeut. 4:1 ¹*do*
²*ordinances*
³*today*

25 ^a[Rom. 10:3, 5]

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aDeut. 6:10
^bGen. 15:19-21
^cEx. 33:2

2 ^aNum. 31:17
^bJosh. 2:14

3 ^a1 Kin. 11:2

4 ^aDeut. 6:15

5 ^aEx. 23:24; 34:13 ¹Heb. *Asherim*, Canaanite deities

6 ^aEx. 19:5, 6
¹*set-apart*

7 ^aDeut. 4:37

that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers,

19 ^a"to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

20 ^a"When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?'

21 ^a"then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt ^awith a mighty hand;

22 ^a"and the LORD showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.

23 ^a"Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He ^aswore to our fathers.

24 ^a"And the LORD commanded us to ¹observe all these ²statutes, ^ato fear the LORD our God, ^bfor our good always, that ^aHe might preserve us alive, as it is ³this day.

25 ^a"Then ^ait will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us.'

A Chosen People

7 ^a"When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to ^apossess, and has cast out many ^anations before you, ^athe Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,

2 ^a"and when the LORD your God delivers ^athem over to you, you shall conquer them ^aand utterly destroy them. ^bYou shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.

3 ^a"Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.

4 ^a"For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; ^aso the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

5 ^a"But thus you shall deal with them: you shall ^adestroy their altars, and break down their ^asacred pillars, and cut down their ¹wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.

6 ^a"For you are a ¹holy people to the LORD your God; ^athe LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

7 ^a"The LORD did not set His ^alove on you nor choose you because you

were more in number than any other people, for you were ^bthe least of all peoples;

8 "but ^abecause the LORD loves you, and because He would keep ^bthe oath which He swore to your fathers, ^cthe LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of ^bbondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, ^athe faithful God ^bwho keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

10 "and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not ¹be ^aslack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.

11 "Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.

Blessings of Obedience

12 "Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.

13 "And He will ^alove you and bless you and ¹multiply you; ^bHe will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He ²swore to your fathers to give you.

14 "You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female ^abarren among you or among your livestock.

15 "And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the ^aterrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay *them* on all those who hate you.

16 "Also you shall ¹destroy all the peoples whom the LORD your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that will ^abe a snare to you.

17 "If you should say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?'—

18 "you shall not be afraid of them, *but* you shall ^aremember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:

19 "^athe great trials which your eyes saw, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

20 "^aMoreover the LORD your God

7 ^bDeut. 10:22

8 ^aDeut. 10:15
^bLuke 1:55;
72, 73 ^cEx.
13:3, 14 ¹slavery

9 ¹a 1 Cor. 1:9;
2 Thess. 3:3;
2 Tim. 2:13
^bEx. 20:6;
Deut. 5:10;
Neh. 1:5; Dan.
9:4

10 ^a[2 Pet. 3:9,
10] ¹delay

13 ^aPs. 146:8;
Prov. 15:9;
John 14:21
^bDeut. 28:4
¹cause you to
increase
²promised

14 ^aEx. 23:26

15 ^aEx. 9:14;
15:26; Deut.
28:27, 60

16 ^aEx. 23:33;
Judg. 8:27; Ps.
106:36 ¹consume

18 ^aPs. 105:5

19 ^aDeut. 4:34;
29:3

20 ^aEx. 23:28;
Josh. 24:12

22 ^aEx. 23:29,
30 ¹consume

24 ^aJosh.
10:24, 42;
12:1–24 ^bJosh.
23:9 ¹before

25 ^aProv. 23:6
¹desire

26 ^aDeut. 13:17
¹devoted or
banned

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aDeut. 4:1;
6:24 ^bDeut.
30:16
¹observe to
do ²increase
in number
³promised

2 ^aDeut. 1:3;
2:7; 29:5; Ps.
136:16; Amos
2:10 ^bEx. 16:4
^c[John 2:25]

3 ^aEx. 16:2, 3
^bEx. 16:12, 14,
35 ^cMatt. 4:4;
Luke 4:4

4 ^aDeut. 29:5;
Neh. 9:21

5 ^a2 Sam. 7:14;
Ps. 89:30–33;
Prov. 3:11, 12;
Heb. 12:5–11;
Rev. 3:19
¹consider

6 ^a[Deut. 5:33]

7 ^aDeut.
11:9–12; Jer.
2:7

will send the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed.

21 "You shall not be terrified of them; for the LORD your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.

22 "And the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you ^alittle by little; you will be unable to ¹destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become *too* numerous for you.

23 "But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed.

24 "And ^aHe will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; ^bno one shall be able to stand ¹against you until you have destroyed them.

25 "You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not ^acovet ¹the silver or gold *that* is on them, nor take *it* for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.

26 "Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, ^afor it is an ¹accursed thing.

Remember the LORD Your God

8 "Every commandment which I command you today ^ayou must ¹be careful to observe, that you may live and ²multiply, ²and go in and possess the land of which the LORD ³swore to your fathers.

2 "And you shall remember that the LORD your God ^aled you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* ^btest you, ^cto know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3 "So He humbled you, ^aallowed you to hunger, and ^bfed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall ^anot live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

4 "^aYour garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5 "^aYou should ¹know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.

6 "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, ^ato walk in His ways and to fear Him.

7 "For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, ^aa land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills;
8 "^aa land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegran-

ates, a land of olive oil and honey;
9 "a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

10 "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today.

12 "lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them;

13 "and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;

14 "when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 "who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, ^{bin} which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock;

16 "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—

17 "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

19 "Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

20 "As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

Israel's Rebellions Reviewed

9 "Hear, O Israel: You are to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven.

2 "a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you heard it said, 'Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?'

3 "Therefore understand today that the LORD your God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and

10 ^aDeut. 6:11, 12

12 ^aDeut. 28:47; Prov. 30:9; Hos. 13:6
¹satisfied

13 ¹increased

14 ^{a1} Cor. 4:7
^bDeut. 8:11; Ps. 106:21
¹becomes proud

15 ^aIs. 63:12-14
^bNum. 21:6
^cEx. 17:6; Num. 20:11

16 ^aEx. 16:15
^bJer. 24:5, 6; [Heb. 12:11]

18 ^aProv. 10:22; Hos. 2:8
^bDeut. 7:8, 12
¹confirm

19 ^aDeut. 4:26; 30:18

20 ^a[Dan. 9:11, 12]

CHAPTER 9

2 ^aNum. 13:22, 28, 33; Josh. 11:21, 22

3 ^aDeut. 1:33; 31:3; Josh. 3:11; 5:14; John 10:4
^bDeut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29
^cDeut. 7:24
^dEx. 23:31

4 ^aDeut. 8:17; [Rom. 11:6, 20; 1 Cor. 4:4, 7] ^bGen. 15:16; Lev. 18:3, 24-30; Deut. 12:31; 18:9-14

5 ^a[Titus 3:5]
^bGen. 50:24
¹perform

6 ^aEx. 34:9; Deut. 31:27
¹stubborn or rebellious

7 ^aNum. 14:22
^bEx. 14:11

8 ^aEx. 32:1-8; Ps. 106:19

9 ^aEx. 24:12, 15; Deut. 5:2-22
^bEx. 24:18

10 ^aEx. 31:18; Deut. 4:13
^bEx. 19:17
¹when you were all gathered together

12 ^aEx. 32:7, 8
^bDeut. 31:29

13 ^aEx. 32:9
^bDeut. 9:6
¹stubborn or rebellious

14 ^aEx. 32:10
^bDeut. 29:20
^cNum. 14:12

bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said to you.

4 "Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land'; but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out from before you.

5 "It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 "Therefore understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people.

7 "Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 "Also in Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry enough with you to have destroyed you.

9 "When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water.

10 "Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11 "And it came to pass, at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

12 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly; they have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molded image.'

13 "Furthermore the LORD spoke to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed they are a stiff-necked people.'

14 "Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'

15 ^a“So I turned and came down from the mountain, and ^bthe mountain burned with fire; and the two tablets of the covenant *were* in my two hands.

16 “And ^aI looked, and behold, you had sinned against the LORD your God—had made for yourselves a molded calf! You had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you.

17 “Then I took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and ^bbroke them before your eyes.

18 “And I ^afell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

19 ^a“For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was angry with you, to destroy you. ^bBut the LORD listened to me at that time also.

20 “And the LORD was very angry with Aaron *and* would have destroyed him; so I prayed for Aaron also at the same time.

21 “Then I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it *and* ground it very small, until it was as fine as dust; and I ^athrew its dust into the brook that descended from the mountain.

22 “Also at ^aTaberah and ^bMassah and ^cKibroth Hattaavah you ^aprovoked the LORD to wrath.

23 “Likewise, ^awhen the LORD sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, ‘Go up and possess the land which I have given you,’ then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ^byou did not believe Him nor obey His voice.

24 ^a“You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

25 ^a“Thus I ^aprostrated myself before the LORD; forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because the LORD had said He would destroy you.

26 “Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and said: ‘O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your people and ^aYour inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 ‘Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on their wickedness or their sin,

28 ‘lest the land from which You brought us should say, “Because the LORD was not able to bring them to the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has

15 ^aEx. 32:15–19 ^bEx. 19:18

16 ^aEx. 32:19

17 ^aEx. 32:19

18 ^aEx. 34:28; Ps. 106:23
¹prostrated myself

19 ^aEx. 32:10, 11; Heb. 12:21
^bEx. 32:14

21 ^aEx. 32:20

22 ^aNum. 11:1, 3
^bEx. 17:7
^cNum. 11:4, 34
¹caused the LORD to be angry

23 ^aNum. 13:3
^bPs. 106:24, 25

24 ^aDeut. 9:7; 31:27

25 ^aDeut. 9:18
¹fell down

26 ^aDeut. 32:9

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aEx. 25:10
¹Cut out

2 ^aEx. 25:16, 21

4 ^aEx. 20:1; 34:28 ¹Lit. Words

5 ^aEx. 34:29
^bEx. 40:20
^c1 Kin. 8:9

6 ^aNum. 20:25–28; 33:38 ¹place

7 ^aNum. 33:32–34
¹brooks

8 ^aNum. 3:6
^bNum. 4:5, 15; 10:21
^cDeut. 18:5
^dNum. 6:23 ¹set apart

9 ^aNum. 18:20, 24; Deut. 18:1, 2; Ezek. 44:28

10 ^aEx. 34:28; Deut. 9:18
^bEx. 32:14

11 ^aEx. 33:1

12 ^aMic. 6:8
^bDeut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37; 1 Tim. 1:5

brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.”

29 ‘Yet they *are* Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.’

The Second Pair of Tablets

10 “At that time the LORD said to me, ¹‘Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ^aark of wood.

2 ‘And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and ^ayou shall put them in the ark.’

3 “So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.

4 “And He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten ¹Commandments, ^awhich the LORD had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.

5 “Then I turned and ^acame down from the mountain, and ^bput the tablets in the ark which I had made; ^aand there they are, just as the LORD commanded me.”

6 (Now the children of Israel journeyed from the wells of Bene Jaakan to Moserah, where Aaron ^adied, and where he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his ¹stead.

7 “From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of ¹rivers of water.

8 At that time ^athe LORD ¹separated the tribe of Levi ^ato bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, ^ato stand before the LORD to minister to Him and ^ato bless in His name, to this day.

9 “Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God promised him.)

10 “As at the first time, ^aI stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights; ^bthe LORD also heard me at that time, *and* the LORD chose not to destroy you.

11 ^a“Then the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, begin your journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.’

The Essence of the Law

12 “And now, Israel, ^awhat does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to ^blove Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
13 ^a“and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes

which I command you today ^afor your ¹good?

14 "Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the ^aLORD your God, *also* the earth with all that is in it.

15 "The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their ¹descendants after them, you above all peoples, as *it* is this day.

16 "Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your ^aheart, and be ^bstiff-necked¹ no longer.

17 "For the LORD your God is ^aGod of gods and ^bLord of lords, the great God, ^amighty and awesome, who ^ashows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

18 ^a"He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

19 "Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 ^a"You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.

21 "He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.

22 "Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Love and Obedience Rewarded

11 "Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.

2 "Know today that *I* do not ^aspeak with your children, who have not known and who have not seen the ¹chastening of the LORD your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm—

3 "His signs and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land;

4 "what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and their chariots: ^ahow He made the waters of the Red Sea overflow them as they pursued you, and ^ahow the LORD has destroyed them to this day;

5 "what He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

6 "and ^awhat He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and all the substance that was ¹in their possession, in the midst of all Israel—

7 "but your eyes have ^aseen every great ¹act of the LORD which He did.

8 "Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may ^abe strong,

13 ^aDeut. 6:24
¹benefit or welfare

14 ^a[Neh. 9:6]

15 ¹Lit. seed

16 ^aJer. 4:4
^bDeut. 9:6, 13
¹rebellious

17 ^aDan. 2:47
^bRev. 19:16
^cDeut. 7:21
^dActs 10:34

18 ^aPs. 68:5;
146:9

20 ^aMatt. 4:10

CHAPTER 11

2 ¹discipline

4 ^aPs. 106:11

6 ^aPs.
106:16–18 ¹at
their feet

7 ^aDeut. 10:21;
29:2 ¹work

8 ^aJosh. 1:6, 7

9 ^aDeut. 4:40;
5:16, 33; 6:2
^bDeut. 9:5
^cEx. 3:8
¹promised

11 ^aDeut. 8:7

12 ^a1 Kin. 9:3

13 ¹Lit. listen
to

14 ^aDeut.
28:12 ^bJoel
2:23 ¹So with
MT. Tg.:
Sam., LXX,
Vg. He

15 ^aPs. 104:14
^bDeut. 6:11
¹satisfied

16 ^aJob 31:27
^bDeut. 8:19

17 ^aDeut. 6:15;
9:19 ^b2 Chr.
6:26; 7:13
^cDeut. 4:26

18 ^aDeut. 6:6–9
^bPs. 119:2, 34
^cDeut. 6:8
¹Lit. put

19 ^aDeut. 4:9;
10: 6:7

20 ^aDeut. 6:9

21 ^aDeut. 4:40
^bPs. 72:5;
89:29

22 ^aDeut. 11:1
^bDeut. 10:20

23 ^aDeut. 4:38

and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess.

9 "and ^athat you may prolong your days in the land ^bwhich the LORD ¹swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, ^aa land flowing with milk and honey.

10 "For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered *it* by foot, as a vegetable garden;

11 ^a"but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven,

12 "a land for which the LORD your God cares; ^athe eyes of the LORD your God *are* always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

13 "And it shall be that if you earnestly ¹obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14 "then ^aI¹ will give you the rain for your land in its season, ^bthe early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

15 ^a"And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may ^aeat and be ¹filled.

16 "Take heed to yourselves, ^alest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and ^bserve other gods and worship them,

17 "lest ^athe LORD's anger be aroused against you, and He ^bshut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and ^ayou perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

18 "Therefore ^ayou shall ¹lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your ^bsoul, and ^cbind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 ^a"You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

20 ^a"And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

21 "that ^ayour days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like ^bthe days of the heavens above the earth.

22 "For if ^ayou carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and ^bto hold fast to Him—

23 "then the LORD will ^adrive out all these nations from before you, and

you will ^bdispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves.

24 ^a“Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: ^bfrom the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the ¹Western Sea, shall be your territory.

25 “No man shall be able to ^astand ¹against you; the LORD your God will put the ^bdread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you.

26 ^a“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:

27 ^a“the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today;

28 “and the ^acurse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

29 “Now it shall be, when the LORD your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the ^ablessing on Mount Gerizim and the ^bcurse on Mount Ebal.

30 “Are they not on the other side of the Jordan, toward the setting sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the plain opposite Gilgal, ^abeside the terebinth trees of Moreh?

31 “For you will cross over the Jordan and go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and you will possess it and dwell in it.

32 “And you shall be careful to observe all the statutes and judgments which I set before you today.

A Prescribed Place of Worship

12 “These ^aare the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you to possess, ^ball ¹the days that you live on the earth.

2 ^a“You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, ^bon the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

3 “And ^ayou shall destroy their altars, break their ^asacred pillars, and burn their ¹wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place.

4 “You shall not ^aworship the LORD your God with such things.

5 “But you shall seek the ^aplace where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His ¹dwelling¹ place; and there you shall go.

6 ^a“There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of

23 ^bDeut. 9:1

24 ^aJosh. 1:3; 14:9 ^bGen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31; Deut. 1:7, 8 ¹Mediterranean

25 ^aDeut. 7:24 ^bEx. 23:27; Deut. 2:25; Josh. 2:9–11 ¹before

26 ^aDeut. 30:1, 15, 19

27 ^aDeut. 28:1–14

28 ^aDeut. 28:15–68

29 ^aDeut. 27:12, 13; Josh. 8:33 ^bDeut. 27:13–26

30 ^aGen. 12:6

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aDeut. 6:1 ^bDeut. 4:9, 10; 1 Kin. 8:40 ¹As long as

2 ^aEx. 34:13 ^b2 Kin. 16:4; 17:10, 11

3 ^aNum. 33:52; Deut. 7:5; Judg. 2:2 ¹Heb. *Asherim*

4 ^aDeut. 12:31

5 ^aEx. 20:24 ^bEx. 15:13; 1 Sam. 2:29 ¹home

6 ^aLev. 17:3, 4 ^bDeut. 14:23

7 ^aDeut. 14:26 ^bDeut. 12:12, 18 ¹all that you undertake

8 ^aJudg. 17:6; 21:25

9 ^aDeut. 3:20; 25:19; Ps. 95:11 ¹Or place of rest

10 ^aJosh. 11:23

12 ^aDeut. 12:18; 26:11 ^bDeut. 10:9; 14:29

15 ^aDeut. 12:21 ^bDeut. 12:22 ^cDeut. 14:5

16 ^aGen. 9:4; Lev. 7:26; 17:10–12;

1 Sam. 14:33; Acts 15:20, 29

17 ¹contribution

18 ¹all your undertakings

19 ¹Be careful

your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the ¹firstborn of your herds and flocks.

7 “And ^athere you shall eat before the LORD your God, and ^byou shall rejoice in ¹all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

8 “You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—^aevery man doing whatever is right in his own eyes—

9 “for as yet you have not come to the ^arest¹ and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you.

10 “But ^awhen you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you ^arest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety,

11 “then there will be the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD.

12 “And ^ayou shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the ¹Levite who is within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

13 “Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see;

14 “but in the place which the LORD chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

15 “However, ^ayou may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates, whatever your heart desires, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; ^bthe unclean and the clean may eat of it, ^cof the gazelle and the deer alike.

16 ^a“Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water.

17 “You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or your new wine or your oil, of the firstborn of your herd or your flock, of any of your offerings which you vow, of your freewill offerings, or of the ¹heave offering of your hand.

18 “But you must eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God chooses, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in ¹all to which you put your hands.

19 ¹“Take heed to yourself that you

do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.

20 "When the LORD your God enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'Let me eat meat,' because you long to eat meat, you may eat as much meat as your heart desires.

21 "If the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter from your herd and from your flock which the LORD has given you, just as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your gates as much as your heart desires.

22 "Just as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you may eat them; the unclean and the clean alike may eat them.

23 "Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life; you may not eat the life with the meat.

24 "You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth like water.

25 "You shall not eat it, that it may go well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD.

26 "Only the holy things which you have, and your vowed offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD chooses.

27 "And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God, and you shall eat the meat.

28 "Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Beware of False Gods

29 "When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, 30 "take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'

31 "You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

Punishment of Apostates

13 "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of

20 ^aGen. 15:18; Ex. 34:24; Deut. 11:24; 19:8

21 ^aDeut. 14:24

23 ^aGen. 9:4; Lev. 17:10-14; Deut. 12:16

25 ^aDeut. 4:40; 6:18; Is. 3:10 ^bEx. 15:26; 1 Kin. 11:38

26 ^aNum. 5:9, 10; 18:19

27 ^aLev. 1:5, 9, 13, 17

28 ^aDeut. 12:25

29 ^aEx. 23:23; Deut. 19:1; Josh. 23:4

31 ^aLev. 18:3, 26, 30; 20:1, 2 ^bDeut. 18:10; Ps. 106:37; Jer. 32:35 ¹detestable action

32 ^aDeut. 4:2; 13:18; Josh. 1:7; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18, 19

CHAPTER 13

1 ^aNum. 12:6; Jer. 23:28; Zech. 10:2 ^bMatt. 24:24; Mark 13:22; 2 Thess. 2:9

2 ^aDeut. 18:22

3 ^aEx. 20:20; Deut. 8:2, 16

4 ^aDeut. 10:12, 20; 2 Kin. 23:3 ^bDeut. 30:20 ¹follow the LORD

5 ^aDeut. 18:20; Jer. 14:15 ^bDeut. 17:5, 7; 1 Cor. 5:13 ¹exterminate

6 ^aDeut. 17:2 ^bGen. 16:5 ^c1 Sam. 18:1, 3 ¹Whom you cherish

8 ^aDeut. 7:16; Prov. 1:10 ¹yield

9 ^aLev. 24:14; Deut. 17:7

11 ^aDeut. 17:13

12 ^aJudg. 20:1-48

13 ¹Lit. Sons of Belial

14 ¹detestable action

dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 "and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'—which you have not known—and let us serve them.'

3 "you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 "You shall walk¹ after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

5 "But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

6 "If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers,

7 "of the gods of the people which are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth,

8 "you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall you eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him;

9 "but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

10 "And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 "So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

12 "If you hear someone in one of your cities, which the LORD your God gives you to dwell in, saying,

13 "Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods'—which you have not known—

14 "then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination was committed among you,

15 "you shall surely strike the

inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock—with the edge of the sword.

16 “And you shall gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and ¹completely ²burn with fire the city and all its plunder, for the LORD your God. It shall be ³as a ⁴heap forever; it shall not be built again.

17 “So none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that the LORD may ⁵turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and ⁶multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers,

18 “because you have listened to the voice of the LORD your God, ⁷to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do *what is right* in the eyes of the LORD your God.

Improper Mourning

14 “You are ¹the children of the LORD your God; ²you shall not cut yourselves nor ³shave the front of your head for the dead.

2 “For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who *are* on the face of the earth.

Clean and Unclean Meat

3 “You shall not eat any ¹detestable thing.

4 “These *are* the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat,

5 “the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild goat, the ¹mountain goat, the antelope, and the mountain sheep.

6 “And you may eat every animal with cloven hooves, having the hoof split into two parts, *and that* chews the cud, among the animals.

7 “Nevertheless, of those that chew the cud or have cloven hooves, you shall not eat, *such as* these: the camel, the hare, and the rock hyrax; for they chew the cud but do not have cloven hooves; they *are* unclean for you.

8 “Also the swine is unclean for you, because it has cloven hooves, yet *does not* ¹chew the cud; you shall not eat their flesh ²or touch their dead carcasses.

9 “These you may eat of all that *are* in the waters: you may eat all that have fins and scales.

10 “And whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for you.

11 “All clean birds you may eat.

12 “But these you shall not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard,

13 “the red kite, the falcon, and the kite after their kinds;

16 ^aJosh. 6:24
^bJosh. 8:28; Is. 17:1; 25:2; Jer. 49:2 ¹Or as a whole-offering ²Lit. mound or ruin

17 ^aJosh. 6:18
^bJosh. 7:26
¹increase

18 ^aDeut. 12:25, 28, 32

CHAPTER 14

1 ^a[Rom. 8:16; Gal. 3:26]
^bLev. 19:28; 21:1–5 ¹make any baldness between your eyes

2 ^aLev. 20:26; Deut. 7:6; [Rom. 12:1]

3 ^aEzek. 4:14
¹abominable

4 ^aLev. 11:2–45

5 ¹Or addax

8 ^aLev. 11:26, 27

9 ^aLev. 11:9

12 ^aLev. 11:13

19 ^aLev. 11:20
^bLev. 11:23
¹swarming

21 ^aLev. 17:15; 22:8; Ezek. 4:14; 44:31
^bDeut. 14:2
^cEx. 23:19; 34:26

22 ^aLev. 27:30; Deut. 12:6, 17; Neh. 10:37

23 ^aDeut. 12:5–7 ^bDeut. 15:19, 20

24 ^aDeut. 12:5, 21

26 ^aDeut. 12:7

27 ^aDeut. 12:12
¹neglect

28 ^aDeut. 26:12; Amos 4:4 ^bNum. 18:21–24

CHAPTER 15

1 ^aEx. 21:2; 23:10, 11; Lev. 25:4; Jer. 34:14 ¹remission

14 “every raven after its kind;

15 “the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk after their kinds;

16 “the little owl, the screech owl, the white owl,

17 “the jackdaw, the carrion vulture, the fisher owl,

18 “the stork, the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe and the bat.

19 “Also ¹every ²creeping thing that flies is unclean for you; ³they shall not be eaten.

20 “You may eat all clean birds.

21 “You shall not eat anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; ⁴for you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God. ⁵You shall not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk.

Tithing Principles

22 “You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.

23 “And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of ⁶the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

24 “But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry *the tithe*, or ⁷if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you,

25 “then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.

26 “And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall ⁸re-joyce, you and your household.

27 “You shall not ⁹forsake the ¹⁰Levite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

28 “At the end of *every* third year you shall bring out the ¹¹tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates.

29 “And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who *are* within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Debts Canceled Every Seven Years

15 “At the end of ¹every seven years you shall grant a ²release of debts.

2 “And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent *anything* to his neighbor shall ¹release it; he shall not ²require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the LORD’s release.

3 “Of a foreigner you may require it; but you shall give up your claim to what is owed by your brother,

4 “except when there may be no poor among you; for the LORD will greatly ^abless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance—

5 “only if you carefully obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today.

6 “For the LORD your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

Generosity to the Poor

7 “If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the ¹gates in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother,

8 “but you shall ¹open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.

9 “Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, ‘The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,’ and your ^aeye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and ^bhe cry out to the LORD against you, and ^cit become sin among you.

10 “You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because ^bfor this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.

11 “For ^athe poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall ¹open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.’

The Law Concerning Bondservants

12 ^a“If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is ^bsold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.

13 “And when you ¹send him away free from you, you shall not let him go away empty-handed;

14 “you shall supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor, and from your winepress. *From what* the LORD your God has ^{blessed} you with, you shall give to him.

15 ^a“You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,

² ¹cancel the debt ²exact it

4 ^aDeut. 7:13

6 ^aDeut. 28:12, 44

7 ^aEx. 23:6; Lev. 25:35–37; Deut. 24:12–14; [1 John 3:17] ¹towns

8 ^aMatt. 5:42; Gal. 2:10 ¹freely open

9 ^aDeut. 28:54, 56 ^bEx. 22:23; Deut. 24:15; Job 34:28; Ps. 12:5; James 5:4 ^c[Matt. 25:41, 42]

10 ^{a2} Cor. 9:5, 7 ^bDeut. 14:29; Ps. 41:1; Prov. 22:9

11 ^aMatt. 26:11; Mark 14:7; John 12:8 ¹freely open

12 ^aEx. 21:2–6; Jer. 34:14 ^bLev. 25:39–46

13 ¹set him free

14 ^aProv. 10:22

15 ^aDeut. 5:15

16 ^aEx. 21:5, 6

18 ^aIs. 16:14

19 ^aEx. 13:2, 12 ¹set apart or consecrate

20 ^aLev. 7:15–18; Deut. 12:5; 14:23

21 ^aLev. 22:19–25; Deut. 17:1

22 ^aDeut. 12:15, 16, 22

CHAPTER 16

1 ^aEx. 12:2 ^bEx. 13:4

2 ^aNum. 28:19 ^bDeut. 12:5, 26; 15:20

3 ^aNum. 29:12 ^bEx. 13:3; Deut. 4:9

4 ^aEx. 13:7 ^bNum. 9:12

and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this thing today.

16 “And ‘if it happens that he says to you, ‘I will not go away from you,’ because he loves you and your house, since he prospers with you,

17 “then you shall take an awl and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise.

18 “It shall not seem hard to you when you send him away free from you; for he has been worth ^aa double hired servant in serving you six years. Then the LORD your God will bless you in all that you do.

The Law Concerning Firstborn Animals

19 ^a“All the firstborn males that come from your herd and your flock you shall ¹sanctify to the LORD your God; you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock.

20 ^a“You and your household shall eat it before the LORD your God year by year in the place which the LORD chooses.

21 ^a“But if there is a defect in it, if it is lame or blind or has any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

22 “You may eat it within your gates; ^athe unclean and the clean person alike may eat it, as if it were a gazelle or a deer.

23 “Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.

The Passover Reviewed

16 “Observe the ^amonth of Abib, and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for ^bin the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

2 “Therefore you shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God, from the flock and ^athe herd, in the ^bplace where the LORD chooses to put His name.

3 “You shall eat no leavened bread with it; ^aseven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, *that is*, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that you may ^bremember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.

4 ^a“And no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall *any* of the meat which you sacrifice the first day at twilight remain overnight until ^bmorning.

5 “You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you;

6 “but at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name

abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover ^aat twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt.

7 "And you shall roast and eat it ^ain the place which the LORD your God chooses, and in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents.

8 "Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and ^aon the seventh day there shall be a ¹sacred assembly to the LORD your God. You shall do no work on it.

The Feast of Weeks Reviewed

9 "You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from *the time* you begin to *put* the sickle to the grain.

10 "Then you shall keep the ^aFeast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give ^{bas} the LORD your God blesses you.

11 ^a"You shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your gates, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who *are* among you, at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide.

12 ^a"And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

The Feast of Tabernacles Reviewed

13 ^a"You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress.

14 "And ^ayou shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who *are* within your ¹gates.

15 ^a"Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice.

16 ^a"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and ^athey shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

17 "Every man shall give as he is able, ^aaccording to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

Justice Must Be Administered

18 "You shall appoint ^ajudges and officers in all your ¹gates, which the

6 ^aEx. 12:7-10

7 ^a2 Kin. 23:23

8 ^aEx. 12:16; 13:6; Lev. 23:8, 36 ¹Lit. *restraint*

10 ^aEx. 34:22; Lev. 23:15, 16; Num. 28:26 ¹1 Cor. 16:2

11 ^aDeut. 16:14

12 ^aDeut. 15:15

13 ^aEx. 23:16

14 ^aNeh. 8:9 ¹towns

15 ^aLev. 23:39-41

16 ^aEx. 23:14-17; 34:22-24 ^bEx. 23:15

17 ^aLev. 14:30, 31; Deut. 16:10

18 ^aEx. 23:1-8; Deut. 1:16, 17; John 7:24 ¹towns

19 ^aEx. 23:2, 6 ^bDeut. 1:17 ^cEx. 23:8 ¹Lit. *regard faces* ²perverts

20 ^aEzek. 18:5-9

21 ^aEx. 34:13 ¹Or *Asherah*

22 ^aLev. 26:1

CHAPTER 17

1 ^aDeut. 15:21; Mal. 1:8, 13 ¹Lit. *evil thing* ²detestable thing

2 ^aDeut. 13:6 ^bJosh. 7:11 ¹towns

3 ^aDeut. 4:19 ^bJer. 7:22

4 ^aDeut. 13:12, 14 ¹detestable thing

5 ^aLev. 24:14-16; Josh. 7:25 ^bDeut. 13:6-18

6 ^aNum. 35:30; Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; John 8:17; 2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19; Heb. 10:28

7 ^aDeut. 13:5; 19:19; 1 Cor. 5:13

8 ^aDeut. 1:17; 2 Chr. 19:10 ^bDeut. 12:5; 16:2

9 ^aJer. 18:18 ^bDeut. 19:17-19

^cEzek. 44:24

LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

19 ^a"You shall not pervert justice; ^byou shall not ¹show partiality, ^cnor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and ^atwists the words of the righteous.

20 "You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may ^alive and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

21 ^a"You shall not plant for yourself any tree, as a ¹wooden image, near the altar which you build for yourself to the LORD your God.

22 ^a"You shall not set up a *sacred* pillar, which the LORD your God hates.

17 LORD your God a bull or sheep which has any ¹blemish or defect, for that is an ²abomination to the LORD your God.

2 ^a"If there is found among you, within any of your ¹gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the LORD your God, ^bin transgressing His covenant,

3 "who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either ^athe sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, ^bwhich I have not commanded,

4 ^a"and it is told you, and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an ¹abomination has been committed in Israel,

5 "then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and ^ashall stone ^bto death that man or woman with stones.

6 "Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three ^awitnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

7 "The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among ^ayou.

8 ^a"If a matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the ^bplace which the LORD your God chooses.

9 "And ^ayou shall come to the priests, the Levites, and ^bto the judge *there* in those days, and inquire of *them*; ^athey shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment.

10 "You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the LORD chooses. And you shall be care-

ful to do according to all that they order you.

11 "According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you.

12 "Now ^athe man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel.

13 ^a"And all the people shall hear and fear, and no longer act presumptuously.

Principles Governing Kings

14 "When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, ^a"I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,"

15 "you shall surely set a king over you ^awhom the LORD your God chooses; ^bone ^bfrom among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

16 "But he shall not multiply ^ahorses for himself, nor cause the people ^bto return to Egypt to multiply horses, for ^athe LORD has said to you, ^a"You shall not return that way again."

17 "Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and ^agold for himself.

18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from ^athe one ^abefore the priests, the Levites.

19 "And ^ait shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes.

20 "that his heart may not ^bbe lifted above his brethren, that he ^amay not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may ^bprolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

The Portion of the Priests and Levites

18 "The priests, the Levites—all the tribe of Levi—shall have ^bno part nor ^ainheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and His portion.

2 "Therefore they shall have no inheritance among their brethren; the LORD is their inheritance, as He said to them.

3 "And this shall be the priest's

12 ^aNum. 15:30

13 ^aDeut. 13:11

14 ^{a1} Sam. 8:5, 19, 20; 10:19

15 ^{a1} Sam. 9:15, 16; 10:24; 16:12, 13 ^bJer. 30:21

16 ^{a1} Kin. 4:26; 10:26–29 ^bEzek. 17:15 ^cEx. 13:17, 18 ^dDeut. 28:68

17 ^{a1} Kin. 10:14

18 ^aDeut. 31:24–26

19 ^aPs. 119:97, 98

20 ^aDeut. 5:32 ^bbecome proud ^ccontinue long in his kingdom

CHAPTER 18

1 ^aDeut. 10:9 ^bno portion

3 ^aLev. 7:32–34; 1 Sam. 2:13–16, 29 ^bright

4 ^aEx. 22:29

5 ^aEx. 28:1 ^bDeut. 10:8

6 ^aNum. 35:2 ^bDeut. 12:5; 14:23 ^ctowns

7 ^{a2} Chr. 31:2

8 ^{a2} Chr. 31:4

9 ^aDeut. 12:29, 30; 20:16–18 ^bdetestable acts

10 ^aDeut. 12:31 ^bIs. 8:19 ^cBe burned as an offering to an idol

11 ^aLev. 20:27 ^{b1} Sam. 28:7

12 ^aLev. 18:24 ^bdetestable

13 ^bLit. perfect

14 ^ballowed you to do so

15 ^aActs 3:22

16 ^aDeut. 5:23–27 ^bEx. 20:18, 19

17 ^aDeut. 5:28 ^bJohn 1:45 ^cIs. 49:2; 51:16 ^dJohn 4:25; 8:28

19 ^a[Heb. 12:25]

^adue¹ from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it is bull or sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach.

4 ^a"The firstfruits of your grain and your new wine and your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you shall give him.

5 "For ^athe LORD your God has chosen him out of all your tribes ^bto stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons forever.

6 "So if a Levite comes from any of your ^agates, from where he ^adwells among all Israel, and comes with all the desire of his mind ^bto the place which the LORD chooses,

7 "then he may serve in the name of the LORD his God ^aas all his brethren the Levites do, who stand there before the LORD.

8 "They shall have equal ^aportions to eat, besides what comes from the sale of his inheritance.

Avoid Wicked Customs

9 "When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, ^ayou shall not learn to follow the ^aabominations of those nations.

10 "There shall not be found among you ^aanyone who makes his son or his daughter ^apass¹ through the fire, ^bor one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer.

11 ^aor one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or ^bone who calls up the dead.

12 "For all who do these things are ^aan abomination to the LORD, and ^abecause of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.

13 "You shall be ^bblameless before the LORD your God.

14 "For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not ^aappointed such for you.

A New Prophet Like Moses

15 ^a"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

16 "according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb ^ain the day of the assembly, saying, ^b"Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die."

17 "And the LORD said to me: ^a"What they have spoken is good.

18 ^a"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and ^bwill put My words in His mouth, ^cand He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

19 ^a"And it shall be ^athat whoever

will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

20 "But ^athe prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or ^bwho speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

21 "And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'"

22 "^awhen a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, ^bif the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it ^cpresumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

Three Cities of Refuge

19 "When the Lord your God has cut off the nations whose land the LORD your God is giving you, and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses,

2 "^ayou shall separate three cities for yourself in the midst of your land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

3 "You shall prepare roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, that any manslayer may flee there.

4 "And ^athis is the case of the manslayer who flees there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor ^bunintentionally, not having hated him in time past—

5 "^aas when a man goes to the woods with his neighbor to cut timber, and his hand swings a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies—he shall flee to one of these cities and live;

6 "^alest the avenger of blood, while his anger is hot, pursue the manslayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and kill him, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated the victim in time past.

7 "Therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall separate three cities for yourself.'

8 "Now if the LORD your God enlarges your territory, as He swore to ^byour fathers, and gives you the land which He promised to give to your fathers,

9 "and if you keep all these commandments and do them, which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and to walk always in His ways, ^athen you shall add three more cities for yourself besides these three.

10 "^alest innocent blood be shed in the midst of your land which the

20 ^aDeut. 13:5; Jer. 14:14, 15; Zech. 13:2-5; ^bDeut. 13:1-3; Jer. 2:8; ^cDeut. 28:9; ^dDeut. 13:2

22 ^aJer. 28:9; ^bDeut. 13:2; ^cDeut. 18:20

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aDeut. 12:29

2 ^aEx. 21:13; Num. 35:10-15; Deut. 4:41; Josh. 20:2

4 ^aNum. 35:9-34; Deut. 4:42 ^bignorantly, lit. without knowledge

6 ^aNum. 35:12

8 ^aDeut. 12:20; ^bGen. 15:18-21

9 ^aJosh. 20:7-9

10 ^aNum. 35:33; Deut. 21:1-9

11 ^aNum. 35:16, 24; Deut. 27:24; [1 John 3:15]

13 ^aDeut. 13:8; ^bNum. 35:33, 34; 1 Kin. 2:31 ^cpurge the blood of the innocent

14 ^aDeut. 27:17; Job 24:2; Prov. 22:28; Hos. 5:10

15 ^aNum. 35:30; Deut. 17:6; Matt. 18:16; John 8:17; 2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19; Heb. 10:28

16 ^aEx. 23:1; Ps. 27:12; 35:11

17 ^aDeut. 17:8-11; 21:5

19 ^aProv. 19:5; Dan. 6:24 ^bDeut. 13:5; 17:7; 21:21; 22:21

20 ^aDeut. 17:13; 21:21

21 ^aDeut. 19:13; ^bEx. 21:23, 24; Lev. 24:20; Matt. 5:38, 39

CHAPTER 20

1 ^aPs. 20:7; Is. 31:1; ^bDeut. 7:18; ^cNum. 23:21; Deut. 5:6; 31:6, 8; 2 Chr. 13:12; 32:7, 8; Ps. 23:4; Is. 41:10

LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and *thus* guilt of bloodshed be upon you.

11 "But ^aif anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises against him and strikes him mortally, so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities,

12 "then the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and deliver him over to the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13 "^aYour eye shall not pity him, ^bbut you shall ^cput away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you.

Property Boundaries

14 "^aYou shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which the men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

The Law Concerning Witnesses

15 "^aOne witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

16 "If a false witness ^arises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing,

17 "then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, ^abefore the priests and the judges who serve in those days.

18 "And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, *if* the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother,

19 "^athen you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so ^byou shall put away the evil from among you.

20 "^aAnd those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you.

21 "^aYour eye shall not pity; ^blife shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Principles Governing Warfare

20 "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see ^ahorses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, do not be ^bafraid of them; for the LORD your God is ^cwith you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.

2 "So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people.

3 "And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them;

4 'for the LORD your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

5 "Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying: 'What man is *there* who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.'

6 'Also what man is *there* who has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it.'

7 "And what man is *there* who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.'

8 "The officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'What man is *there who* is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart.'

9 "And so it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

10 "When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it.

11 "And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people *who* are found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you.

12 "Now if *the city* will not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.

13 "And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword.

14 "But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies' plunder which the LORD your God gives you.

15 "Thus you shall do to all the cities *which* are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations.

16 "But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive,

17 "but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you,

18 "lest they teach you to do according to all their 'abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God.

19 "When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy

4 ^aDeut. 1:30; 3:22; Josh. 23:10

5 ^aNeh. 12:27

7 ^aDeut. 24:5

8 ^aJudg. 7:3
¹So with MT, Tg.; Sam., LXX, Syr., Vg.
lest he make his brother's heart faint

10 ^a2 Sam. 10:19

13 ^aNum. 31:7

14 ^aJosh. 8:2
^{b1} Sam. 14:30

16 ^aEx. 23:31-33; Num. 21:2, 3; Deut. 7:1-5; Josh. 11:14

18 ^aEx. 34:12-16; Deut. 7:4; 12:30; 18:9
^bEx. 23:33; 2 Kin. 21:3-15; Ps. 106:34-41
¹*detestable things*

CHAPTER 21

3 ^aNum. 19:2

5 ^aDeut. 10:8; 1 Chr. 23:13
^bDeut. 17:8, 9
¹*Lit. stroke*

6 ^aPs. 19:12; 26:6; Matt. 27:24

8 ^aDeut. 19:10, 13; Jon. 1:14

9 ^aDeut. 19:13

11 ^aNum. 31:18

12 ^aLev. 14:8, 9; Num. 6:9

13 ^aPs. 45:10

its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field is man's food.
20 "Only the trees which you know are not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, to build siege-works against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.

The Law Concerning Unsolved Murder

21 "If anyone is found slain, lying in the field in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess, and it is not known who killed him,

2 "then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure the distance from the slain man to the surrounding cities.

3 "And it shall be that the elders of the city nearest to the slain man will take a heifer which has not been worked and which has not pulled with a yoke.

4 "The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley.

5 "Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be settled.

6 "And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley.

7 "Then they shall answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.'

8 "Provide atonement, O LORD, for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel.' And atonement shall be provided on their behalf for the blood.

9 "So you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD.

Female Captives

10 "When you go out to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hand, and you take them captive,

11 "and you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and desire her and would take her for your wife,

12 "then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails.

13 "She shall put off the clothes of her captivity, remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month; after that you

may go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

14 "And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall set her free, but you certainly shall not sell her for money; you shall not treat her brutally, because you have ^ahumbled her.

Firstborn Inheritance Rights

15 "If a man has two wives, one loved ^aand the other unloved, and they have borne him children, *both* the loved and the unloved, and *if* the firstborn son is of her who is unloved,

16 "then it shall be, ^aon the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, *that* he must not bestow first-born status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the *true* firstborn.

17 "But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the first-born ^aby giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he ^bis the beginning of his strength; ^cthe right of the firstborn is his.

The Rebellious Son

18 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and *who*, when they have chastened him, will not heed them,

19 "then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city.

20 "And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'

21 "Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; ^aso you shall put away the evil from among you, ^band all Israel shall hear and fear.

Miscellaneous Laws

22 "If a man has committed a sin ^adeserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,

23 ^a"his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that ^byou do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for ^che who is hanged is accursed of God.

22 "You ^ashall not see your brother's ox or his sheep going astray, and ^bhide yourself from them; you shall certainly bring them back to your brother.

2 "And if your brother is not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it to your own house, and it shall remain with you until your brother seeks it; then you shall restore it to him.

14 ^aGen. 34:2; Deut. 22:29; Judg. 19:24

15 ^aGen. 29:33

16 ^a1 Chr. 5:2; 26:10

17 ^a2 Kin. 2:9 ^bGen. 49:3 ^cGen. 25:31, 33

21 ^aDeut. 13:5; 19:19, 20; 22:21, 24 ^bDeut. 13:11

22 ^aDeut. 22:26; Matt. 26:66; Mark 14:64; Acts 23:29

23 ^aJosh. 8:29; 10:26, 27; John 19:31 ^bLev. 18:25; Num. 35:34 ^cGal. 3:13

CHAPTER 22

1 ^aEx. 23:4 ^bignore them

3 ^amay not avoid responsibility

4 ^aEx. 23:5

5 ^adetestable

6 ^aLev. 22:28

7 ^aDeut. 4:40

9 ^aLev. 19:19

10 ^a[2 Cor. 6:14-16]

11 ^aLev. 19:19

12 ^aNum. 15:37-41; Matt. 23:5

13 ^aDeut. 21:15; 24:3

3 "You shall do the same with his donkey, and so shall you do with his garment; with any lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost and you have found, you shall do likewise; you ^amust not hide yourself.

4 ^a"You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fall down along the road, and hide yourself from them; you shall surely help him lift *them* up again.

5 "A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are ^aan abomination to the LORD your God.

6 "If a bird's nest happens to be before you along the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, with the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, ^ayou shall not take the mother with the young;

7 "you shall surely let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, ^athat it may be well with you and *that* you may prolong your days.

8 "When you build a new house, then you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring guilt of bloodshed on your household if anyone falls from it.

9 ^a"You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled.

10 ^a"You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11 ^a"You shall not wear a garment of different sorts, *such as* wool and linen mixed together.

12 "You shall make ^atassels on the four corners of the clothing with which you cover yourself.

Laws of Sexual Morality

13 "If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and ^adetests her,

14 "and charges her with shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says, 'I took this woman, and when I came to her I found she was not a virgin,'

15 "then the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out *the evidence* of the young woman's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.

16 "And the young woman's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her.'

17 "Now he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, 'I found your daughter was not a virgin,' and yet these *are the evidences* of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 "Then the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him; 19 "and they shall fine him one hundred *shekels* of silver and give *them*

to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days.

20 "But if the thing is true, and evidences of virginity are not found for the young woman,

21 "then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house. So you shall put away the evil from among you.

22 "If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel.

23 "If a young woman who is a virgin is betrothed to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her,

24 "then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he humbled his neighbor's wife; so you shall put away the evil from among you.

25 "But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die.

26 "But you shall do nothing to the young woman; there is in the young woman no sin deserving of death, for just as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so is this matter.

27 "For he found her in the countryside, and the betrothed young woman cried out, but there was no one to save her.

28 "If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out,

29 "then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days.

30 "A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's bed.

Those Excluded from the Congregation

23 "He who is emasculated by crushing or mutilation shall not enter the assembly of the LORD. 2 "One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

21 ^aDeut. 21:21

^bGen. 34:7;

Judg. 20:5–10;

2 Sam. 13:12;

13 ^cDeut. 13:5

¹purge the

evil person

22 ^aLev. 20:10;

Num. 5:22–27;

Ezek. 16:38;

[Matt. 5:27;

28]; John 8:5;

11 Cor. 6:9;

Heb. 13:4]

23 ^aLev.

19:20–22;

Matt. 1:18, 19

24 ^aDeut. 21:14

^bDeut. 22:21;

22; 1 Cor. 5:2,

13

28 ^aEx. 22:16,

17

29 ^aEx. 22:16,

17 ^bDeut.

22:24

30 ^aLev. 18:8;

20:11; Deut.

27:20; 1 Cor.

5:1 ^bRuth 3:9;

Ezek. 16:8

CHAPTER 23

1 ^aLev. 21:20;

22:24

3 ^aNeh. 13:1, 2

4 ^aDeut.

2:27–30

^bNum. 22:5, 6;

23:7; Josh.

24:9; 2 Pet.

2:15; Jude 11

¹Heb. *Aram*

Naharaim

5 ^aDeut. 4:37

6 ^aEzra 9:12

7 ^aGen.

25:24–26;

Deut. 2:4, 8;

Amos 1:11;

Obad. 10, 12

^bEx. 22:21;

23:9; Lev.

19:34; Deut.

10:19

10 ^aLev. 15:16

11 ^aLev. 15:5

14 ^aLev. 26:12;

Deut. 7:21

15 ^a1 Sam.

30:15

16 ^aEx. 22:21;

Prov. 22:22

¹pleases him

best

17 ^aLev. 19:29;

Deut. 22:21

^bGen. 19:5;

2 Kin. 23:7

¹Heb.

qedeshah,

fem. of

qadesh (note

2) ²Heb.

qadesh, one

practicing

sodomy and

prostitution in

religious ritu-

als

3 ^a"An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the LORD forever,

4 ^a"because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and ^bbecause they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

5 "Nevertheless the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you.

6 ^a"You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever.

7 "You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because ^byou were an alien in his land.

8 "The children of the third generation born to them may enter the assembly of the LORD.

Cleanliness of the Campsite

9 "When the army goes out against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing.

10 ^a"If there is any man among you who becomes unclean by some occurrence in the night, then he shall go outside the camp; he shall not come inside the camp.

11 "But it shall be, when evening comes, that ^bhe shall wash with water; and when the sun sets, he may come into the camp.

12 "Also you shall have a place outside the camp, where you may go out;

13 "and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse.

14 "For the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you.

Miscellaneous Laws

15 ^a"You shall not give back to his master the slave who has escaped from his master to you.

16 "He may dwell with you in your midst, in the place which he chooses within one of your gates, where it seems best to him; ^ayou shall not oppress him.

17 "There shall be no ritual harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a ^bperverted² one of the sons of Israel.

18 "You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these

are ¹an abomination to the LORD your God.

19 ^a"You shall not charge interest to your brother—interest on money or food or anything that is lent out at interest.

20 ^a"To a foreigner you may charge interest, but to your brother you shall not charge interest, ^bthat the LORD your God may bless you in all to which you set your hand in the land which you are entering to possess.

21 ^a"When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you.

22 ^a"But if you abstain from vowing, it shall not be sin to you.

23 ^a"That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God what you have promised with your mouth.

24 ^a"When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put *any* in your container.

25 ^a"When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, ^ayou may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain.

Law Concerning Divorce

24 ^a"When a ^aman takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some ¹uncleanness in her, and he writes her a ^bcertificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house,

2 ^a"when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's wife,

3 ^a"if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife,

4 ^a"*then* her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that is ¹an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

Miscellaneous Laws

5 ^a"When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and ^bbring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

6 ^a"No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone in pledge, for he takes ¹one's living in pledge.

18 ¹*detestable*

19 ^aEx. 22:25; Lev. 25:35–37; Neh. 5:2–7; Ps. 15:5

20 ^aDeut. 15:3
^bDeut. 15:10

21 ^aNum. 30:1, 2; Job 22:27; Ps. 61:8; Eccl. 5:4, 5; Matt. 5:33

23 ^aNum. 30:2; Ps. 66:13, 14

25 ^aMatt. 12:1; Mark 2:23; Luke 6:1

CHAPTER 24

1 ^a[Matt. 5:31; 19:7; Mark 10:4] ^b[Jer. 3:8] ¹*indecent, lit. nakedness of a thing*

4 ^a[Jer. 3:1] ¹*a detestable thing*

5 ^aDeut. 20:7
^bProv. 5:18

6 ¹*life*

7 ^aEx. 21:16
^bDeut. 19:19
¹*lit. stealing*

8 ^aLev. 13:2; 14:2

9 ^a[1 Cor. 10:6]
^bNum. 12:10

10 ^aMatt. 5:42

12 ¹*lit. sleep with his pledge*

13 ^aEx. 22:26; Ezek. 18:7
^bJob 29:11; 2 Tim. 1:18
^cDeut. 6:25; Ps. 106:31; Dan. 4:27

14 ^aLev. 19:13; Deut. 15:7–18; [Prov. 14:31]; Amos 4:1; [Mal. 3:5; 1 Tim. 5:18]

15 ^aLev. 19:13; Jer. 22:13 ^bEx. 22:23; Deut. 15:9; Job 35:9; James 5:4

16 ^a2 Kin. 14:6; 2 Chr. 25:4; Jer. 31:29, 30; Ezek. 18:20

17 ^aEx. 23:6
^bEx. 22:26

18 ^aDeut. 24:22

19 ^aLev. 19:9;
^bDeut. 15:10; Ps. 41:1; Prov. 19:17

7 ^a"If a man is ^afound ¹kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; ^band you shall put away the evil from among you.

8 ^a"Take heed in ^aan outbreak of leprosy, that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; just as I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do.

9 ^a"Remember what the LORD your God did ^bto Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt!

10 ^a"When you ^alend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge.

11 ^a"You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you.

12 ^a"And if the man is poor, you shall not ^bkeep his pledge overnight.

13 ^a"You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and ^bbless you; and ^cit shall be righteousness to you before the LORD your God.

14 ^a"You shall not ^aoppress a hired servant *who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates.*

15 ^a"Each day ^ayou shall give *him* his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; ^bblest he cry out against you to the LORD, and it be sin to you.

16 ^a"Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* children, nor shall children be put to death for *their* fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 ^a"You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, ^bnor take a widow's garment as a pledge.

18 ^a"But ^ayou shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

19 ^a"When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may ^bbless you in all the work of your hands.

20 ^a"When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

21 ^a"When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean *it* afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

22 ^a"And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt;

therefore I command you to do this thing.

25 “If there is a ^adispute between men, and they come to ^ccourt, that *the judges* may judge them, and they ^bjustify the righteous and condemn the wicked,

2 “then it shall be, if the wicked man ^adeserves to be beaten, that the judge will cause him to lie down ^band be beaten in his presence, according to his guilt, with a certain number of blows.

3 “Forty blows he may give him and no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother ^bbe humiliated in your sight.

4 “You shall not muzzle an ox while it ^ttreads out *the grain*.

Marriage Duty of the Surviving Brother

5 “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be *married* to a stranger outside *the family*; her husband’s brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her.

6 “And it shall be *that* the firstborn son which she bears ^awill succeed to the name of his dead brother, that ^bhis name may not be blotted out of Israel.

7 “But if the man does not want to take his brother’s wife, then let his brother’s wife go up to the ^agate to the elders, and say, ‘My husband’s brother refuses to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband’s brother.’

8 “Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. But *if* he stands firm and says, ^a‘I do not want to take her,’

9 “then his brother’s wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, ^aremove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face, and answer and say, ‘So shall it be done to the man who will not ^bbuild up his brother’s house.’

10 “And his name shall be called in Israel, ‘The house of him who had his sandal removed.’

Miscellaneous Laws

11 “If two men fight together, and the wife of one draws near to rescue her husband from the hand of the one attacking him, and puts out her hand and seizes him by the genitals,

12 “then you shall cut off her hand; ^ayour eye shall not pity *her*.

13 “You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light.

14 “You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small.

CHAPTER 25

¹ ^aDeut. 17:8–13; 19:17
^bProv. 17:15
¹ ^{Lit.} *the judgment*

² ^aProv. 19:29
^bMatt. 10:17

³ ^{a2} Cor. 11:24
^bJob 18:3

⁴ ^a[Prov. 12:10]
¹ ^{threshes}

⁵ ^aMatt. 22:24

⁶ ^aGen. 38:9
^bRuth 4:5, 10

⁷ ^aRuth 4:1, 2

⁸ ^aRuth 4:6

⁹ ^aRuth 4:7, 8
^bRuth 4:11

¹² ^aDeut. 7:2; 19:13

¹³ ^aMic. 6:11

¹⁵ ^aEx. 20:12

¹⁶ ^aProv. 11:1
¹ ^{detestable}

¹⁷ ^aEx. 17:8–16

¹⁸ ^aRom. 3:18

¹⁹ ^{a1} Sam. 15:3
^bEx. 17:14

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² ^aEx. 22:29; 23:16, 19
^bDeut. 12:5

³ ¹ ^{LXX} *my*

⁵ ^aHos. 12:12
^bGen. 43:1, 2; 45:7, 11
^cActs 7:15
^dDeut. 10:22
¹ ^{Or} *Aramean* ² ^{As} a resident alien

⁶ ^aEx. 1:8–11, 14

⁷ ^aEx. 2:23–25; 3:9; 4:31

⁸ ^aDeut. 5:15
^bDeut. 4:34; 34:11, 12

⁹ ^aEx. 3:8, 17

15 “You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, ^athat your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

16 “For ^aall who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, *are* ¹an abomination to the LORD your God.

Destroy the Amalekites

17 “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt.

18 “how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he ^adid not fear God.

19 “Therefore it shall be, ^awhen the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, *that* you will ^bblot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.

Offerings of Firstfruits and Tithes

26 “And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it,

2 “^athat you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put *it* in a basket and ^bgo to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide.

3 “And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD ¹your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’

4 “Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

5 “And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: ‘My father was ^a a ¹Syrian, ^babout to perish, and ^che went down to Egypt and ^ddwelt there, ^efew in number; and there he became a nation, ^egreat, mighty, and populous.

6 “But the ^aEgyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us.

7 “^aThen we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression.

8 “^aSo ^athe LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, ^bwith great terror and with signs and wonders.

9 “He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, ^a“a land flowing with milk and honey”;

10 “and now, behold, I have brought

the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.' Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God.

11 "So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

12 "When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year—the year of tithing—and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your gates and be filled,

13 "then you shall say before the LORD your God: 'I have removed the holy tithe from my house, and also have given them to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten them.

14 "I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for an unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me.

15 "Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'

A Special People of God

16 "This day the LORD your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.

17 "Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice.

18 "Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments,

19 "and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, just as He has spoken."

The Law Inscribed on Stones

27 Now Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying: "Keep all the commandments which I command you today.

2 "And it shall be, on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God

11 ^aDeut. 12:7; 16:11; Eccl. 3:12, 13; 5:18-20

12 ^aLev. 27:30; Num. 18:24; ^bDeut. 14:28, 29

13 ^aPs. 119:141, 153, 176 ¹hallowed things

14 ^aLev. 7:20; Jer. 16:7; Hos. 9:4 ¹lit. in my mourning ¹Or while I was unclean

15 ^aPs. 80:14; Is. 63:15; Zech. 2:13 ^bEx. 3:8 ¹home

17 ^aEx. 20:19 ^bDeut. 15:5

18 ^aEx. 6:7; 19:5; Deut. 7:6; 14:2; 28:9; [Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9]

19 ^aDeut. 4:7; 8:28; ¹bEx. 19:6; Deut. 7:6; 28:9; Is. 62:12; [1 Pet. 2:9] ¹consecrated

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2 ^aJosh. 4:1

^bJosh. 8:32

3 ^aEx. 3:8

4 ^aDeut. 11:29; Josh. 8:30, 31

5 ^aEx. 20:25; Josh. 8:31

6 ¹uncut

7 ^aDeut. 26:11

8 ^aJosh. 8:32

9 ^aDeut. 26:18

12 ^aDeut.

11:29; Josh.

8:33; Judg. 9:7

13 ^aDeut.

11:29; Josh.

8:33

14 ^aDeut.

33:10; Josh.

8:33; Dan.

9:11

15 ^aEx. 20:4,

23; 34:17; Lev.

19:4; 26:1;

Deut. 4:16, 23;

Is. 44:9; Hos.

13:2 ^bNum.

5:22; Jer. 11:5;

1 Cor. 14:16 ¹a

detestable

thing

16 ^aEx. 20:12;

Lev. 19:3;

20:9; Deut.

5:16; 21:18-21;

Ezek. 22:7

17 ^aDeut.

19:14; Prov.

22:28

18 ^aLev. 19:14

is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime.

3 "You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land which the LORD your God is giving you, 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' just as the LORD God of your fathers promised you.

4 "Therefore it shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that on Mount Ebal you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, and you shall whitewash them with lime.

5 "And there you shall build an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not use an iron tool on them.

6 "You shall build with whole stones the altar of the LORD your God, and offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God.

7 "You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD your God.

8 "And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law."

9 Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, "Take heed and listen, O Israel: This day you have become the people of the LORD your God.

10 "Therefore you shall obey the voice of the LORD your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

Curses Pronounced from Mount Ebal

11 And Moses commanded the people on the same day, saying,

12 "These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin;

13 "and these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 "And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Israel:

15 "Cursed is the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret."

"And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen!'

16 "Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

17 "Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's landmark."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

18 "Cursed is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

19 "Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

20 "Cursed is the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

21 "Cursed is the one who lies with any kind of animal."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

22 "Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

23 "Cursed is the one who lies with his mother-in-law."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

24 "Cursed is the one who attacks his neighbor secretly."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

25 "Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

26 "Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them."

"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

Blessings on Obedience

28 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth."

2 "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

3 "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country."

4 "Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks."

5 "Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl."

6 "Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out."

7 "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways."

8 "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your

19 ^aEx. 22:21, 22; 23:9; Lev. 19:33; Deut. 10:18; 24:17

20 ^aLev. 18:8; 20:11; Deut. 22:30; 1 Cor. 5:1

21 ^aEx. 22:19; Lev. 18:23; 20:15, 16

22 ^aLev. 18:9

23 ^aLev. 18:17; 20:14

24 ^aEx. 20:13; 21:12; Lev. 24:17; Num. 35:30, 31

25 ^aEx. 23:7; Ps. 15:5; Ezek. 22:12

26 ^aPs. 119:21; Jer. 11:3; Gal. 3:10

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1 ^aEx. 15:26; Lev. 26:3-13; Deut. 7:12-26; 11:13 ^bDeut. 26:19; 1 Chr. 14:2

2 ^aDeut. 28:15

3 ^aPs. 128:1, 4 ^bGen. 39:5

4 ^aGen. 22:17 ¹offspring

6 ^aPs. 121:8

7 ^aLev. 26:7, 8

8 ^aLev. 25:21 ^bDeut. 15:10

9 ^aEx. 19:5, 6

10 ^aNum. 6:27; 2 Chr. 7:14; Is. 63:19; Dan. 9:18, 19 ^bDeut. 11:25

11 ^aDeut. 30:9 ¹promised

12 ^aLev. 26:4; Deut. 11:14

^bDeut. 14:29 ^cDeut. 15:6 ¹storehouse

13 ^a[Is. 9:14, 15] ¹listen to

14 ^aDeut. 5:32; Josh. 1:7

15 ^aLev. 26:14-39; Josh. 23:15; Dan. 9:10-14; Mal. 2:2

18 ¹offspring

20 ^aMal. 2:2 ^bIs. 65:14 ^cPs. 80:16; Is. 30:17

21 ¹pestilence

22 ^aLev. 26:16 ^bAmos 4:9 ¹blight

hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

9 "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways."

10 "Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you."

11 "And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you."

12 "The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow."

13 "And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them."

14 "So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them."

Curses on Disobedience

15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

16 "Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country."

17 "Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl."

18 "Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks."

19 "Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out."

20 "The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me."

21 "The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess."

22 "The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching,¹

and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.

23 "And ^ayour heavens which *are* over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you *shall be* iron.

24 "The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25 ^a"The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become ¹troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 ^a"Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten *them* away.

27 "The LORD will strike you with ^athe boils of Egypt, with ^btumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.

28 "The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and ^aconfusion of heart.

29 "And you shall ^agrope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.

30 ^a"You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; ^byou shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it; ^cyou shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes.

31 "Your ox *shall be* slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey *shall be* violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep *shall be* given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue *them*.

32 "Your sons and your daughters *shall be* given to ^aanother people, and your eyes shall look and ^bfail with longing for them all day long; and *there shall be* ¹no strength in your hand.

33 "A nation whom you have not known shall eat ^athe fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually.

34 "So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see.

35 "The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

36 "The LORD will ^abring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and ^bthere you shall serve other gods—wood and stone.

37 "And you shall become ^aan astonishment, a proverb, ^band a by-

23 ^aLev. 26:19

25 ^aDeut. 32:30
^{1a} *terror*

26 ^{a1} Sam.
17:44; Ps. 79:2

27 ^aEx. 15:26
^{b1} Sam. 5:6

28 ^aJer. 4:9

29 ^aJob 5:14

30 ^{a2} Sam.
12:11; Job
31:10; Jer.
8:10 ^bAmos
5:11; Zeph.
1:13 ^cDeut.
20:6; Job 31:8;
Jer. 12:13;
Mic. 6:15

32 ^{a2} Chr. 29:9
^bPs. 119:82
^cNeh. 5:5
¹*nothing you can do*

33 ^aLev. 26:16;
Jer. 5:15, 17

36 ^{a2} Kin. 17:4,
6; 24:12, 14;
25:7, 11;
2 Chr.
36:1–21; Jer.
39:1–9 ^bDeut.
4:28; Jer.
16:13

37 ^{a1} Kin. 9:7,
8; Jer. 24:9;
25:9 ^bPs. 44:14
^{1a} *a thing of horror*

38 ^aMic. 6:15;
Hag. 1:6 ^bEx.
10:4; Joel 1:4
¹*devour*

39 ^aZeph. 1:13

41 ^aLam. 1:5

42 ¹*possess*

45 ¹*did not listen to*

46 ^aNum.
26:10; Is. 8:18;
Ezek. 14:8

47 ^aDeut. 12:7;
Neh. 9:35–37
^bDeut. 32:15

48 ^aLam. 4:4–6
^bJer. 28:13, 14

49 ^aIs. 5:26–30;
7:18–20; Jer.
5:15 ^bJer.
48:40; 49:22;
Lam. 4:19;
Hos. 8:1

50 ^{a2} Chr.
36:17

52 ^{a2} Kin. 25:1,
2, 4

53 ^aLev. 26:29;
2 Kin. 6:28,
29; Jer. 19:9;
Lam. 2:20;
4:10 ¹*offspring*

word among all nations where the LORD will drive you.

38 ^a"You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for ^bthe locust shall ¹consume it.

39 "You shall plant vineyards and tend *them*, but you shall neither drink of the ^awine nor gather the *grapes*; for the worms shall eat them.

40 "You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint *yourself* with the oil; for your olives shall drop off.

41 "You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for ^athey shall go into captivity.

42 "Locusts shall ¹consume all your trees and the produce of your land.

43 "The alien who *is* among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.

44 "He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45 "Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you ¹did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

46 "And they shall be upon ^ayou for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever.

47 ^a"Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, ^bfor the abundance of everything,

48 "therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in ^ahunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He ^bwill put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

49 ^a"The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, ^bas swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand,

50 "a nation of fierce countenance, ^awhich does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young.

51 "And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or of the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you.

52 "They shall ^abesiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you.

53 ^a"You shall eat the ¹fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege

and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you.

54 "The ¹sensitive and very refined man among you ^awill² be hostile toward his brother, toward ^bthe wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, 55 "so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

56 "The ¹tender and ²delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, ³will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter,

57 "her ¹placenta which comes out ^afrom between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

58 "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear ^athis glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD,

59 "then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants ^aextraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses.

60 "Moreover He will bring back on you all ^athe diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.

61 "Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed.

62 "You ^ashall be left few in number, whereas you were ^bas the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

63 "And it shall be, *that* just as the LORD ^arejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD ^bwill rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be ^cplucked¹ from off the land which you go to possess.

64 "Then the LORD ^awill scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and ^bthere you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone.

65 "And ^aamong those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; ^bbut there the LORD will give you a ^ctrembling heart, failing eyes, and ^danguish of soul.

66 "Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.

54 ^aDeut. 15:9

^bDeut. 13:6

¹Lit. *tender*

²Lit. *his eye shall be evil toward*

56 ¹sensitive

²refined ³Lit.

her eye shall be evil toward

57 ^aGen. 49:10

¹afterbirth

58 ^aEx. 6:3

59 ^aDan. 9:12

60 ^aDeut. 7:15

62 ^aDeut. 4:27

^bDeut. 10:22;

Neh. 9:23

63 ^aDeut. 30:9;

Jer. 32:41

^bProv. 1:26;

[Is. 1:24] ^cJer.

12:14; 45:4

¹torn

64 ^aLev. 26:33;

Deut. 4:27, 28;

Neh. 1:8; Jer.

16:13; Amos

9:9 ^bDeut.

28:36

65 ^aLam. 1:3;

Amos 9:4

^bLev. 26:36

^cLev. 26:16

¹anxious

67 ^aJob 7:4

^bDeut. 28:34

68 ^aJer. 43:7;

Hos. 8:13

^bDeut. 17:16

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1 ^aLev. 26:46;

Deut. 5:2, 3

2 ^aEx. 19:4;

Deut. 11:7

3 ^aDeut. 4:34;

7:19

4 ^a[Is. 6:9, 10;

Ezek. 12:2];

Matt. 13:14;

[Acts 28:26,

27]; Rom.

11:8; [Eph.

4:18] ¹under-

stand or

know

5 ^aDeut. 1:3;

8:2 ^bDeut. 8:4

6 ^aEx. 16:12;

Deut. 8:3

7 ^aNum. 21:23,

24; Deut.

2:26-3:3

8 ^aNum. 32:33;

Deut. 3:12, 13

9 ^aDeut. 4:6;

1 Kin. 2:3

^bJosh. 1:7

11 ^aJosh. 9:21,

23, 27

12 ^aNeh. 10:29

13 ^aDeut. 28:9

^bEx. 6:7 ^cGen.

17:7, 8

67 ^a"In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and ^bbecause of the sight which your eyes see.

68 "And the LORD ^awill take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, ^b"You shall never see it again." And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you."

The Covenant Renewed in Moab

29 These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the ^acovenant which He made with them in Horeb.

2 Now Moses called all Israel and said to them: ^a"You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land—

3 ^a"the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders.

4 "Yet ^athe LORD has not given you a heart to ^bperceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.

5 ^a"And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. ^bYour clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.

6 ^a"You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or ^bsimilar drink, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.

7 "And when you came to this place, ^aSihon king of Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out against us to battle, and we conquered them.

8 "We took their land and ^agave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh.

9 "Therefore ^akeep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may ^bprosper in all that you do.

10 "All of you stand today before the LORD your God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, all the men of Israel,

11 "your little ones and your wives—also the stranger who is in your camp, from ^athe one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water—

12 "that you may enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and ^ainto His oath, which the LORD your God makes with you today,

13 "that He may ^aestablish you today as a people for Himself, and *that* He may be God to you, ^bjust as He has spoken to you, and ^cjust as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

14 "I make this covenant and this oath, ^anot with you alone,

15 "but with *him* who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, ^aas well as with *him* who is not here with us today

16 (for you know that we dwell in the land of Egypt and that we came through the nations which you passed by,

17 and you saw their ¹abominations and their idols which *were* among them—wood and stone and silver and gold);

18 "so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, ^awhose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations, ^band that there may not be among you a root bearing ^bbitterness or wormwood;

19 "and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I ¹follow the 'dictates of my heart'—^bas though the drunkard could be included with the sober.

20 ^a"The LORD would not spare him; for then ^bthe anger of the LORD and ^cHis jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the LORD ^awould blot out his name from under heaven.

21 "And the LORD ^awould separate him from all the tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the ^bLaw,

22 "so that the coming generation of your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, would say, when they ^asee the plagues of that land and the sicknesses which the LORD has laid on it:

23 'The whole land is brimstone, ^asalt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, ^blike the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.'

24 "All nations would say, ^a"Why has the LORD done so to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?"

25 "Then *people* would say: 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt;

26 'for they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that He had not given to them.

27 'Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against this land, ^ato bring on it every curse that is written in this book.

14 ^a[Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:7, 8]

15 ^aActs 2:39

17 ¹*detestable things*

18 ^aDeut. 11:16

^bHeb. 12:15

^cDeut. 32:32;

Acts 8:23

19 ^aJer. 3:17;

7:24 ^bIs. 30:1

¹*walk in the stubbornness or imagination*

20 ^aEzek. 14:7

^bPs. 74:1 ^cPs.

79:5; Ezek.

23:25 ^dEx.

32:33; Deut.

9:14; 2 Kin.

14:27

21 ^a[Matt.

24:51] ^bDeut.

30:10

22 ^aJer. 19:8;

49:17; 50:13

23 ^aJer. 17:6;

Zeph. 2:9

^bGen. 19:24;

25; Is. 1:9; Jer.

20:16; Hos.

11:8

24 ^a1 Kin. 9:8;

Jer. 22:8

27 ^aDan. 9:11

28 ^a1 Kin.

14:15; 2 Chr.

7:20; Ps. 52:5;

Prov. 2:22

CHAPTER 30

1 ^aLev. 26:40

^bDeut. 28:2

^cDeut.

28:15–45

^dDeut. 4:29, 30

¹*Lit. cause them to return to your heart*

2 ^aDeut. 4:29,

30; Neh. 1:9;

Is. 55:7; Lam.

3:40; Joel 2:12

3 ^aPs. 106:45;

Jer. 29:14;

Lam. 3:22, 32

^bPs. 147:2; Jer.

32:37; Ezek.

34:13

4 ^aDeut. 28:64;

Neh. 1:9; Is.

62:11

6 ^aDeut. 10:16;

Jer. 32:39;

Ezek. 11:19

7 ^aIs. 54:15–17;

Jer. 30:16, 20

8 ^aZeph. 3:20

9 ^aDeut. 28:11

^bDeut. 28:63;

Jer. 32:41 ¹*offspring*

11 ^aIs. 45:19

¹*not hidden from*

28 'And the LORD ^auprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, *as it is this day.*'

29 "The secret *things belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

The Blessing of Returning to God

30 "Now ^ait shall come to pass, when ^ball these things come upon you, the blessing and the ^ccurse which I have set before you, and ^dyou ¹call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you,

2 "and you ^areturn to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul.

3 ^a"that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and ^bgather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.

4 ^a"If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.

5 "Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

6 "And ^athe LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

7 "Also the LORD your God will put all these ^acurses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

8 "And you will ^aagain obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today.

9 ^a"The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the ¹fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again ^brejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers,

10 "if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, *and* if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

The Choice of Life or Death

11 "For this commandment which I command you today ^ais ¹not too

mysterious for you, nor is it far off.
12 ^a"It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'"

13 ^a"Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'"

14 ^a"But the word is very near you, ^ain your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

15 ^a"See, ^aI have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16 ^a"in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

17 ^a"But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them,

18 ^a"I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

19 ^a"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, ^athat ^bI have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

20 ^a"that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your ^alife and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Joshua the New Leader of Israel

31 Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

2 ^aAnd he said to them: "I ^aam one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer ^bgo out and come in. Also the LORD has said to me, ^a"You shall not cross over this Jordan."

3 ^a"The LORD your God ^aHimself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. ^bJoshua himself crosses over before you, just ^aas the LORD has said.

4 ^a"And the LORD will do to them ^bas He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them.

5 ^a"The LORD will give them over to you, that you may do to them according to every commandment which I have commanded you.

6 ^a"Be strong and of good courage, ^bdo not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, ^cHe is the One who goes with you. ^aHe will not leave you nor forsake you."

12 ^aProv. 30:4; Rom. 10:6-8

14 ^aRom. 10:8

15 ^aDeut. 30:1, 19

18 ^aDeut. 4:26; 8:19

19 ^aDeut. 4:26 ^bDeut. 30:15

20 ^aPs. 27:1; [John 11:25; 14:6; Col. 3:4]

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2 ^aEx. 7:7; Deut. 34:7

^bNum. 27:17; 1 Kin. 3:7

^cNum. 20:12

3 ^aDeut. 9:3; Josh. 11:23

^bNum. 27:18 ^cNum. 27:21

4 ^aDeut. 3:21 ^bNum. 21:24, 33

5 ^aDeut. 7:2; 20:10-20

6 ^aJosh. 10:25; 1 Chr. 22:13

^bDeut. 1:29 ^cDeut. 20:4

^dJosh. 1:5; Heb. 13:5

7 ^aNum. 27:19; Deut. 31:23; Josh. 1:6

8 ^aEx. 13:21 ^bDeut. 31:6; Josh. 1:5;

1 Chr. 28:20; Heb. 13:5

9 ^aDeut. 17:18; 31:25, 26

^bNum. 4:5, 6, 15; Deut. 10:8; 31:25, 26;

Josh. 3:3

10 ^aDeut. 15:1, 2 ^bLev. 23:34; Deut. 16:13

11 ^aDeut. 16:16 ^bDeut. 12:5

^cJosh. 8:34; 2 Kin. 23:2

12 ^aDeut. 4:10

13 ^aDeut. 11:2 ^bPs. 78:6, 7

14 ^aNum. 27:13 ^bNum. 27:19; Deut. 3:28

¹commission

15 ^aEx. 33:9

16 ^aDeut. 29:22 ^bEx. 34:15;

Deut. 4:25-28; Judg. 2:11, 12,

17 ^aDeut. 32:15 ^dJudg. 2:20 ¹Die and join your ancestors

17 ^aJudg. 2:14; 6:13 ²Chr. 15:2 ^cDeut. 32:20 ^dJudg. 6:13 ^eNum. 14:42 ¹consumed

7 Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, ^a"Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

8 ^a"And the LORD, ^aHe is the One who goes before you, ^bHe will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

The Law to Be Read Every Seven Years

9 So Moses wrote this law ^aand delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, ^bwho bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying: "At the end of *every* seven years, at the appointed time in the ^ayear of release, ^bat the Feast of Tabernacles,

11 ^a"when all Israel comes to ^aappear before the LORD your God in the ^bplace which He chooses, ^cyou shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

12 ^a"Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law,

13 ^a"and ^athat their children, ^awho have not known it, ^bmay hear and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess."

Prediction of Israel's Rebellion

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, ^a"Behold, the days approach when you must die; call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of meeting, that ^bI may ¹inaugurate him." So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tabernacle of meeting.

15 Now ^athe LORD appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood above the door of the tabernacle.

16 And the LORD said to Moses: ^a"Behold, you will ¹rest with your fathers; and this people will ²rise and ³play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to ⁴be among them, and they will ⁵for-sake Me and ⁶break My covenant which I have made with them.

17 ^a"Then My anger shall be ^aaroused against them in that day, and ^bI will forsake them, and I will ^chide My face from them, and they shall be ^ddevoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, ^a"Have not these evils come upon us because our God is ^bnot among us?"

18 “And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.

19 “Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel.

20 “When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant.

21 “Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them.”

22 Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.

23 “Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, “Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you.”

24 So it was, when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished, 25 that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying:

26 “Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you;

27 “for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death?

28 “Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them.

29 “For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.”

The Song of Moses

30 Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:

32 “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;

18 ^aDeut. 31:17; [Is. 1:15, 16]

19 ^aDeut. 31:22, 26

20 ^aDeut. 32:15–17
^bDeut. 31:16

21 ^aDeut. 31:17
^bHos. 5:3
^cAmos 5:25, 26

23 ^aNum. 27:23; Deut. 31:14
^bDeut. 31:7

26 ^{a2} Kin. 22:8
^bDeut. 31:19

27 ^aDeut. 9:7, 24
^bEx. 32:9; Deut. 9:6, 13

28 ^aDeut. 30:19

29 ^aDeut. 32:5; Judg. 2:19; [Acts 20:29, 30]
^bDeut. 28:15
^cGen. 49:1; Deut. 4:30

CHAPTER 32

1 ^aDeut. 4:26; Ps. 50:4; Is. 1:2
^bJer. 6:19

2 ^aIs. 55:10, 11
^bPs. 72:6
¹ doctrine

3 ^aDeut. 28:58
^{b1} Chr. 29:11

4 ^aDeut. 32:15, 18, 30; Ps. 18:2
^{b2} Sam. 22:31
^cDeut. 7:9; Is. 65:16; Jer. 10:10
^dJob 34:10

5 ^aDeut. 4:25; 31:29
^bPhil. 2:15

6 ^aPs. 116:12
^bEx. 4:22;

Deut. 1:31; Is. 63:16
^cPs. 74:2
^dDeut. 32:15
¹ repay the

7 ^aPs. 44:1
^bEx. 12:26; 13:14; Ps. 78:5–8

8 ^aActs 17:26
^bGen. 11:8
¹LXX, DSS
angels of God; Symmachus, Lat. sons of God

9 ^aEx. 19:5

10 ^aJer. 2:6; Hos. 13:5
^bPs. 17:8; Prov. 7:2; Zech. 2:8
¹pupil

11 ^aIs. 31:5

13 ^aIs. 58:14

And hear, O ^bearth, the words of my mouth.

2 Let ^amy ¹teaching drop as the rain,

My speech distill as the dew,
^bAs raindrops on the tender herb,
And as showers on the grass.

3 For I proclaim the ^aname of the LORD:

^bAscribe greatness to our God.

4 He is ^athe Rock, ^bHis work is perfect;

For all His ways *are* justice,

^cA God of truth and ^dwithout injustice;

Righteous and upright is He.

5 “They^a have corrupted themselves;

They *are* not His children,

Because of their blemish:

A ^bperverse and crooked generation.

6 Do you thus ^adeal¹ with the LORD,

O foolish and unwise people?

Is He not ^byour Father, *who*

^cbought you?

Has He not ^dmade you and established you?

7 “Remember^a the days of old, Consider the years of many generations.

^bAsk your father, and he will show you;

Your elders, and they will tell you;

8 When the Most High ^adivided their inheritance to the nations,

When He ^bseparated the sons of Adam,

He set the boundaries of the peoples

According to the number of the ¹children of Israel.

9 For ^athe LORD’s portion is His people;

Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

10 “He found him ^ain a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness;

He encircled him, He instructed him,

He ^bkept him as the ¹apple of His eye.

11 ^aAs an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young,

Spreading out its wings, taking them up,

Carrying them on its wings,

12 So the LORD alone led him, And *there* was no foreign god with him.

13 “He^a made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields;
He made him draw honey from the rock,

- And oil from the flinty rock;
 14 Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock,
^aWith fat of lambs;
 And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,
 With the choicest wheat;
 And you drank wine, the ^bblood of the grapes.
- 15 "But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked;
^aYou grew fat, you grew thick, You are obese!
 Then he ^bforsook God *who* made him,
 And scornfully esteemed the ^aRock of his salvation.
- 16 ^aThey provoked Him to jealousy with foreign *gods*;
 With ¹abominations they provoked Him to anger.
- 17 ^aThey sacrificed to demons, not to God,
To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals
 That your fathers did not fear.
- 18 ^aOf the Rock *who* begot you, you are unmindful,
 And have ^bforgotten the God who fathered you.
- 19 "And^a when the LORD saw *it*, He spurned *them*,
 Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters.
- 20 And He said: 'I will hide My face from them,
 I will see what their end *will be*, For they *are* a perverse generation,
^aChildren in whom *is* no faith.
- 21 ^aThey have provoked Me to jealousy by *what* is not God;
 They have moved Me to anger ^bby their ¹foolish idols.
 But ^cI will provoke them to jealousy by *those who are* not a nation;
 I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.
- 22 For ^aa fire is kindled in My anger,
 And shall burn to the ¹lowest ²hell;
 It shall consume the earth with her increase,
 And set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
- 23 'I will ^aheap disasters on them;
^bI will spend My arrows on them.
- 24 *They shall be* wasted with hunger,
 Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction;
 I will also send against them the ^ateeth of beasts,
 With the poison of serpents of the dust.
- 14 ^aPs. 81:16
^bGen. 49:11
- 15 ^aDeut. 31:20
^bIs. 1:4 ^cIs. 51:13 ^aPs. 95:1
- 16 ^aPs. 78:58;
¹Cor. 10:22
¹detestable acts
- 17 ^aRev. 9:20
- 18 ^aIs. 17:10
^bJer. 2:32
- 19 ^aJudg. 2:14
- 20 ^aMatt. 17:17
- 21 ^aPs. 78:58
^bPs. 31:6
^cRom. 10:19
¹foolishness, lit. vanities
- 22 ^aNum. 16:33-35; Ps. 18:7, 8; Lam. 4:11 ¹lowest part of ²Or Sheol
- 23 ^aEx. 32:12; Deut. 29:21,
 24 ^bPs. 7:12, 13
- 24 ^aLev. 26:22
- 26 ^aEzek. 20:23
- 27 ^aIs. 10:12-15
- 29 ^aPs. 81:13; [Luke 19:42]
^bDeut. 31:29
- 30 ^aJudg. 2:14; Ps. 44:12
- 31 ^a[1 Sam. 4:7, 8; Jer. 40:2, 3]
- 32 ^aIs. 1:8-10
- 33 ^aPs. 58:4
^bRom. 3:13
- 34 ^a[Jer. 2:22]
- 35 ^aPs. 94:1; Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30
^{b2} Pet. 2:3
- 36 ^aPs. 135:14; Heb. 10:30
^bPs. 106:45; Jer. 31:20
^{c2} Kin. 14:26
- 37 ^aJudg. 10:14; Jer. 2:28
- 25 The sword shall destroy outside;
There shall be terror within
 For the young man and virgin,
 The nursing child with the man of gray hairs.
- 26 ^aI would have said, "I will dash them in pieces,
 I will make the memory of them to cease from among men,"
- 27 Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy,
 Lest their adversaries should misunderstand,
 Lest they should say, "^aOur hand is high;
 And it is not the LORD who has done all this."
- 28 "For they *are* a nation void of counsel,
 Nor *is there any* understanding in them.
- 29 "Oh, that they were wise, *that* they understood this,
That they would consider their ^blatter end!
- 30 How could one chase a thousand,
 And two put ten thousand to flight,
 Unless their Rock ^ahad sold them,
 And the LORD had surrendered them?
- 31 For their rock *is* not like our Rock,
^aEven our enemies themselves *being* judges.
- 32 For ^atheir vine *is* of the vine of Sodom
 And of the fields of Gomorrah;
 Their grapes *are* grapes of gall,
 Their clusters *are* bitter.
- 33 Their wine *is* ^athe poison of serpents,
 And the cruel ^bvenom of cobras.
- 34 ^a'Is this not ^alaid up in store with Me,
 Sealed up among My treasures?
- 35 ^aVengeance *is* Mine, and recompense;
 Their foot shall slip in *due* time;
^bFor the day of their calamity *is* at hand,
 And the things to come hasten upon them.'
- 36 "For^a the LORD will judge His people
^bAnd have compassion on His servants,
 When He sees that *their* power is gone,
 And *there is* no one remaining, bond or free.
- 37 He will say: ^a"Where *are* their gods,
 The rock in which they sought refuge?"

- 38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices,
And drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise and help you,
And be your refuge.
- 39 'Now see that ^aI, even I, am He,
And ^bthere is no God besides Me;
^cI kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand.
- 40 For I raise My hand to heaven,
And say, "As I live forever,
41 ^aIf I ¹whet My glittering sword,
And My hand takes hold on judgment,
I will render vengeance to My enemies,
And repay those who hate Me.
42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood,
And My sword shall devour flesh,
With the blood of the slain and the captives,
From the heads of the leaders of the enemy."
- 43 "Rejoice, ^aO Gentiles, with His ¹people;
For He will ^bavenge the blood of His servants,
And render vengeance to His adversaries;
He ^cwill provide atonement for His land and His people."

44 So Moses came with ¹Joshua the son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people.
45 Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,
46 and he said to them: "^aSet your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your ^bchildren to be careful to observe—all the words of this law.
47 "For it is not a ¹futile thing for you, because it is your ^alife, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

Moses to Die on Mount Nebo

- 48 Then the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying:
49 "^aGo up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession;
50 "and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be ¹gathered to your people, just as ^aAaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people;
51 "because ^ayou trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at

39 ^aIs. 41:4;
43:10 ^bIs. 45:5
^c1 Sam. 2:6

41 ^aIs. 1:24;
66:16
¹sharpen

43 ^aRom. 15:10
^bRev. 6:10;
19:2 ^cPs. 65:3;
79:9; 85:1
¹DSS fragment adds
And let all the gods (angels) worship Him; cf. LXX and Heb. 1:6

44 ¹Heb.
Hoshea, Num. 13:8, 16

46 ^aEzek. 40:4;
44:5 ^bDeut. 11:19

47 ^aDeut. 8:3;
30:15–20 ¹vain

49 ^aNum. 27:12–14

50 ^aNum. 20:25, 28;
33:38 ¹Join your ancestors

51 ^aNum. 20:11–13 ^bLev. 10:3 ¹Lit. Contention at Kadesh

52 ^aDeut. 34:1–5

CHAPTER 33

1 ^aGen. 49:28
^bPs. 90

2 ^aPs. 68:8, 17
^bDeut. 2:1, 4
^cNum. 10:12
^dDan. 7:10

3 ^aHos. 11:1
^b1 Sam. 2:9
^c[Luke 10:39]
^dProv. 2:1

4 ^aJohn 1:17;
7:19 ^bPs. 119:111
¹charged us with

5 ^aEx. 15:18
^bDeut. 32:15

6 ^aGen. 49:3, 4

7 ^aGen. 49:8–12 ^bGen. 49:8 ^cPs. 146:5

8 ^aGen. 49:5
^bEx. 28:30 ^cPs. 81:7 ¹Lit. Perfections and Your Lights

9 ^a[Num. 25:5–8] ^b[Gen. 29:32] ^cEx. 32:26–28
^dMal. 2:5, 6

10 ^aLev. 10:11
^bPs. 51:19

the waters of ¹Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you ^bdid not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel.
52 "^aYet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel."

Moses' Final Blessing on Israel

33 Now this is ^athe blessing with which Moses ^bthe man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said:

^a"The LORD came from Sinai,
And dawned on them from ^bSeir;
He shone forth from ^cMount Paran,
And He came with ^dten thousands of saints;
From His right hand Came a fiery law for them.
3 Yes, ^aHe loves the people;
^bAll His saints are in Your hand;
They 'sit down at Your feet;
Everyone ^dreceives Your words.
4 ^aMoses ¹commanded a law for us,
^bA heritage of the congregation of Jacob.
5 And He was ^aKing in ^bJeshurun,
When the leaders of the people were gathered,
All the tribes of Israel together.

6 "Let ^aReuben live, and not die,
Nor let his men be few."

7 And this he said of ^aJudah:

"Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah,
And bring him to his people;
^bLet his hands be sufficient for him,
And may You be ^aa help against his enemies."

8 And of ^aLevi he said:

^b"Let Your ¹Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one,
^cWhom You tested at Massah,
And with whom You contended at the waters of Meribah,
9 ^aWho says of his father and mother,
'I have not ^bseen them';
^cNor did he acknowledge his brothers,
Or know his own children;
For ^dthey have observed Your word
And kept Your covenant.

10 ^aThey shall teach Jacob Your judgments,
And Israel Your law.
They shall put incense before You,
^bAnd a whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar.

- 11 Bless his substance, LORD,
And ^aaccept the work of his
hands;
Strike the loins of those who
rise against him,
And of those who hate him,
that they rise not again.”
- 12 Of Benjamin he said:
“The beloved of the LORD shall
dwell in safety by Him,
Who shelters him all the day
long;
And he shall dwell between His
shoulders.”
- 13 And of Joseph he said:
^a“Blessed of the LORD is his land,
With the precious things of
heaven, with the ^bdew,
And the deep lying beneath,
14 With the precious fruits of the
sun,
With the precious produce of
the months,
15 With the best things of ^athe
ancient mountains,
With the precious things ^bof the
everlasting hills,
16 With the precious things of the
earth and its fullness,
And the favor of ^aHim who
dwelt in the bush.
Let *the blessing* come ^bon the
head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head
of him *who* was separate
from his brothers.”
- 17 His glory is like a ^afirstborn
bull,
And his horns like the ^bhorns of
the wild ox;
Together with them
^aHe shall push the peoples
To the ends of the earth;
^aThey are the ten thousands of
Ephraim,
And they are the thousands of
Manasseh.”
- 18 And of Zebulun he said:
^a“Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going
out,
And Issachar in your tents!
19 They shall ^acall the peoples to
the mountain;
There ^bthey shall offer
sacrifices of righteousness;
For they shall partake of the
abundance of the seas
And of treasures hidden in the
sand.”
- 20 And of Gad he said:
“Blessed is he who ^aenlarges Gad;
He dwells as a lion,
And tears the arm and the
crown of his head.
21 ^aHe provided the first *part* for
himself,

11 ^a2 Sam. 24:23
13 ^aGen. 49:22–26
^bGen. 27:28
15 ^aGen. 49:26
^bHab. 3:6
16 ^aEx. 3:2–4;
Acts 7:30–35
^bGen. 49:26
17 ^a1 Chr. 5:1
^bNum. 23:22
^c1 Kin. 22:11;
Ps. 44:5 ^dGen. 48:19
18 ^aGen. 49:13–15
19 ^aEx. 15:17;
Ps. 2:6; Is. 2:3
^bPs. 4:5; 51:19
20 ^a1 Chr. 12:8
21 ^aNum. 32:16, 17
^bJosh. 4:12
22 ^aGen. 49:16,
17; Josh. 19:47
23 ^aGen. 49:21
^bJosh. 19:32
24 ^aGen. 49:20
^bJob 29:6
25 ^aDeut. 8:9
26 ^aEx. 15:11;
Deut. 4:35; Ps. 86:8; Jer. 10:6
^bDeut. 32:15
^cDeut. 10:14;
Ps. 68:3, 33,
34; 104:3
27 ^a[Ps. 90:1;
91:2, 9] ^bDeut. 9:3–5
28 ^aDeut. 33:12; Jer. 23:6; 33:16
^bDeut. 8:7, 8
^cNum. 23:9
^dGen. 27:28
29 ^aPs. 144:15
^bDeut. 4:32–34;
2 Sam. 7:23
^cGen. 15:1; Ps. 115:9
^dPs. 18:44; 66:3
^eNum. 33:52
^fPlaces for pagan worship
CHAPTER 34
1 ^aNum. 27:12;
Deut. 32:49
2 ^aMediterranean

- Because a lawgiver's portion
was reserved there.
^bHe came *with* the heads of the
people;
He administered the justice of
the LORD,
And His judgments with Israel.”
- 22 And of Dan he said:
“Dan is a lion's whelp;
^aHe shall leap from Bashan.”
- 23 And of Naphtali he said:
“O Naphtali, ^asatisfied with
favor,
And full of the blessing of the
LORD,
^bPossess the west and the south.”
- 24 And of Asher he said:
^a“Asher is most blessed of sons;
Let him be favored by his
brothers,
And let him ^bdip his foot in oil.
25 Your sandals *shall be* ^airon and
bronze;
As your days, *so shall* your
strength *be*.
26 “There is ^ano one like the God of
^bJeshurun,
^cWho rides the heavens to help
you,
And in His excellency on the
clouds.
27 The eternal God is your
^arefuge,
And underneath are the
everlasting arms;
^bHe will thrust out the enemy
from before you,
And will say, ‘Destroy!’
28 Then ^aIsrael shall dwell in safety,
^bThe fountain of Jacob ^aalone,
In a land of grain and new
wine;
His ^aheavens shall also drop
dew.
29 ^aHappy are you, O Israel!
^bWho is like you, a people saved
by the LORD,
^cThe shield of your help
And the sword of your majesty!
Your enemies ^ashall submit to
you,
And ^ayou shall tread down their
^bhigh places.”
- Moses Dies on Mount Nebo*
- 34 Then Moses went up from the
plains of Moab ^ato Mount
Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is
across from Jericho. And the LORD
showed him all the land of Gilead as
far as Dan,
2 all Naphtali and the land of
Ephraim and Manasseh, all the
land of Judah as far as the ¹Western
Sea,
3 the South, and the plain of the

Valley of Jericho, ^athe city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

4 Then the LORD said to him, ^a"This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' ^bI have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

5 ^a"So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but ^ano one knows his grave to this day.

7 ^a"Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. ^bHis ¹eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor ²diminished.

8 And the children of Israel wept

3 ^{a2} Chr. 28:15

4 ^aGen. 12:7

^bDeut. 3:27

5 ^aDeut. 32:50;

Josh. 1:1, 2

6 ^aJude 9

7 ^aDeut. 31:2

^bGen. 27:1;

48:10 ¹eye-

sight was not

weakened

²reduced

8 ^aGen. 50:3,

10

9 ^aIs. 11:2

^bNum. 27:18,

23

10 ^aDeut.

18:15, 18

^bEx. 33:11

11 ^aDeut. 7:19

for Moses in the plains of Moab ^athirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.

9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the ^aspirit of wisdom, for ^bMoses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 But since then there ^ahas not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, ^bwhom the LORD knew face to face,

11 in all ^athe signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land,

12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Book of

JOSHUA

JOSHUA, the first of the twelve historical books (Joshua–Esther), forges a link between the Pentateuch and the remainder of Israel's history. Through three major military campaigns involving more than thirty enemy armies, the people of Israel learn a crucial lesson under Joshua's capable leadership: victory comes through faith in God and obedience to His word, rather than through military might or numerical superiority.

The title of this book is appropriately named after its central figure, Joshua. His original name is *Hoshea*, "Salvation" (Num. 13:8); but Moses evidently changes it to *Yehoshua*, "Yahweh is Salvation" (Num. 13:16). He is also called *Yeshua*, a shortened form of *Yehoshua*. This is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek name *Iesous* (Jesus). Thus, the Greek title given to the book in the Septuagint is *Iesous Naus*, "Joshua the Son of Nun." The Latin title is *Liber Josue*, the "Book of Joshua."

His name is symbolic of the fact that although he is the leader of the Israelite nation during the conquest, the Lord is the Conqueror.

God's Commission to Joshua

AFTER the death of Moses the ^aservant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' ^aassistant, saying:

2 ^a"Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.

3 ^a"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

4 ^a"From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aEx. 24:13

2 ^aDeut. 34:5

3 ^aDeut. 11:24

4 ^aGen. 15:18

5 ^aDeut. 7:24

^bEx. 3:12

^cDeut. 31:8, 23

^dDeut. 31:6, 7

6 ^aDeut. 31:7,

23 ¹give as a

possession

7 ^aDeut. 31:7

^bDeut. 5:32

¹have success

or act wisely

8 ^aJosh. 8:34

^bPs. 1:1–3

¹you shall be

constantly in

5 ^a"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; ^bas I was with Moses, so ^cI will be with you. ^dI will not leave you nor forsake you.

6 ^a"Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall ¹divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 ^a"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law ^awhich Moses My servant commanded you; ^bdo not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may ¹prosper wherever you go.

8 ^a"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but ^byou¹ shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then

you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
9 ^a"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

The Order to Cross the Jordan

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'"

12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying,

13 "Remember ^athe word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.'

14 "Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall ¹pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them,

15 "until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. ^aThen you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

16 So they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 "Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God ^abe with you, as He was with Moses.

18 "Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

Rahab Hides the Spies

2 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men ^afrom ¹Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and ^bcame to the house of a harlot named ^cRahab, and ²lodged there.

2 And ^ait was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."

3 So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."

9 ^aDeut. 31:7
^bPs. 27:1

11 ^aDeut. 9:1;
Josh. 3:17

13 ^aNum.
32:20-28

14 ¹cross over
ahead of

15 ^aJosh.
22:1-4

17 ^a1 Sam.
20:13; 1 Kin.
1:37

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aNum. 25:1;
Josh. 3:1
^bHeb. 11:31;
James 2:25
^cMatt. 1:5
¹Heb. *Shittim*
²Lit. lay down

2 ^aJosh. 2:22

4 ^a2 Sam.
17:19, 20

6 ^aEx. 1:17;
2 Sam. 17:19

9 ^aDeut. 1:8
^bGen. 35:5;
Ex. 23:27;
Deut. 2:25;
11:25; Josh.
9:9, 10 ^cEx.
15:15; Josh.
5:1

10 ^aEx. 14:21;
Josh. 4:23
^bNum.
21:21-35
^cDeut. 20:17;
Josh. 6:21

11 ^aEx. 15:14,
15 ^bJosh. 5:1;
7:5; Ps. 22:14;
Is. 13:7 ^cDeut.
4:39

12 ^a1 Sam.
20:14, 15, 17
^b1 Tim. 5:8
^cEx. 12:13;
Josh. 2:18 ¹a
pledge of
truth

13 ^aJosh.
6:23-25

14 ^aGen. 47:29;
Judg. 1:24;
[Matt. 5:7]

15 ^aActs 9:25

17 ^aEx. 20:7
¹free from
obligation to
this oath

18 ^aJosh. 2:12
^bJosh. 6:23

4 ^aThen the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.

5 "And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them."

6 (But ^ashe had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.)

7 Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.

8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

9 and said to the men: ^a"I know that the LORD has given you the land, that ^bthe terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land ^care fainthearted because of you.

10 "For we have heard how the LORD ^adried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and ^bwhat you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you ^cutterly destroyed.

11 "And as soon as we ^aheard these things, ^bour hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for ^cthe LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

12 "Now therefore, I beg you, ^aswear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to ^bmy father's house, and ^cgive me ¹a true token,

13 "and ^aspare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

14 So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that ^awe will deal kindly and truly with you."

15 Then she ^alet them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.

16 And she said to them, "Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way."

17 So the men said to her: "We will be ^ablameless¹ of this oath of yours which you have made us swear,

18 ^a"unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, ^band unless you

¹bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.

19 "So it shall be *that* whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood *shall be* on his own head, and we *will be* ¹guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, ²his blood *shall be* on our head if a hand is laid on him.

20 "And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be ¹free from your oath which you made us swear."

21 Then she said, "According to your words, *so be it*." And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

22 They departed and went to the mountain, and stayed there three days until the pursuers returned. The pursuers sought *them* all along the way, but did not find *them*.

23 So the two men returned, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them.

24 And they said to Joshua, "Truly ¹the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are faint-hearted because of us."

Israel Crosses the Jordan

3 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out ¹from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.

2 So it was, ²after three days, that the officers went through the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, ⁴"When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, ⁵and the priests, the Levites, ⁶bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

4 ⁷"Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed *this* way before."

5 And Joshua said to the people, ⁸"Sanctify¹ yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, ⁹"Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to ¹⁰exalt¹ you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, ¹¹as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

8 "You shall command ¹²the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you have come to the

18 ¹Lit. *gather*

19 ¹a1 Kin. 2:32
¹free from obligation
²guilt of bloodshed

20 ¹free from obligation to

24 ¹Ex. 23:31

CHAPTER 3

1 ¹Josh. 2:1
¹Heb. *Shittim*

2 ¹Josh. 1:10, 11

3 ¹Num. 10:33
²Deut. 31:9, 25
¹carrying

4 ¹Ex. 19:12

5 ¹Josh. 7:13
¹Consecrate

6 ¹Num. 4:15

7 ¹Josh. 4:14
²Josh. 1:5, 9
¹make you great

8 ¹Josh. 3:3
²Josh. 3:17

10 ¹Matt. 16:16;
1 Thess. 1:9
²Ex. 33:2
¹Acts 13:19

11 ¹aZech. 4:14; 6:5

12 ¹aJosh. 4:2, 4

13 ¹aJosh. 3:15, 16
²Josh. 3:11
¹Ps. 78:13; 114:3

14 ¹aActs 7:44, 45

15 ¹aJosh. 3:13
²1 Chr. 12:15
¹Josh. 4:18; 5:10, 12

16 ¹a1 Kin. 4:12; 7:46
²Deut. 3:17
¹Gen. 14:3
¹Many mss., vss., and Qr. from Adam

17 ¹Ex. 3:8; 6:1-8; 14:21, 22, 29; 33:1

CHAPTER 4

1 ¹Deut. 27:2

2 ¹Josh. 3:12

3 ¹Josh. 3:13
²Josh. 4:19, 20

edge of the water of the Jordan, ²you shall stand in the Jordan."

9 So Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God."

10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that ³the living God is among you, and *that* He will without fail ⁴drive out from before you the ⁵Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites:

11 "Behold, the ark of the covenant of ⁶the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan.

12 "Now therefore, ⁷take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe.

13 "And it shall come to pass, ⁸as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, ⁹the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, *that* the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they ¹⁰shall stand as a heap."

14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ¹¹ark of the covenant before the people,

15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and ¹²the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the ¹³Jordan overflows all its banks ¹⁴during the whole time of harvest),

16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood *still*, and rose in a heap very far away ¹⁵at Adam, the city that is beside ¹⁶azaretan. So the waters that went down ¹⁷into the Sea of the Arabah, ¹⁸the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; ¹⁹and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

The Memorial Stones

4 And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed ²⁰over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying:

2 ²¹"Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe,

3 ²²"and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where ²³the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in ²⁴the lodging place where you lodge tonight.'"

4 Then Joshua called the twelve

men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe;

5 and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,

6 "that this may be ^aa sign among you ^bwhen your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones *mean* to you?'

7 "Then you shall answer them that ^cthe waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for ^{ba} memorial to the children of Israel forever."

8 And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

10 So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over.

11 Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ^cark of the LORD and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people.

12 And ^cthe men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them.

13 About forty thousand ^dprepared for war crossed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho.

14 On that day the LORD ^eexalted¹ Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

16 "Command the priests who bear ^cthe ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan."

17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan."

18 And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, *and the soles*

6 ^aDeut. 27:2; Ps. 103:2 ^bEx. 12:26; 13:14; Deut. 6:20

7 ^aJosh. 3:13, 16 ^bEx. 12:14; Num. 16:40

11 ^aJosh. 3:11; 6:11

12 ^aNum. 32:17, 20, 27, 28; Josh. 1:14

13 ¹equipped

14 ^aJosh. 3:7; 1 Chr. 29:25 ¹made Joshua great

16 ^aEx. 25:16, 22

18 ^aJosh. 3:15; 1 Chr. 12:15

19 ^aJosh. 5:9

20 ^aDeut. 11:30; Josh. 4:3; 5:9, 10

21 ^aJosh. 4:6

22 ^aEx. 12:26, 27; 13:8-14; Deut. 26:5-9 ^bJosh. 3:17

23 ^aEx. 14:21

24 ^a1 Kin. 8:42; 2 Kin. 19:19; Ps. 106:8 ^bEx. 15:16; 1 Chr. 29:12; Ps. 89:13 ^cEx. 14:31; Deut. 6:2; Ps. 76:7; Jer. 10:7 ¹Lit. all days

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aNum. 13:29 ^bEx. 15:14, 15 ^cJosh. 2:10, 11; 9:9; 1 Kin. 10:5 ¹So with Kt.; Or. some Heb. mss. and editions, LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. they ²their courage failed

2 ^aEx. 4:25

3 ¹Heb. Gibeath Haaraloth

4 ^aNum. 14:29; 26:64, 65; Deut. 2:14-16

6 ^aNum. 14:33; Deut. 1:3; 29:5 ^bNum. 14:23, 29-35; 26:23-65; Heb. 3:11 ^cEx. 3:8 ¹destroyed

7 ^aNum. 14:31; Deut. 1:39

of the priests' feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place ^aand overflowed all its banks as before.

19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped ^ain Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.

20 And ^cthose twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.

21 Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: ^c"When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What *are* these stones?'

22 "then you shall let your children know, saying, ^a"Israel crossed over this Jordan on ^bdry land";

23 "for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, ^awhich He dried up before us until we had crossed over,

24 ^a"that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is ^bmighty, that you may ^cfear the LORD your God ¹forever."

The Second Generation Circumcised

5 So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who *were* on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites ^awho were by the sea, ^bheard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until ¹we had crossed over, that ²their heart melted; ^cand there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel.

2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make ^cflint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time."

3 So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at ¹the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: ^aAll the people who came out of Egypt *who were* males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt.

5 For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked ^aforty years in the wilderness, till all the people *who were* men of war, who came out of Egypt, were ¹consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD—to whom the LORD swore that ^bHe would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, ^c"a land flowing with milk and honey."

7 Then Joshua circumcised ^ctheir sons *whom* He raised up in their

place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

8 So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp "till they were healed.

9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called ^bGilgal¹ to this day.

10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover "on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho.

11 And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day.

12 Then "the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

The Commander of the Army of the LORD

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, "a Man stood opposite him ^bwith His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"

14 So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua "fell on his face to the earth and ^bworshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

15 Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

The Destruction of Jericho

6 Now "Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! "I have given Jericho into your hand, its ^bking, and the mighty men of valor.

3 "You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.

4 "And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city ^bseven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

5 "It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people

8 ^aGen. 34:25

9 ^aGen. 34:14
^bJosh. 4:19
¹Lit. Rolling

10 ^aEx. 12:6;
Num. 9:5

11 ¹roasted

12 ^aEx. 16:35

13 ^aGen. 18:1,
2: 32:24, 30;
Ex. 23:23;
Num. 22:31;
Zech. 1:8;
Acts 1:10
^bNum. 22:23;
¹Chr. 21:16

14 ^aGen. 17:3;
Num. 20:6
^bEx. 34:8

15 ^aEx. 3:5;
Acts 7:33

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aJosh. 2:1

2 ^aJosh. 2:9,
24; 8:1 ^bDeut.
7:24

4 ^aLev. 25:9;
Judg. 7:16, 22
^b1 Kin. 18:43;
2 Kin. 4:35;
5:10 ^cNum.
10:8

9 ^aNum. 10:25

11 ^aJosh. 4:11
¹spent the
night

12 ^aDeut. 31:25

17 ^aDeut.
13:17; Josh.
7:1 ^bJosh. 2:1;
Matt. 1:5
^cJosh. 2:4, 6

18 ^aDeut. 7:26

shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

6 Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

7 And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD."

8 So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.

10 Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout."

11 So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.

14 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times.

16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!"

17 "Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only ^bRahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 "And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of

the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, ^band trouble it.

19 "But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are ¹consecrated to the LORD; they ²shall come into the treasury of the LORD."

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, "Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her."

23 And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel.

24 But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates."

27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.

Defeat at Ai

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.

2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai.

18 ^bJosh. 7:1, 12, 25; 1 Kin. 18:17, 18; [Jon. 1:12]

19 ¹set apart
²shall go

20 ^aHeb. 11:30

21 ^aDeut. 7:2; 20:16, 17

22 ^aJosh. 2:12-19; Heb. 11:31

23 ^aJosh. 2:13

25 ^a[Matt. 1:5]

26 ^{a1} Kin. 16:34 ¹warned

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aJosh. 7:20, 21 ^bJosh. 6:17-19 ^cJosh. 22:20 ¹acted unfaithfully
²devoted
³Zimri, 1 Chr. 2:6

4 ^aLev. 26:17; Deut. 28:25

5 ^aLev. 26:36; Josh. 2:9, 11
¹the people's courage failed

6 ^aGen. 37:29, 34 ^{b1} Sam. 4:12

7 ^aEx. 17:3; Num. 21:5
¹Heb. YHWH, LORD

8 ¹Lit. neck

9 ^aDeut. 32:26
^bEx. 32:12; Num. 14:13

11 ^aJosh. 6:17-19 ^bActs 5:1, 2 ¹devoted

12 ^aJudg. 2:14
^bDeut. 7:26; [Hag. 2:13, 14]

13 ^aEx. 19:10
^bJosh. 3:5 ¹set apart

14 ^a[Prov. 16:33]

15 ^{a1} Sam. 14:38, 39

Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few."

4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

6 Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.

7 And Joshua said, "Alas, Lord GOD, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan!

8 "O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns its back before its enemies?

9 "For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your great name?"

The Sin of Achan

10 So the LORD said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face?

11 "Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.

12 "Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you.

13 "Get up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the LORD God of Israel: There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you."

14 "In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes. And it shall be that the tribe which the LORD takes shall come according to families; and the family which the LORD takes shall come by households; and the household which the LORD takes shall come man by man.

15 "Then it shall be that he who is taken with the accursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that

he has, because he has ^btransgressed^d the covenant of the LORD, and because he ^chas done a disgraceful thing in Israel.’”

16 So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

17 He brought the clan of Judah, and he took the family of the Zarhites; and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

18 Then he brought his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, ^awas taken.

19 Now Joshua said to Achan, “My son, I beg you, ^agive glory to the LORD God of Israel, ^band make confession to Him, and ^ctell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.”

20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, “Indeed ^aI have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done:

21 “When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I ^bcoveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.”

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver under it.

23 And they took them from the midst of the tent, brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and ^aall that he had, and they brought them to ^bthe Valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, ^a“Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.” ^bSo all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

26 Then they ^araised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So ^athe LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called ^athe Valley of ¹Achor to this day.

The Fall of Ai

8 Now the LORD said to Joshua: ^a“Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See,

15 ^bJosh. 7:11
^cGen. 34:7;
Judg. 20:6
¹overstepped

18 ^a1 Sam.
14:42

19 ^a1 Sam. 6:5;
Jer. 13:16;
John 9:24
^bNum. 5:6, 7;
2 Chr. 30:22;
Ezra 10:10,
11; Ps. 32:5;
Prov. 28:13;
Jer. 3:12, 13;
Dan. 9:4
^c1 Sam. 14:43

20 ^aNum.
22:34; 1 Sam.
15:24

21 ¹desired

24 ^aNum.
16:32, 33;
Dan. 6:24
^bJosh. 7:26;
15:7

25 ^aJosh. 6:18;
1 Chr. 2:7;
[Gal. 5:12]
^bDeut. 17:5

26 ^aJosh. 8:29;
2 Sam. 18:17;
Lam. 3:53
^bDeut. 13:17
^cJosh. 7:24; Is.
65:10; Hos.
2:15 ¹Lit.
Trouble

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aDeut. 1:21;
7:18; 31:8;
Josh. 1:9; 10:8
^bJosh. 6:2

2 ^aJosh. 6:21
^bDeut. 20:14;
Josh. 8:27

4 ^aJudg. 20:29

5 ^aJosh. 7:5;
Judg. 20:32

8 ^a2 Sam.
13:28

11 ^aJosh. 8:5

12 ¹Ai

14 ^aJudg.
20:34; Eccl.
9:12

15 ^aJudg. 20:36

^bI have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

2 “And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to ^aJericho and its king. Only ^bits spoil and its cattle you shall take as booty for yourselves. Lay an ambush for the city behind it.”

3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua chose thirty thousand mighty men of valor and sent them away by night.

4 And he commanded them, saying: “Behold, ^ayou shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.

5 “Then I and all the people who ^aare with me will approach the city; and it will come about, when they come out against us as at the first, that ^awe shall flee before them.

6 “For they will come out after us till we have drawn them from the city, for they will say, ‘^aThey are fleeing before us as at the first.’ Therefore we will flee before them.

7 “Then you shall rise from the ambush and seize the city, for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 “And it will be, when you have taken the city, ^athat you shall set the city on fire. According to the commandment of the LORD you shall do. ^aSee, I have commanded you.”

9 Joshua therefore sent them out; and they went to lie in ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 Then Joshua rose up early in the morning and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11 ^aAnd all the people of war who ^awere with him went up and drew near; and they came before the city and camped on the north side of Ai. Now a valley ^alay between them and Ai.

12 So he took about five thousand men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of ^athe city.

13 And when they had set the people, all the army that was on the north of the city, and its rear guard on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 Now it happened, when the king of Ai saw it, that the men of the city hurried and rose early and went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at an appointed place before the plain. But he ^adid not know that ^athere was an ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel ^amade as if they were beaten before them,

and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 So all the people who were in Ai were called together to pursue them. And they pursued Joshua and were drawn away from the city.

17 There was not a man left in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. So they left the city open and pursued Israel.

18 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Stretch out the spear that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." And Joshua stretched out the spear that was in his hand toward the city.

19 So those in ambush arose quickly out of their place; they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and they entered the city and took it, and hurried to set the city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended to heaven. So they had no power to flee this way or that way, and the people who had fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers.

21 Now when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city and that the smoke of the city ascended, they turned back and struck down the men of Ai.

22 Then the others came out of the city against them; so they were caught in the midst of Israel, some on this side and some on that side. And they struck them down, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

23 But the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 And it came to pass when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness where they pursued them, and when they all had fallen by the edge of the sword until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword.

25 So it was that all who fell that day, both men and women, were twelve thousand—all the people of Ai.

26 For Joshua did not draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as booty for themselves, according to the word of the LORD which He had commanded Joshua.

28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap forever, a desolation to this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until evening. And as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his corpse down from the tree, cast it

22 ^aDeut. 7:2

26 ^aJosh. 6:21

27 ^aNum. 31:22, 26
^bJosh. 8:2

28 ^aDeut. 13:16

29 ^aJosh. 10:26
^bDeut. 21:22, 23; Josh. 10:27
^cJosh. 7:26; 10:27

30 ^aDeut. 27:4-8

31 ^aEx. 20:25; Deut. 27:5, 6
^bEx. 20:24

32 ^aDeut. 27:2, 3, 8

33 ^aDeut. 31:9, 25
^bDeut. 31:12
^cDeut. 11:29; 27:12

34 ^aDeut. 31:11; Neh. 8:3
^bDeut. 28:2, 15, 45; 29:20, 21;
30:19
^cJosh. 1:8

35 ^aEx. 12:38; Deut. 31:12
^bJosh. 8:33

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aNum. 13:29; Josh. 3:10
^bNum. 34:6
^cEx. 3:17; 23:23

2 ^aJosh. 10:5; Ps. 83:3, 5
¹Lit. *mouth*

3 ^aJosh. 9:17, 22; 10:2; 21:17; 2 Sam. 21:1, 2
^bJosh. 6:27

4 ¹acted as envoys
²Lit. *tied up*

6 ^aJosh. 5:10
¹treaty

7 ^aJosh. 9:1; 11:19

at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raise over it a great heap of stones that remains to this day.

Joshua Renews the Covenant

30 Now Joshua built an altar to the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses: "an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded an iron tool." And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32 And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written.

33 Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them were in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.

The Treaty with the Gibeonites

9 And it came to pass when all the kings who were on this side of the Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland and in all the coasts of the Great Sea toward Lebanon—the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite—heard about it, 2 that they gathered together to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord. 3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, 5 old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy.

6 And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us." 7 Then the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you dwell

among us; so ^bhow can we make a covenant with you?"

8 But they said to Joshua, ^a"We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who *are* you, and where do you come from?"

9 So they said to him: ^a"From a very far country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God; for we have ^bheard of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt,

10 "and ^aall that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who *were* beyond the Jordan—to Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth.

11 "Therefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, "We *are* your servants; now therefore, make a covenant with us."'

12 "This bread of ours we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and moldy.

13 "And these wineskins which we filled *were* new, and see, they are torn; and these our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey."

14 Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; ^abut they ^bdid not ask counsel of the LORD.

15 So Joshua ^amade peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

16 And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbors who dwell near them.

17 Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* "Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim.

18 But the children of Israel did not ^aattack them, ^bbecause the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation complained against the rulers.

19 Then all the rulers said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel; now therefore, we may not touch them.

20 "This we will do to them: We will let them live, lest ^awrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them."

21 And the rulers said to them, "Let them live, but let them be ^awoodcutters and water carriers for all the congregation, as the rulers had ^bpromised them."

22 Then Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, ^a"We are

⁷ ^bEx. 23:32; Deut. 7:2

⁸ ^aDeut. 20:11; 2 Kin. 10:5

⁹ ^aDeut. 20:15 ^bEx. 15:14; Josh. 2:9, 10; 5:1

¹⁰ ^aNum. 21:24, 33

¹⁴ ^aNum. 27:21; Is. 30:1 ¹Lit. *did not inquire at the mouth of*

¹⁵ ^a2 Sam. 21:2

¹⁷ ^aJosh. 18:25

¹⁸ ^aPs. 15:4 ¹strike

²⁰ ^a2 Sam. 21:1, 2, 6; Ezek. 17:13, 15

²¹ ^aDeut. 29:11 ^bJosh. 9:15

²² ^aJosh. 9:6, 9 ^bJosh. 9:16

²³ ^aGen. 9:25

²⁴ ^aEx. 23:31–33; Deut. 7:1, 2 ^bEx. 15:14

²⁵ ^aGen. 16:6

²⁷ ^aJosh. 9:21, 23 ^bDeut. 12:5

CHAPTER 10

¹ ^aJosh. 9:1 ^bJosh. 8:1 ^cJosh. 6:21 ^dJosh. 8:22, 26, 28 ^eJosh. 9:15

² ^aEx. 15:14–16; Deut. 11:25; 1 Chr. 14:17

⁴ ^aJosh. 9:15; 10:1

⁵ ^aNum. 13:29 ^bJosh. 9:2

⁶ ^aJosh. 5:10; 9:6

⁷ ^aJosh. 8:1

⁸ ^aJosh. 11:6; Judg. 4:14

very far from you,' when ^byou dwell near us?"

23 "Now therefore, you *are* ^acursed, and none of you shall be freed from being slaves—woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God."

24 So they answered Joshua and said, "Because your servants were clearly told that the LORD your God ^acommanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore ^bwe were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 "And now, here we are, ^ain your hands; do with us as it seems good and right to do to us."

26 So he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them.

27 And that day Joshua made them ^awoodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, ^bin the place which He would choose, even to this day.

The Sun Stands Still

10 Now it came to pass when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem ^aheard how Joshua had taken ^bAi and had utterly destroyed it—^cas he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to ^dAi and its king—and ^ehow the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them,

2 that they ^afeared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men *were* mighty.

3 Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 "Come up to me and help me, that we may attack Gibeon, for ^ait has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel."

5 Therefore the five kings of the ^aAmorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, ^bgathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon and made war against it.

6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp ^aat Gilgal, saying, "Do not forsake your servants; come up to us quickly, save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us."

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and ^aall the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

8 And the LORD said to Joshua, ^a"Do not fear them, for I have deliv-

ered them into your hand; ^bnot a man of them shall stand before you.”
9 Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal.

10 So the LORD ^arouted them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes ^bto Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as ^cAzekah and Makkedah.

11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, ^athat the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. *There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.*

12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel:

^a“Sun, stand still over Gibeon;
And Moon, in the Valley of
^bAijalon.”

13 So the sun stood still,
And the moon stopped,
Till the people had revenge
Upon their enemies.

^a*Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.*

14 And there has been ^ano day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for ^athe LORD fought for Israel.

15 ^aThen Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

The Amorite Kings Executed

16 But these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, “The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah.”

18 So Joshua said, “Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them.

19 “And do not stay *there* yourselves, *but* pursue your enemies, and attack their rear *guard*. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand.”

20 Then it happened, while Joshua and the children of Israel made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they had finished, that those who escaped entered fortified cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp, to Joshua at Makkedah, in peace. ^aNo one moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out

⁸ ^bJosh. 1:5, 9
^cJosh. 21:44

10 ^aJudg. 4:15;
1 Sam. 7:10,
12; Is. 28:21
^bJosh. 16:3, 5
^cJosh. 15:35

11 ^aIs. 30:30;
Rev. 16:21

12 ^aIs. 28:21;
Hab. 3:11
^bJudg. 12:12

13 ^a2 Sam.
1:18

14 ^aIs. 38:7, 8
^bEx. 14:14;
Deut. 1:30;
20:4; Josh.
10:42; 23:3

15 ^aJosh. 10:43

21 ^aEx. 11:7
¹*criticized, lit.
sharpened his
tongue*

24 ^aPs. 107:40;
Is. 26:5, 6;
Mal. 4:3

25 ^aDeut.
31:6-8; Josh.
1:9 ^bDeut.
3:21; 7:19
¹The captains

26 ^aJosh. 8:29;
2 Sam. 21:9
¹The kings

27 ^aDeut.
21:22, 23;
Josh. 8:29

28 ^aDeut. 7:2,
16 ^bJosh. 6:21
¹So with MT
and most
authorities;
many Heb.
mss., some
LXX mss.,
and some Tg.
mss. *it*

29 ^aJosh.
15:42; 21:13;
2 Kin. 8:22;
19:8

those five kings to me from the cave.”

23 And they did so, and brought out those five kings to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jerimoth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24 So it was, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, “Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings.” And they drew near and ^aput their feet on their necks.

25 Then Joshua said to them, ^a“Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for ^bthus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.”

26 And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees; and they ^awere hanging on the trees until evening.

27 So it was at the time of the going down of the sun *that* Joshua commanded, and they ^atook them down from the trees, cast them into the cave where they had been hidden, and laid large stones against the cave’s mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

Conquest of the Southland

28 On that day Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword. He utterly ^adestroyed them—all the people who *were* in it. He let none remain. He also did to the king of Makkedah ^aas he had done to the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to ^aLibnah; and they fought against Libnah.

30 And the LORD also delivered it and its king into the hand of Israel; he struck it and all the people who *were* in it with the edge of the sword. He let none remain in it, but did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31 Then Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish; and they encamped against it and fought against it.

32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it and all the people who *were* in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he left him none remaining.

34 From Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it and fought against it.

35 They took it on that day and

struck it with the edge of the sword; all the people who were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 So Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to ^aHebron; and they fought against it.

37 And they took it and struck it with the edge of the sword—its king, all its cities, and all the people who were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but utterly destroyed it and all the people who were in it.

38 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to ^aDebir; and they fought against it.

39 And he took it and its king and all its cities; they struck them with the edge of the sword and utterly destroyed all the people who were in it. He left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, as he had done also to Libnah and its king.

40 So Joshua conquered all the land: the ^amountain country and the ¹South and the lowland and the wilderness slopes, and ^ball their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded.

41 And Joshua conquered them from ^aKadesh Barnea as far as ^bGaza, ^cand all the country of Goshen, even as far as Gibeon.

42 All these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, ^bbecause the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

The Northern Conquest

11 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor heard these things, that he ^asent to Jobab king of Madon, to the king ^bof Shimron, to the king of Achshaph,

2 and to the kings who were from the north, in the mountains, in the plain south of ^aChinneroth, in the lowland, and in the heights ^bof Dor on the west,

3 to the Canaanites in the east and in the west, the ^aAmorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains, ^band the Hivite below ^aHermon ^ain the land of Mizpah.

4 So they went out, they and all their armies with them, as many people ^aas the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots.

5 And when all these kings had met together, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

6 But the LORD said to Joshua, ^a"Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel.

36 ^aJosh. 14:13–15; 15:13

38 ^aJosh. 15:15

40 ^aDeut. 1:7
^bDeut. 7:24
^cDeut. 20:16, 17
¹Heb. Negev, and so throughout the book

41 ^aDeut. 9:23
^bGen. 10:19
^cJosh. 11:16; 15:51

42 ^aJosh. 10:14

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aJosh. 10:3
^bJosh. 19:15

2 ^aNum. 34:11
^bJosh. 17:11

3 ^aJosh. 9:1
^bJudg. 3:3, 5
^cJosh. 11:17; 13:5, 11
^aGen. 31:49

4 ^aJudg. 7:12

5 ¹Lit. assembled by appointment

6 ^aJosh. 10:8
^b2 Sam. 8:4

8 ^aGen. 49:13
^bJosh. 13:6
¹Heb. Sidon
²Heb. Rabbah
³Heb. Misrephoth
⁴Maim, lit. Burnings of Water

11 ^aDeut. 20:16
^bJosh. 10:40

12 ^aNum. 33:50–56

13 ¹Heb. tel, a heap of successive city ruins

14 ^aDeut. 20:14–18

15 ^aEx. 34:10–17
^bDeut. 31:7, 8
^cJosh. 1:7
¹Lit. He turned aside from nothing

16 ^aJosh. 12:8
^bJosh. 10:40, 41
¹Heb. arabah

17 ^aJosh. 12:7
^bDeut. 7:24
¹Lit. The Smooth or Bald Mountain

19 ^aJosh. 9:3–7
20 ^aDeut. 2:30
¹Lit. to make strong

You shall ^bhamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire."

7 So Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and they attacked them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who defeated them and chased them to ¹Greater ^aSidon, to the ²Brook ^bMisrephoth, and to the Valley of Mizpah eastward; they attacked them until they left none of them remaining.

9 So Joshua did to them as the LORD had told him: he hamstringed their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

10 Joshua turned back at that time and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor was formerly the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they struck all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was none left ^bbreathing. Then he burned Hazor with fire.

12 So all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua took and struck with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them, ^aas Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded.

13 But as for the cities that stood on their ¹mounds, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only, which Joshua burned.

14 And all the ^aspoils of these cities and the livestock, the children of Israel took as booty for themselves; but they struck every man with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they left none breathing.

15 ^aAs the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so ^bMoses commanded Joshua, and ^cso Joshua did. ¹He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

Summary of Joshua's Conquests

16 Thus Joshua took all this land: ^athe mountain country, all the South, ^ball the land of Goshen, the lowland, and the Jordan ^cplain—the mountains of Israel and its lowlands,

17 ^afrom ¹Mount Halak and the ascent to Seir, even as far as Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured ^ball their kings, and struck them down and killed them.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except ^athe Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All the others they took in battle.

20 For ^ait was of the LORD ¹to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that He might utterly destroy them, and that they

might receive no mercy, but that He might destroy them, ^{bas} the LORD had commanded Moses.

21 And at that time Joshua came and cut off ^athe Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.

22 None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only ^ain Gaza, in Gath, ^band in Ashdod.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, ^aaccording to all that the LORD had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel ^baccording to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land ^crested from war.

The Kings Conquered by Moses

12 These are the kings of the land whom the children of Israel defeated, and whose land they possessed on the other side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, ^afrom the River Arnon ^bto Mount Hermon, and all the eastern Jordan plain:

2 *One king was* ^aSihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon and ruled half of Gilead, from Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, from the middle of that river, even as far as the River Jabbok, which is the border of the Ammonites,

3 and ^athe eastern Jordan plain from the ¹Sea of Chinneroth as far as the ²Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea), ^bthe road to Beth Jeshimoth, and ³southward below ^cthe ^dslopes of Pisgah.

4 *The other king was* ^aOg king of Bashan and his territory, who was of ^bthe remnant of the giants, ^cwho dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei.

5 and reigned over ^aMount Hermon, ^bover Salcah, over all Bashan, ^cas far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and over half of Gilead to the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 ^aThese Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel had conquered; and ^bMoses the servant of the LORD had given it as a possession to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh.

The Kings Conquered by Joshua

7 And these are the kings of the country ^awhich Joshua and the children of Israel conquered on this side of the Jordan, on the west, from Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon as far as ¹Mount Halak and the ascent to ²Seir, which Joshua ^cgave to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their divisions.

8 ^ain the mountain country, in the lowlands, in the Jordan plain, in the

20 ^bDeut. 20:16, 17

21 ^aNum. 13:22, 33

22 ^a1 Sam. 17:4 ^bJosh. 15:46

23 ^aNum. 34:2-15 ^bNum. 26:53 ^cDeut. 12:9, 10; 25:19

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aNum. 21:24 ^bDeut. 3:8

2 ^aDeut. 2:24-27

3 ^aDeut. 3:17 ^bJosh. 13:20 ^cDeut. 3:17;

4:49 ¹Sea of Galilee ²Lit. Sea of the Plain, the Dead Sea ³Or Teman ⁴Or Ashdod ⁵Pisgah

4 ^aNum. 21:33 ^bDeut. 3:11 ^cDeut. 1:4

5 ^aDeut. 3:8 ^bDeut. 3:10 ^cDeut. 3:14

6 ^aNum. 21:24, 35 ^bNum. 32:29-33

7 ^aJosh. 11:17 ^bGen. 14:6; 32:3 ^cJosh. 11:23 ¹Lit. The Bald Mountain

8 ^aJosh. 10:40; 11:16 ^bEx. 3:8; 23:23

9 ^aJosh. 6:2 ^bJosh. 8:29

10 ^aJosh. 10:23

12 ^aJosh. 10:33

13 ^aJosh. 10:38, 39

15 ^aJosh. 10:29, 30

16 ^aJosh. 10:28 ^bJudg. 1:22

17 ^a1 Kin. 4:10

18 ¹Or Sharon

19 ^aJosh. 11:10

20 ^aJosh. 11:1; 19:15

22 ^aJosh. 19:37; 20:7; 21:32

23 ^aJosh. 11:2 ^bIs. 9:1

24 ^aDeut. 7:24

CHAPTER 13

1 ^aJosh. 14:10; 23:1, 2

2 ^aJudg. 3:1-3 ^bJoel 3:4 ^c2 Sam. 3:3

3 ^aJer. 2:18 ^bJudg. 3:3 ^cDeut. 2:23

4 ^aJosh. 12:18; 19:30 ^bJudg. 1:34

5 ^a1 Kin. 5:18; Ezek. 27:9

slopes, in the wilderness, and in the South—^athe Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

9 ^athe king of Jericho, one; ^bthe king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;

10 ^athe king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 the king of Eglon, one; ^athe king of Gezer, one;

13 ^athe king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15 ^athe king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16 ^athe king of Makkedah, one; ^bthe king of Bethel, one;

17 the king of Tappuah, one; ^athe king of Hepher, one;

18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

19 the king of Madon, one; ^athe king of Hazor, one;

20 the king of ^aShimron Meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 ^athe king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one;

23 the king of Dor in the ^aheights of Dor, one; the king of ^bthe people of Gilgal, one;

24 the king of Tirzah, one—all the kings, thirty-one.

Remaining Land to Be Conquered

13 Now Joshua ^awas old, advanced in years. And the LORD said to him: "You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed.

2 ^a"This is the land that yet remains: ^ball the territory of the Philistines and all ^cthat of the Geshurites,

3 ^a"from Sihor, which is east of Egypt, as far as the border of Ekron northward (which is counted as Canaanite); the ^bfive lords of the Philistines—the Gazites, the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also ^cthe Avites;

4 ^a"from the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians ^aas far as Aphek, to the border of ^bthe Amorites;

5 ^a"the land of ^bthe ^cIgbalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise,

^bfrom Baal Gad below Mount Hermon as far as the entrance to Hamath;

6 ^a"all the inhabitants of the mountains from Lebanon as far as ^bthe ^cBrook Misrephoth, and all the Sidonians—they ^dwill drive out from before the children of Israel; only

5 ^bJosh. 12:7 ¹Or Gibletes 6 ^aJosh. 11:8

^bJosh. 23:13 ¹Heb. Misrephoth Maim, lit. Burnings of Water

“divide² it by lot to Israel as an inheritance, as I have commanded you.

7 “Now therefore, divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh.”

The Land Divided East of the Jordan

8 With the other half-tribe the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, “which Moses had given them, ^bbeyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD had given them:

9 from Aroer which is on the bank of the River Arnon, and the town that is in the midst of the ravine, and all the plain of Medeba as far as Dibon;

10 “all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the border of the children of Ammon;

11 “Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salchah;

12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei, who remained of “the remnant of the giants; ^bfor Moses had ¹defeated and ²cast out these. 13 Nevertheless the children of Israel “did not drive out the Geshurites or the Maachathites, but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

14 “Only to the tribe of Levi he had given ¹no inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, ^bas He said to them.

The Land of Reuben

15 “And Moses had given to the tribe of the children of Reuben *an inheritance* according to their families.

16 Their territory was “from Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, ^band the city that is in the midst of the ravine, ^cand all the plain by Medeba;

17 “Heshbon and all its cities that *are* in the plain: Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon,

18 “Jahaza, Kedemoth, Mephaath,

19 “Kirjathaim, ^bSibmah, Zereth Shahar on the mountain of the valley, 20 Beth Peor, “the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth Jeshimoth—

21 “all the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, ^bwhom Moses had struck “with the princes of Midian: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, who were princes of Sihon dwelling in the country.

22 The children of Israel also killed with the sword “Balaam the son of Beor, the ¹soothsayer, among those who were killed by them.

6 “Josh. 14:1, 2
²apportion

8 “Num. 32:33
^bJosh. 12:1–6

9 “Num. 21:30

10 “Num.
21:24, 25

11 “Josh. 12:5

12 “Deut. 3:11
^bNum. 21:24,
34, 35 ¹lit.
struck ²dis-
possessed

13 “Josh. 13:11

14 “Josh. 14:3,
4 ^bJosh. 13:33
¹no land as a
possession

15 “Num.
34:14

16 “Josh. 12:2
^bNum. 21:28
^cNum. 21:30

17 “Num.
21:28, 30

18 “Num.
21:23

19 “Num.
32:37 ^bNum.
32:38

20 “Deut. 3:17

21 “Deut. 3:10
^bNum. 21:24
^cNum. 31:8

22 “Num. 22:5;
31:8 ¹diviner

24 “Num.
34:14

25 “Num. 32:1,
35 ^bJudg.
11:13, 15
^cDeut. 3:11

27 “Num.
32:36 ^bGen.
33:17 ^cNum.
34:11 ¹Sea of
Galilee

29 “Num.
34:14

30 “Num.
32:41

31 “Josh. 9:10;
12:4; 13:12
^bNum. 32:39,
40

32 ¹apportioned

33 “Josh.
13:14; 18:7
^bNum. 18:20

CHAPTER 14

1 “Num.
34:16–29

2 “Num. 26:55;
33:54; 34:13

3 “Josh. 13:8,
32, 33

23 And the border of the children of Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and their villages.

The Land of Gad

24 “Moses also had given *an inheritance* to the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad according to their families.

25 “Their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, ^band half the land of the Ammonites as far as Aroer, which is before “Rabbah,

26 and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir,

27 and in the valley “Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, ^bSuccoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan as *its* border, as far as the edge “of the ¹Sea of Chinnereth, on the other side of the Jordan eastward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and their villages.

Half the Tribe of Manasseh (East)

29 “Moses also had given *an inheritance* to half the tribe of Manasseh; it was for half the tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families:

30 Their territory was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and “all the towns of Jair which are in Bashan, sixty cities;

31 half of Gilead, and “Ashtaroth and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were* for the ^bchildren of Machir the son of Manasseh, for half of the children of Machir according to their families.

32 *These are the areas* which Moses had ¹distributed as an inheritance in the plains of Moab on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward.

33 “But to the tribe of Levi Moses had given no inheritance; the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, ^bas He had said to them.

The Land Divided West of the Jordan

14 *These are the areas* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, “which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed as an inheritance to them.

2 Their inheritance was “by lot, as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe.

3 “For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe on the other side of the Jordan;

but to the Levites he had given no inheritance among them.

4 For ^athe children of Joseph were two tribes: Manasseh and Ephraim. And they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except ^bcities to dwell in, with their common-lands for their livestock and their property.

5 ^aAs the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; and they divided the land.

Caleb Inherits Hebron

6 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the ^aKenizzite said to him: "You know ^bthe word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning ^cyou and me in Kadesh Barnea.

7 "I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD ^asent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as *it was* in my heart.

8 "Nevertheless ^amy brethren who went up with me made the ¹heart of the people melt, but I wholly ^bfollowed the LORD my God.

9 "So Moses swore on that day, saying, ^a"Surely the land ^bwhere your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God."

10 "And now, behold, the LORD has kept me ^aalive, ^bas He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel ¹wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old.

11 ^a"As yet I *am as strong* this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both ^bfor going out and for coming in.

12 "Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how ^athe Anakim were there, and ^bthat the cities were great and fortified. ¹It may be that the LORD will be with me, and ^cI shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said."

13 And Joshua ^ablessed him, ^band gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.

14 ^aHebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he ^bwholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

15 And ^athe name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (*Arba* was the greatest man among the Anakim). ^bThen the land had rest from war.

The Land of Judah

15 So *this* was the ¹lot of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families: ^aThe border

4 ^{a2} Chr. 30:1
^bNum. 35:2-8

5 ^aJosh. 21:2

6 ^aNum. 32:11,
12 ^bNum.
14:24, 30
^cNum. 13:26

7 ^aNum. 13:6,
17; 14:6

8 ^aNum. 13:31,
32 ^bNum.
14:24
¹courage of
the people fail

9 ^aNum. 14:23,
24 ^bDeut. 1:36

10 ^aNum.
14:24, 30, 38
^bJosh. 5:6
¹Lit. walked

11 ^aDeut. 34:7
^bDeut. 31:2

12 ^aNum.
13:28, 33
^bRom. 8:31
^cJosh. 15:14

13 ^aJosh. 22:6
^bJosh. 10:37;
15:13

14 ^aJosh. 21:12
^bJosh. 14:8, 9

15 ^aGen. 23:2
^bJosh. 11:23

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1 ^aNum. 34:3
^bNum. 33:36
¹allotment

2 ^aNum. 34:3, 4

3 ^aNum. 34:4

4 ^aNum. 34:5

5 ^aJosh.
18:15-19

6 ^aJosh. 18:19,
21 ^bJosh.
18:17

7 ^aJosh. 13:26
^bJosh. 7:26
^{c2} Sam. 17:17

8 ^aJosh. 18:16
^bJudg. 1:21;
19:10 ^cJosh.
18:16 ¹Lit.
Giants

9 ^aJosh. 18:15
^{b1} Chr. 13:6
^cJudg. 18:12

10 ^aGen. 38:13
¹turned
around

11 ^aJosh. 19:43

12 ^aNum.
34:6, 7

13 ^aJosh. 14:13
^bNum. 13:6
^cJosh. 14:15

of Edom at the ^bWilderness of Zin southward was the extreme southern boundary.

2 And their ^asouthern border began at the shore of the Salt Sea, from the bay that faces southward.

3 Then it went out to the southern side of ^athe Ascent of Akrabbim, passed along to Zin, ascended on the south side of Kadesh Barnea, passed along to Hezron, went up to Adar, and went around to Karkaa.

4 *From there* it passed ^atoward Azmon and went out to the Brook of Egypt; and the border ended at the sea. This shall be your southern border.

5 The east border was the Salt Sea as far as the mouth of the Jordan. And the ^aborder on the northern quarter *began* at the bay of the sea at the mouth of the Jordan.

6 The border went up to ^aBeth Hoglah and passed north of Beth Arabah; and the border went up ^bto the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

7 Then the border went up toward ^aDebir from ^bthe Valley of Achor, and it turned northward toward Gilgal, which is before the Ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the valley. The border continued toward the waters of En Shemesh and ended at ^aEn Rogel.

8 And the border went up ^aby the Valley of the Son of Hinnom to the southern slope of the ^bJebusite city (which is Jerusalem). The border went up to the top of the mountain that *lies* before the Valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the Valley ^cof ¹Rephaim northward.

9 Then the border went around from the top of the hill to ^athe fountain of the water of Nephtoa, and extended to the cities of Mount Ephron. And the border went around ^bto Baalah (which is ^cKirjath Jearim).

10 Then the border ¹turned westward from Baalah to Mount Seir, passed along to the side of Mount Jearim on the north (which is Chesalon), went down to Beth Shemesh, and passed on to ^aTimnah.

11 And the border went out to the side of ^aEkron northward. Then the border went around to Shicron, passed along to Mount Baalah, and extended to Jabneel; and the border ended at the sea.

12 The west border was ^athe coastline of the Great Sea. This is the boundary of the children of Judah all around according to their families.

Caleb Occupies Hebron and Debir

13 ^aNow to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a share among the children of ^bJudah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *namely*, ^cKirjath Arba,

which is Hebron (*Arba* was the father of Anak).

14 Caleb drove out ^athe three sons of Anak from there: ^bSheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak.

15 Then ^ahe went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir (formerly the name of Debir was Kirjath Sepher).

16 ^aAnd Caleb said, "He who ¹attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife."

17 So ^aOthniel the ^bson of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him ^cAchsah his daughter as wife.

18 ^aNow it was so, when she came to him, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So ^bshe dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?"

19 She answered, "Give me a ^ablessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

The Cities of Judah

20 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families:

21 The cities at the limits of the tribe of the children of Judah, toward the border of Edom in the South, were Kabzeel, ^aEder, Jagur,

22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,

23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,

24 ^aZiph, Telem, Bealoth,

25 Hazor, Hadattah, Keriath, Hebron (which is Hazor),

26 Amam, Shema, Moladah,

27 Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet,

28 Hazar Shual, ^aBeersheba, Bizjathjah,

29 Baalah, Ijim, Ezem,

30 Eltolad, Chesil, ^aHormah,

31 ^aZiklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,

32 Lebaath, Shilhim, Ain, and ^aRimmon: all the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages.

33 In the lowland: ^aEshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah,

34 Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam,

35 Jarmuth, ^aAdullam, Socoh, Azekah,

36 Sharaim, Adithaim, Gederah, and Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their villages;

37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad,

38 Dilean, Mizpah, ^aJoktheel,

39 ^aLachish, Bozkath, ^bEglon,

40 Cabbon, ^aLahmas, Kithlish,

41 Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages;

42 ^aLibnah, Ether, Ashan,

43 Jiphtah, Ashnah, Nezi,

14 ^aJudg. 1:10;

20 ^bNum.

13:22

15 ^aJosh.

10:38; Judg.

1:11

16 ^aJudg. 1:12

¹Lit. *strikes*

17 ^aJudg. 1:13;

3:9 ^bNum.

32:12; Josh.

14:6 ^cJudg.

1:12

18 ^aJudg. 1:14

^bGen. 24:64;

1 Sam. 25:23

19 ^aGen. 33:11

21 ^aGen. 35:21

24 ^a1 Sam.

23:14

28 ^aGen. 21:31;

Josh. 19:2

30 ^aJosh. 19:4

31 ^aJosh. 19:5;

1 Sam. 27:6;

30:1

32 ^aJudg.

20:45, 47

33 ^aJudg.

13:25; 16:31

35 ^a1 Sam.

22:1

38 ^a2 Kin. 14:7

39 ^a2 Kin.

14:19 ^bJosh.

10:3

40 ¹Or *Lah-*

mam

42 ^aJosh. 21:13

46 ^aJosh. 11:22

47 ^aJosh. 15:4

^bNum. 34:6

51 ^aJosh.

10:41; 11:16

54 ^aJosh. 14:15

55 ^a1 Sam.

23:24, 25

60 ^aJosh.

18:14; 1 Sam.

7:1, 2

62 ^a1 Sam.

23:29; Ezek.

47:10

63 ^aJudg. 1:8;

21: 2 Sam. 5:6;

1 Chr. 11:4

^bJudg. 1:21

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1 ^aJosh. 8:15;

18:12 ¹Lit.

went out

²LXX *Bethel*

Luz

2 ^aJosh. 18:13;

Judg. 1:26

¹LXX *to*

Bethel,

3 ^aJosh. 18:13;

1 Kin. 9:17;

2 Chr. 8:5

^bJosh. 21:21;

1 Kin. 9:15;

1 Chr. 7:28

¹Lit. *the*

goings out of

it were at the

sea

4 ^aJosh. 17:14

¹possession

5 ^aJudg. 1:29;

1 Chr. 7:28, 29

^bJosh. 18:13

^c2 Chr. 8:5

⁶a Josh. 17:7

44 Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages;

45 Ekron, with its towns and villages;

46 from Ekron to the sea, all that *lay* near ^aAshdod, with their villages;

47 Ashdod with its towns and villages, Gaza with its towns and villages—as far as ^athe Brook of Egypt and ^bthe Great Sea with its coastline.

48 And in the mountain country: Shamir, Jattir, Socoh,

49 Dannah, Kirjath Sannah (which is Debir),

50 Anab, Eshtemoah, Anim,

51 ^aGoshen, Holon, and Giloh: eleven cities with their villages;

52 Arab, Dumah, Eshean,

53 Janum, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah,

54 Humtah, ^aKirjath Arba (which is Hebron), and Zior: nine cities with their villages;

55 ^aMaon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah,

56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,

57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah: ten cities with their villages;

58 Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor,

59 Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon: six cities with their villages;

60 ^aKirjath Baal (which is Kirjath Jearim) and Rabbah: two cities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness: Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah,

62 Nibshan, the City of Salt, and

^aEn Gedi: six cities with their villages.

63 As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ^athe children of Judah could not drive them out; ^bbut the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Ephraim and West Manasseh

16 The lot ¹fell to the children of Joseph from the Jordan, by Jericho, to the waters of Jericho on the east, to the ^awilderness that goes up from Jericho through the mountains to ²Bethel.

2 then went out ¹from ^aBethel to Luz, passed along to the border of the Archites at Ataroth,

3 and went down westward to the boundary of the Japhletites, ^aas far as the boundary of Lower Beth Horon to ^bGezer; and ¹it ended at the sea.

4 ^aSo the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their ¹inheritance.

The Land of Ephraim

5 ^aThe border of the children of Ephraim, according to their families, was *thus*: The border of their inheritance on the east side was ^bAtaroth Addar ^aas far as Upper Beth Horon.

6 And the border went out toward the sea on the north side of ^aMichmethath; then the border went around eastward to Taanath

Shiloh, and passed by it on the east of Janohah.

7 Then it went down from Janohah to Ataroth and ¹Naarah, reached to Jericho, and came out at the Jordan.

8 The border went out from ^aTappuah westward to the ^bBrook Kanah, and ^cit ended at the sea. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families.

9 ^aThe separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

10 ^aAnd they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwell in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers.

The Other Half-Tribe of Manasseh (West)

17 There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the ^afirstborn of Joseph: *namely* for ^bMachir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war; therefore he was given ^cGilead and Bashan.

2 And there was a lot for ^athe rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families: ^bfor the children of ¹Abiezer, the children of Helek, ^cthe children of Asriel, the children of Shechem, ^dthe children of Hepher, and the children of Shemida; these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families.

3 But ^aZelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but only daughters. And these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4 And they came near before ^aEleazar the priest, before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the rulers, saying, ^b"The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers." Therefore, according to the commandment of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance among their father's brothers.

5 Ten shares fell to ^aManasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side of the Jordan.

6 because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons; and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

7 And the territory of Manasseh was from Asher to ^aMichmethath, that lies east of Shechem; and the border went along south to the inhabitants of En Tappuah.

8 Manasseh had the land of Tappuah, but ^aTappuah on the border of

⁷ ¹Naaran,
1 Chr. 7:28

⁸ ^aJosh. 17:8
^bJosh. 17:9
¹Lit. the
goings out of
it were at the
sea

⁹ ^aJosh. 17:9

¹⁰ ^aJosh.
15:63; 17:12,
13; Judg. 1:29;
1 Kin. 9:16

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¹ ^aGen. 41:51;
46:20; 48:18
^bGen. 50:23;
Judg. 5:14
^cDeut. 3:15

² ^aNum.
26:29-33
^b1 Chr. 7:18
^cNum. 26:31
^dNum. 26:32
¹Jeezer,
Num. 26:30

³ ^aNum. 26:33;
27:1; 36:2

⁴ ^aJosh. 14:1
^bNum. 27:2-11
¹possession

⁵ ^aJosh. 22:7

⁷ ^aJosh. 16:6

⁸ ^aJosh. 16:8

⁹ ^aJosh. 16:9
¹boundary
²Wadi

¹¹ ^a1 Chr. 7:29
^bJudg. 1:27;
1 Sam. 31:10;
1 Kin. 4:12

¹² ^aJudg. 1:19,
27, 28

¹³ ^aJosh. 16:10

¹⁴ ^aJosh. 16:4
^bGen. 48:22
^cGen. 48:19;
Num. 26:34,
37 ¹allotment

¹⁶ ^aJosh.
17:18; Judg.
1:19; 4:3
^bJosh. 19:18;
1 Kin. 4:12

¹⁷ ¹allotment

¹⁸ ^aDeut. 20:1
¹Lit. goings
out

Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim.

9 And the ¹border descended to the ²Brook Kanah, southward to the brook. ^aThese cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh. The border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook; and it ended at the sea.

10 Southward it was Ephraim's, northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was its border. Manasseh's territory was adjoining Asher on the north and Issachar on the east.

11 And in Issachar and in Asher, ^aManasseh had ^bBeth Shean and its towns, ^cIbleam and its towns, the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, the inhabitants of En Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns—three hilly regions.

12 Yet ^athe children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants* of those cities, but the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land.

13 And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to ^aforced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

More Land for Ephraim and Manasseh

14 ^aThen the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given us *only* ^bone ¹lot and one share to inherit, since we are ^aa great people, inasmuch as the LORD has blessed us until now?"

15 So Joshua answered them, "If you are a great people, *then* go up to the forest country and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you."

16 But the children of Joseph said, "The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have ^achariots of iron, *both those who are* of Beth Shean and its towns and *those who are* ^bof the Valley of Jezreel."

17 And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—saying, "You are a great people and have great power; you shall not have *only* one ¹lot.

18 "but the mountain country shall be yours. Although it is wooded, you shall cut it down, and its ¹farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, ^athough they have iron chariots and are strong."

The Remainder of the Land Divided

18 Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel

assembled together ^aat Shiloh, and ^bset up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them.

2 But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: ^a“How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you?”

4 “Pick out from among you three men for *each* tribe, and I will send them; they shall rise and go through the land, survey it according to their inheritance, and come *back* to me.

5 “And they shall divide it into seven parts. ^aJudah shall remain in their territory on the south, and the ^bhouse of Joseph shall remain in their territory on the north.

6 “You shall therefore ¹survey the land in seven parts and bring *the survey* here to me, ^athat I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 ^a“But the Levites have no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance. ^bAnd Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.”

8 Then the men arose to go away; and Joshua charged those who went to ¹survey the land, saying, “Go, walk ^athrough the land, survey it, and come back to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh.”

9 So the men went, passed through the land, and ¹wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh.

10 Then Joshua cast ^alots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there ^bJoshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their ¹divisions.

The Land of Benjamin

11 ^aNow the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the territory of their lot came out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

12 ^aTheir border on the north side began at the Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the mountains westward; it ended at the Wilderness of Beth Aven.

13 The border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz ^a(which is Bethel) southward; and the border descended to Ataroth Ad-

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1 ^aJosh. 19:51; 21:2; 22:9; Jer. 7:12 ^bJudg. 18:31; 1 Sam. 1:3, 24; 4:3, 4

3 ^aJudg. 18:9

5 ^aJosh. 15:1 ^bJosh. 16:1–17:18

6 ^aJosh. 14:2; 18:10 ¹describe in writing

7 ^aNum. 18:7; 20; Josh. 13:33 ^bJosh. 13:8

8 ^aGen. 13:17 ¹describe in writing

9 ¹described it in writing

10 ^aActs 13:19 ^bNum. 34:16–29; Josh. 19:51 ¹portions

11 ^aJudg. 1:21

12 ^aJosh. 16:1

13 ^aGen. 28:19; Josh. 16:2; Judg. 1:23 ^bJosh. 16:3

14 ^aJosh. 15:9 ¹Lit. its goings out were

15 ^aJosh. 15:9

16 ^aJosh. 15:8 ^bJosh. 15:7 ¹Lit. Giants

17 ^aJosh. 15:6

18 ¹Beth Arabah, Josh. 15:6; 18:22

19 ^aJosh. 15:2, 5 ¹Lit. the goings out of the border were

25 ^aJosh. 11:19; 21:17; 1 Kin. 3:4, 5 ^bJer. 31:15

28 ^aJosh. 15:8, 63

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1 ^aJudg. 1:3 ^bJosh. 19:9

2 ^a1 Chr. 4:28

dar, near the hill that *lies* on the south side ^bof Lower Beth Horon.

14 Then the border extended around the west side to the south, from the hill that *lies* before Beth Horon southward; and ^ait ended at ^aKirjath Baal (which is Kirjath Jearim), a city of the children of Judah. This was the west side.

15 The south side *began* at the end of Kirjath Jearim, and the border extended on the west and went out to ^athe spring of the waters of Nephtoah.

16 Then the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lies* before ^athe Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is in the Valley of the ¹Rephaim on the north, descended to the Valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite city on the south, and descended to ^bEn Rogel.

17 And it went around from the north, went out to En Shemesh, and extended toward Geliloth, which is before the Ascent of Adummim, and descended to ^athe stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

18 Then it passed along toward the north side of ^aArabah, and went down to Arabah.

19 And the border passed along to the north side of Beth Hoglah; then ^athe border ended at the north bay at the ^aSalt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the southern boundary.

20 The Jordan was its border on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, according to its boundaries all around, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, according to their families, were Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz.

22 Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,

23 Avim, Parah, Ophrah,

24 Chephar Haammoni, Ophni, and Gaba: twelve cities with their villages;

25 ^aGibeon, ^bRamah, Beeroth,

26 Mizpah, Chephirah, Mozah,

27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,

28 Zelah, Eleph, ^aJebus (which is Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

Simeon's Inheritance with Judah

19 The ^asecond lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. ^bAnd their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

2 ^aThey had in their inheritance Beersheba (Sheba), Moladah,

3 Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem,

4 Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah,

5 Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah,

6 Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhem: thirteen cities and their villages;

7 Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan: four cities and their villages;

8 and all the villages that *were* all around these cities as far as Baalath Beer, ^aRamah of the South. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 The inheritance of the children of Simeon *was included* in the share of the children of Judah, for the share of the children of Judah was ¹too much for them. ^aTherefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of ²that people.

The Land of Zebulun

10 The third lot came out for the children of Zebulun according to their families, and the border of their inheritance was as far as Sarid.

11 ^aTheir border went toward the west and to Maralah, went to Dab-basheth, and extended along the brook that is ^beast of Jokneam.

12 Then from Sarid it went eastward toward the sunrise along the border of Chisloth Tabor, and went out toward ^aDaberath, bypassing Japhia.

13 And from there it passed along on the east of ^aGath Hopher, toward Eth Kazin, and extended to Rimmon, which borders on Neah.

14 Then the border went around it on the north side of Hannathon, and ¹it ended in the Valley of Jiphthah El.

15 Included were Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This was the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

The Land of Issachar

17 The fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their territory went to Jezreel, and *included* Chesulloth, Shunem,

19 Haphraim, Shion, Anaharath,

20 Rabbith, Kishion, Abez,

21 Remeth, En Gannim, En Had-dah, and Beth Pазzez.

22 And the border reached to Tabor, Shahazimah, and ^aBeth Shemesh; their border ended at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

8 ^{a1} Sam. 30:27

9 ^aJosh. 19:1
¹too large
²Lit. *them*

11 ^aGen. 49:13
^bJosh. 12:22

12 ^{a1} Chr. 6:72

13 ^{a2} Kin. 14:25

14 ¹Lit. *the goings out of it were*

22 ^aJosh. 15:10; Judg. 1:33

24 ^aJudg. 1:31, 32

26 ^{a1} Sam. 15:12; 1 Kin. 18:20; Is. 33:9; 35:2; Jer. 46:18

27 ^{a1} Kin. 9:13

28 ^aGen. 10:19; Josh. 11:8; Judg. 1:31; Acts 27:3 ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; a few Heb. mss. *Abdon* (cf. 21:30 and 1 Chr. 6:74)

29 ^aJudg. 1:31

32 ^aJosh. 19:32–39; Judg. 1:33

33 ¹Lit. *its goings out were*

34 ^aDeut. 33:23

37 ^aJosh. 20:7

40 ^aJosh. 19:40–48; Judg. 1:34–36

41 ^aJosh. 15:33

42 ^aJudg. 1:35; 1 Kin. 4:9
^bJosh. 10:12; 21:24

43 ^aJosh. 15:11; Judg. 1:18

The Land of Asher

24 ^aThe fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families.

25 And their territory included Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph,

26 Alammelech, Amad, and Mishal; it reached to ^aMount Carmel westward, along *the Brook Shihor Libnath*.

27 It turned toward the sunrise to Beth Dagon; and it reached to Zebulun and to the Valley of Jiphthah El, then northward beyond Beth Emek and Neiel, bypassing ^aCabul *which was on the left*,

28 including ¹Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, ^aas far as Greater Sidon.

29 And the border turned to Ramah and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the border turned to Hosah, and ended at the sea by the region of ^aAchzib.

30 Also Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob were *included*: twenty-two cities with their villages.

31 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

The Land of Naphtali

32 ^aThe sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their border began at Heleph, enclosing the territory from the terebinth tree in Zaanannim, Adami Nekeb, and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; ¹it ended at the Jordan.

34 ^aFrom Heleph the border extended westward to Aznoth Tabor, and went out from there toward Hukkok; it adjoined Zebulun on the south side and Asher on the west side, and ended at Judah by the Jordan toward the sunrise.

35 And the fortified cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth,

36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,

37 ^aKedesh, Edrei, En Hazor,

38 Iron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh: nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

The Land of Dan

40 ^aThe seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

41 And the territory of their inheritance was Zorah, ^aEshtaol, Ir Shemesh,

42 ^aShaalabbin, ^bAijalon, Jethlah,

43 Elon, Timnah, ^aEkrón,

44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,

45 Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon,

46 Me Jarkon, and Rakkon, with the region ¹near ²Joppa.

47 And the ³border of the children of Dan went beyond these, because the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem and took it; and they struck it with the edge of the sword, took possession of it, and dwelt in it. They called Leshem, ⁴Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

Joshua's Inheritance

49 When they had ¹made an end of dividing the land as an inheritance according to their borders, the children of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun.

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked for, ^aTimnath ^bSerah in the mountains of Ephraim; and he built the city and dwelt in it.

51 ^aThese were the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel divided as an inheritance by lot ¹in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the country.

The Cities of Refuge

20 The LORD also spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'Appoint¹ for yourselves cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses,

3 'that the slayer who kills a person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 'And when he flees to one of those cities, and stands at the entrance of the gate of the city, and ¹declares his case in the hearing of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city as one of them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 ^a'Then if the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not deliver the slayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, but did not hate him beforehand.

6 'And he shall dwell in that city ^auntil he stands before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the slayer may return and come to his own city and his own house, to the city from which he fled.'

7 So they appointed ^aKedesh in

46 ¹over against ²Heb. Japho

47 ^aJudg. 18
^bJudg. 18:29

49 ¹finished

50 ^aJosh. 24:30
^b1 Chr. 7:24

51 ^aNum. 34:17; Josh. 14:1
^bJosh. 18:1, 10

CHAPTER 20

2 ^aEx. 21:13; Num. 35:6-34; Deut. 19:2, 9
¹Designate

4 ¹states

5 ^aNum. 35:12

6 ^aNum. 35:12, 24, 25

7 ^aJosh. 21:32; 1 Chr. 6:76
^bJosh. 21:21; 2 Chr. 10:1
^cJosh. 14:15; 21:11, 13
^dLuke 1:39

8 ^aDeut. 4:43; Josh. 21:36; 1 Chr. 6:78
^bJosh. 21:38; 1 Kin. 22:3
^cJosh. 21:27

9 ^aNum. 35:15
^bJosh. 20:6
¹As a resident alien

CHAPTER 21

1 ^aNum. 35:1-8
^bNum. 34:16-29; Josh. 14:1; 17:4

2 ^aJosh. 18:1
^bNum. 35:2

4 ^aJosh. 21:8, 19
^bJosh. 19:51

5 ^aJosh. 21:20

6 ^aJosh. 21:27

7 ^aJosh. 21:34

8 ^aJosh. 21:3
^bNum. 35:2

9 ¹Lit. called

Galilee, in the mountains of Naphtali, ^bShechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and ^cKirjath Arba (which is Hebron) in ^dthe mountains of Judah.

8 And on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward, they assigned ^aBezer in the wilderness on the plain, from the tribe of Reuben. ^bRamoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and ^cGolan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh.

9 ^aThese were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel and for the stranger who ¹dwelt among them, that whoever killed a person accidentally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood ^auntil he stood before the congregation.

Cities of the Levites

21 Then the heads of the fathers' houses of the ^aLevites came near to ^bEleazar the priest, to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel.

2 And they spoke to them at ^aShiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, ^b'The LORD commanded through Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their common-lands for our livestock.'

3 So the children of Israel gave to the Levites from their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their common-lands:

4 Now the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. And ^athe children of Aaron the priest, ^{who} were of the Levites, ^bhad thirteen cities by lot from the tribe of Judah, from the tribe of Simeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin.

5 ^aThe rest of the children of Kohath had ten cities by lot from the families of the tribe of Ephraim, from the tribe of Dan, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh.

6 And ^athe children of Gershon had thirteen cities by lot from the families of the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

7 ^aThe children of Merari according to their families had twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben, from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun.

8 ^aAnd the children of Israel gave these cities with their common-lands by lot to the Levites, ^{as} the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 So they gave from the tribe of the children of Judah and from the tribe of the children of Simeon these cities which are ¹designated by name,

10 which were for the children of

Aaron, one of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi; for the lot was their first.

11 ^aAnd they gave them ¹Kirjath Arba (*Arba was the father of ^bAnak*), ^cwhich is Hebron, in the mountains of Judah, with the common-land surrounding it.

12 But ^athe fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession.

13 Thus ^ato the children of Aaron the priest they gave ^bHebron with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), ^cLibnah with its common-land,

14 ^aJattir with its common-land,

^bEshtemoa with its common-land,

15 ^aHolon with its common-land,

^bDebir with its common-land,

16 ^aAin with its common-land, ^bJuttah with its common-land, and ^cBeth Shemesh with its common-land: nine cities from those two tribes;

17 and from the tribe of Benjamin,

^aGibeon with its common-land,

^bGeba with its common-land,

18 Anathoth with its common-land,

and ^aAlmon with its common-land: four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their common-lands.

20 ^aAnd the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, the rest of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their ¹lot from the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them ^aShechem with its common-land in the mountains of Ephraim (a city of refuge for the slayer), ^bGezer with its common-land,

22 Kibzaim with its common-land, and Beth Horon with its common-land: four cities;

23 and from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its common-land, Gibeon with its common-land,

24 ^aAijalon with its common-land,

and Gath Rimmom with its common-land: four cities;

25 and from the half-tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with its common-land and Gath Rimmom with its common-land: two cities.

26 All the ten cities with their common-lands were for the rest of the families of the children of Kohath.

27 ^aAlso to the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, from the other half-tribe of Manasseh, they gave ^bGolan in Bashan with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), and Be Eshterah with its common-land: two cities;

28 and from the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its common-land,

Daberath with its common-land,

29 Jarmuth with its common-land, and En Gannim with its common-land: four cities;

30 and from the tribe of Asher,

11 ^aJosh. 20:7;

1 Chr. 6:55;

^bJosh. 14:15;

15:13, 14

^cJosh. 20:7;

Luke 1:39

¹Lit. *City of Arba*

12 ^aJosh.

14:14; 1 Chr.

6:56

13 ^a1 Chr. 6:57

^bJosh. 15:54;

20:2, 7 ^cJosh.

15:42; 2 Kin.

8:22

14 ^aJosh. 15:48

^bJosh. 15:50

15 ^a1 Chr. 6:58

^bJosh. 15:49

16 ^a1 Chr. 6:59

^bJosh. 15:55

^cJosh. 15:10

17 ^aJosh. 18:25

^bJosh. 18:24

18 ^a1 Chr. 6:60

20 ^a1 Chr. 6:66

¹allotment

21 ^aJosh. 20:7

^bJudg. 1:29

24 ^aJosh. 10:12

27 ^aJosh. 21:6;

1 Chr. 6:71

^bJosh. 20:8

32 ^aJosh. 20:7

34 ^aJosh. 21:7;

1 Chr. 6:77-81

36 ^aDeut. 4:43;

Josh. 20:8 ¹So

with LXX, Vg.

(cf. 1 Chr.

6:78, 79); MT,

Bg., Tg, omit

vv. 36, 37

38 ^aJosh. 20:8

41 ^aNum. 35:7

43 ^aGen. 12:7;

26:3, 4; 28:4,

13, 14 ^bNum.

33:53; Josh.

1:11

44 ^aDeut. 7:23,

24; Josh.

11:23; 22:4

^bJosh. 1:13,

15; 11:23

^cDeut. 7:24

45 ^a[Num.

23:19]; Josh.

23:14; 1 Kin.

8:56

CHAPTER 22

2 ^aNum.

32:20-22;

Deut. 3:18

^bJosh. 1:12-18

3 ¹forsaken

Mishal with its common-land, Abdon with its common-land,

31 Helkath with its common-land, and Rehob with its common-land: four cities;

32 and from the tribe of Naphtali, ^aKedesh in Galilee with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), Hammoth Dor with its common-land, and Kartan with its common-land: three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their common-lands.

34 ^aAnd to the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its common-land, Kartah with its common-land, 35 Dimnah with its common-land, and Nahalal with its common-land: four cities;

36 ¹and from the tribe of Reuben, ^aBezer with its common-land, Jahaz with its common-land,

37 Kedemoth with its common-land, and Mephaath with its common-land: four cities;

38 and from the tribe of Gad, ^aRamoth in Gilead with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), Mahanaim with its common-land,

39 Heshbon with its common-land, and Jazer with its common-land: four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Merari according to their families, the rest of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

41 ^aAll the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their common-lands.

42 Every one of these cities had its common-land surrounding it; thus were all these cities.

The Promise Fulfilled

43 So the LORD gave to Israel ^aall the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they ^btook possession of it and dwelt in it.

44 ^aThe LORD gave them ^brest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And ^cnot a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

45 ^aNot a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

Eastern Tribes Return to Their Lands

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh,

2 and said to them: "You have kept ^aall that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, ^band have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.

3 "You have not ¹left your brethren

these many days, up to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

4 "And now the LORD your God has given ^arest to your brethren, as He promised them; now therefore, return and go to your tents and to the land of your possession, ^bwhich Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan.

5 "But ^atake¹ careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, ^bto love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul."

6 So Joshua ^blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

7 Now to half the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, ^abut to the other half of it Joshua gave a possession among their brethren on this side of the Jordan, westward. And indeed, when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them,

8 and spoke to them, saying, "Return with much riches to your tents, with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, with bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. ^aDivide the ¹spoils of your enemies with your brethren."

9 So the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to ^athe country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they had obtained according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

An Altar by the Jordan

10 And when they came to the region of the Jordan which is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan—a great, impressive altar.

11 Now the children of Israel ^aheard someone say, "Behold, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar on the ¹frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan—on the children of Israel's side."

12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, ^athe whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered together at Shiloh to go to war against them.

13 Then the children of Israel ^asent ^bPhinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead,

4 ^aJosh. 21:44
^bNum. 32:33

5 ^aDeut. 6:6,
17; 11:22; Jer.
12:16 ^bDeut.
10:12; 11:13,
22 ¹be very
careful to do

6 ^aGen. 47:7;
Ex. 39:43;
Josh. 14:13;
2 Sam. 6:18;
Luke 24:50

7 ^aJosh.
17:1–13

8 ^aNum. 31:27;
1 Sam. 30:24
¹plunder

9 ^aNum. 32:1,
26, 29

11 ^aDeut.
13:12–18;
Judg. 20:12,
13 ¹Lit. front

12 ^aJosh. 18:1;
Judg. 20:1

13 ^aDeut.
13:14; Judg.
20:12 ^bEx.
6:25; Num.
25:7, 11–13

14 ^aNum. 1:4
¹Lit. thou-
sands

16 ^aDeut.
12:5–14 ^bLev.
17:8, 9
¹unfaithful
act

17 ^aNum.
25:1–9; Deut.
4:3

18 ^aNum. 16:22

19 ^aJosh. 18:1
¹However

20 ^aJosh.
7:1–26 ¹act
unfaithfully
²devoted
thing

21 ¹Lit. thou-
sands

22 ^aDeut. 4:35;
10:17; Is. 44:8;
45:5; 46:9;
[1 Cor. 8:5, 6]
^bJob 10:7;
23:10; Jer.
12:3; 2 Cor.
11:11, 31]

23 ^aDeut.
18:19; 1 Sam.
20:16

24 ¹Lit. from
fear

14 and with him ten rulers, one ruler each from the chief house of every tribe of Israel; and ^aeach one was the head of the house of his father among the ¹divisions of Israel.

15 Then they came to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying,

16 "Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD: 'What ^atreachery¹ is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, ^bthat you might rebel this day against the LORD?'

17 'Is the iniquity ^aof Peor not enough for us, from which we are not cleansed till this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD,

18 'but that you must turn away this day from following the LORD? And it shall be, if you rebel today against the LORD, that tomorrow ^aHe will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.

19 ¹Nevertheless, if the land of your possession is unclean, ^athen cross over to the land of the possession of the LORD, ^awhere the LORD's tabernacle stands, and take possession among us; but do not rebel against the LORD, nor rebel against us, by building yourselves an altar besides the altar of the LORD our God.

20 ^a"Did not Achan the son of Zerah ¹commit a trespass in the ²accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.' "

21 Then the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh answered and said to the heads of the ¹divisions of Israel:

22 "The LORD ^aGod of gods, the LORD God of gods, He ^bknows, and let Israel itself know—if it is in rebellion, or if in treachery against the LORD, do not save us this day.

23 "If we have built ourselves an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer on it burnt offerings or grain offerings, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD Himself ^arequire an account.

24 "But in fact we have done it ¹for fear, for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your descendants may speak to our descendants, saying, "What have you to do with the LORD God of Israel?'

25 "For the LORD has made the Jordan a border between you and us, you children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no part in the LORD." So your descendants would make our descendants cease fearing the LORD.'

26 "Therefore we said, 'Let us now prepare to build ourselves an altar,

not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice,

27 *but that it may be* ^aa witness between you and us and our generations after us, that we may ^bperform the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your descendants may not say to our descendants in time to come, "You have no part in the LORD."

28 "Therefore we said that it will be, when they say *this* to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, 'Here is the replica of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, though not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between you and us.'

29 "Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn from following the LORD this day, ^cto build an altar for burnt offerings, for grain offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD our God which is before His tabernacle."

30 Now when Phinehas the priest and the rulers of the congregation, the heads of the ^ddivisions of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.

31 Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh, "This day we perceive that the LORD is ^eamong us, because you have not committed this treachery against the LORD. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD."

32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the rulers, returned from the children of Reuben and the children of Gad, from the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought back word to them.

33 So the thing pleased the children of Israel, and the children of Israel ^fblessed God; they spoke no more of going against them in battle, to destroy the land where the children of Reuben and Gad dwell.

34 The children of Reuben and the children of ^gGad called the altar, *Witness*, "For it is a witness between us that the LORD is God."

Joshua's Farewell Address

23 Now it came to pass, a long time after the LORD ^hhad given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua ⁱwas old, advanced in age.

2 And Joshua ^jcalled for all Israel, for their elders, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them: "I am old, advanced in age.

3 "You have seen all that the

27 ^aGen. 31:48; Josh. 22:34; 24:27 ^bDeut. 12:5, 14 ^ctestimony

29 ^aDeut. 12:13, 14

30 ¹Lit. *thousands*

31 ^aEx. 25:8; Lev. 26:11, 12; 2 Chr. 15:2; Zech. 8:23

33 ^a1 Chr. 29:20; Neh. 8:6; Dan. 2:19; Luke 2:28

34 ¹LXX adds *and half the tribe of Manasseh*

CHAPTER 23

1 ^aJosh. 21:44; 22:4 ^bJosh. 13:1; 24:29

2 ^aDeut. 31:28

3 ^aPs. 44:3; ^bEx. 14:14; Deut. 1:30; Josh. 10:14, 42

4 ^aJosh. 13:2, 6; 18:10

5 ^aEx. 23:30; 33:2 ^bNum. 33:53

6 ^aJosh. 1:7; ^bDeut. 5:32

7 ^aEx. 23:33; Deut. 7:2, 3; [Prov. 4:14; Eph. 5:11]

^bEx. 23:13; Ps. 16:4; Jer. 5:7; Hos. 2:17

^cDeut. 6:13; 10:20 ^dEx. 20:5 ¹associate with

8 ^aDeut. 10:20

9 ^aDeut. 7:24; 11:23; Josh. 1:5 ¹dispossessed

10 ^aLev. 26:8; Deut. 28:7; Is. 30:17 ^bEx. 14:14

11 ^aJosh. 22:5

12 ^a[2 Pet. 2:20, 21] ^bDeut. 7:3, 4; Ezra 9:2; Neh. 13:25

13 ^aJudg. 2:3; ^bEx. 23:33; 34:12; Deut. 7:16

14 ^a1 Kin. 2:2; ^bJosh. 21:45; [Luke 21:33] ¹I am going to die.

15 ^aDeut. 28:63; ^bLev. 26:14-39; Deut. 28:15-68

16 ¹Or if ever

^cLORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the ^dLORD your God is He who has fought for you.

4 "See, ^eI have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward.

5 "And the LORD your God ^fwill expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, ^gas the LORD your God promised you.

6 ^a"Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, ^blest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left.

7 "*and* lest you ^cgo¹ among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not ^dmake mention of the name of their gods, nor cause *any-one* to ^eswear by them; you shall not ^fserve them nor bow down to them.

8 "But you shall ^ghold fast to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.

9 ^a"For the LORD has ^bdriven out from before you great and strong nations; but *as for* you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day.

10 ^a"One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, ^bas He promised you.

11 ^a"Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God.

12 "Or else, if indeed you do ^cgo back, and cling to the remnant of these nations—these that remain among you—and ^dmake marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you,

13 "know for certain that ^ethe LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. ^fBut they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

14 "Behold, this day ^gI *am* going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that ^hnot one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.

15 ^a"Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the LORD your God promised you, so the LORD will bring upon you ^ball harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

16 ¹"When you have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God,

which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you."

The Covenant at Shechem

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods.

3 "Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.

4 "To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

5 "Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to what I did among them. Afterward I brought you out.

6 "Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea.

7 "So they cried out to the LORD; and He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in the wilderness a long time.

8 "And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwell on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you. But I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you.

9 "Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose to make war against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you.

10 "But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he continued to bless you. So I delivered you out of his hand.

11 "Then you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you—also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. But I delivered them into your hand.

12 "I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, also the two kings of the Am-

¹⁶ aDeut. 4:24-28

CHAPTER 24

¹ aGen. 35:4
^bJosh. 23:2
^c1 Sam. 10:19

² aGen. 11:7-32
^bJosh. 24:14
¹The Euphrates

³ aGen. 12:1;
Acts 7:2, 3
^b[Ps. 127:3]
¹The Euphrates
²Lit. seed

⁴ aGen. 25:24-26
^bDeut. 2:5
^cGen. 46:1, 3, 6

⁵ aEx. 3:10
^bEx. 7-10

⁶ aEx. 12:37,
51; 14:2-31

⁷ aEx. 14:20
^bDeut. 4:34
^cJosh. 5:6

⁸ aNum. 21:21-35

⁹ aJudg. 11:25
^bNum. 22:2-14

¹⁰ aDeut. 23:5
^bNum. 23:11,
20; 24:10

¹¹ aJosh. 3:14,
17
^bJosh. 6:1;
10:1

¹² aEx. 23:28
^bPs. 44:3

¹³ aDeut. 6:10,
11

¹⁴ a1 Sam. 12:24
^{b2} Cor. 1:12
^cEzek. 20:18
^dEzek. 20:7, 8
¹The Euphrates

¹⁵ a1 Kin. 18:21
^bJosh. 24:2
^cEx. 23:24, 32

^dGen. 18:19
¹The Euphrates

¹⁸ aPs. 116:16

¹⁹ aMatt. 6:24
^{b1} Sam. 6:20
^cEx. 20:5
^dEx. 23:21

²⁰ aEzra 8:22
^bDeut. 4:24-26

²² aPs. 119:173

²³ aGen. 35:2
^{b1} Kin. 8:57,
58

²⁴ aDeut. 5:24-27

²⁵ aEx. 15:25
^bJosh. 24:1
¹Lit. cut a covenant

²⁶ aDeut. 31:24
^bJudg. 9:6
^cGen. 28:18
^dGen. 35:4

orites, but not with your sword or with your bow.

13 "I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant."

14 "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!

15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

16 So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;

17 "for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed.

18 "And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwell in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God."

19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 "If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good."

21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD!"

22 So Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses!"

23 "Now therefore," he said, "put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel."

24 And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!"

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said to all the peo-

ple. "Behold, this stone shall be ^aa witness to us, for ^bit has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God."

28 So ^aJoshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance.

Death of Joshua and Eleazar

29 ^aNow it came to pass after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* one hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at ^aTimnath Serah, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash.

27 ^aGen. 31:48
^bDeut. 32:1

28 ^aJudg. 2:6, 7

29 ^aJudg. 2:8

30 ^aJosh. 19:50

31 ^aJudg. 2:7
^bDeut. 11:2

32 ^aGen. 50:25
^bGen. 33:19

¹Heb. *qesitah*,
an unknown
ancient mea-
sure of weight

33 ^aEx. 28:1
^bEx. 6:25

31 ^aIsrael served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had ^bknown all the works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

32 ^aThe bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried at Shechem, in the plot of ground ^bwhich Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred ¹pieces of silver, and which had become an inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And ^aEleazar the son of Aaron died. They buried him in a hill *belonging to* ^bPhinehas his son, which was given to him in the mountains of Ephraim.

The Book of

JUDGES

THE Book of Judges stands in stark contrast to Joshua. In Joshua an obedient people conquered the land through trust in the power of God. In Judges, however, a disobedient and idolatrous people are defeated time and time again because of their rebellion against God.

In seven distinct cycles of sin to salvation, Judges shows how Israel had set aside God's law and in its place substituted "*what was right in his own eyes*" (21:25). The recurring result of abandonment from God's law is corruption from within and oppression from without. During the nearly four centuries spanned by this book, God raises up military champions to throw off the yoke of bondage and to restore the nation to pure worship. But all too soon the "sin cycle" begins again as the nation's spiritual temperature grows steadily colder.

The Hebrew title is *Shophetim*, meaning "judges," "rulers," "deliverers," or "saviors." *Shophet* not only carries the idea of maintaining justice and settling disputes, but it is also used to mean "liberating" and "delivering." First the judges deliver the people; then they rule and administer justice. The Septuagint used the Greek equivalent of this word, *Kritai* ("Judges"). The Latin Vulgate called it *Liber Judicum*, the "Book of Judges." This book could also appropriately be titled the "Book of Failure."

The Continuing Conquest of Canaan

NOW after the ^adeath of Joshua it came to pass that the children of Israel ^basked the LORD, saying, "Who shall be first to go up for us against the ^cCanaanites to fight against them?"

2 And the LORD said, ^a"Judah shall go up. Indeed I have delivered the land into his hand."

3 So Judah said to ^aSimeon his brother, "Come up with me to my allotted territory, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and ^bI will

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aJosh. 24:29
^bNum. 27:21
^cJosh. 17:12,
13

2 ^aGen. 49:8, 9

3 ^aJosh. 19:1
^bJudg. 1:17

4 ^a1 Sam. 11:8

likewise go with you to your allotted territory." And Simeon went with him.

4 Then Judah went up, and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand; and they killed ten thousand men at ^aBezek.

5 And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and fought against him; and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.

7 And Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather *scraps* under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me." Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 Now the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem and took it; they struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.

9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who dwelt in the mountains, in the ¹South, and in the lowland.

10 Then Judah went against the Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. (Now the name of Hebron was formerly Kirjath Arba.) And they killed Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 From there they went against the inhabitants of Debir. (The name of Debir was formerly Kirjath Sepher.)

12 Then Caleb said, "Whoever attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give my daughter Achsah as wife."

13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah as wife.

14 Now it happened, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?"

15 So she said to him, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 Now the children of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the City of Palms with the children of Judah into the Wilderness of Judah, which lies in the South near Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with his brother Simeon, and they attacked the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. So the name of the city was called Hormah.

18 Also Judah took Gaza with its territory, Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory.

19 So the LORD was with Judah. And they drove out the mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had said. Then he expelled from there the three sons of Anak.

21 But the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

7 ^aLev. 24:19; 1 Sam. 15:33; [James 2:13]

8 ^aJosh. 15:63; Judg. 1:21

9 ^aJosh. 10:36; 11:21; 15:13

¹Heb. *Negev*, and so throughout the book

10 ^aJosh. 15:13-19

^bJosh. 14:15

¹attacked

11 ^aJosh. 15:15

12 ^aJosh. 15:16, 17

13 ^aJudg. 3:9

14 ^aJosh. 15:18, 19

¹LXX, *Vg. he urged her*

15 ^aGen. 33:11

16 ^aNum. 10:29-32;

Judg. 4:11, 17;

1 Sam. 15:6;

1 Chr. 2:55

^bDeut. 34:3;

Judg. 3:13

^cJosh. 12:14

^d1 Sam. 15:6

17 ^aJudg. 1:3

^bNum. 21:3;

Josh. 19:4

18 ^aJosh. 11:22

19 ^aJosh. 17:16, 18;

Judg. 4:3, 13

20 ^aNum. 14:24; Josh. 14:9, 14

^bJosh. 15:14; Judg. 1:10

¹drove out from there

21 ^aJosh. 15:63; Judg. 1:8

22 ^aJudg. 1:19

¹family

23 ^aJosh. 2:1; 7:2

^bGen. 28:19

¹family

24 ^aJosh. 2:12, 14

27 ^aJosh. 17:11-13

^bJosh. 21:25

^cJosh. 17:11

28 ¹to forced labor

29 ^aJosh. 16:10; 1 Kin. 9:16

30 ^aJosh. 19:10-16

¹became forced laborers

31 ^aJosh. 19:24-31

32 ^aPs. 106:34, 35

33 ^aJosh. 19:32-39

35 ^aJosh. 19:42

¹Shaalabbin, Josh. 19:42

²became forced laborers

36 ^aNum. 34:4; Josh. 15:3

22 And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them.

23 So the house of Joseph sent men to spy out Bethel. (The name of the city was formerly Luz.)

24 And when the spies saw a man coming out of the city, they said to him, "Please show us the entrance to the city, and we will show you mercy."

25 So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man and all his family go.

26 And the man went to the land of the Hittites, built a city, and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day.

Incomplete Conquest of the Land

27 However, Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; for the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but did not completely drive them out.

29 Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; so the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 Nor did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt among them, and were put under tribute.

31 Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Acco or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob.

32 So the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 Nor did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were put under tribute to them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley;

35 and the Amorites were determined to dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbin; yet when the strength of the house of Joseph became greater, they were put under tribute.

36 Now the boundary of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Akrabim, from Sela, and upward.

Israel's Disobedience

2 Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you.'

2 And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?

3 "Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be *thorns*¹ in your side, and their gods shall ²be a *snare* to you.'

4 So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 Then they called the name of that place ¹Bochim; and they sacrificed there to the LORD.

6 And when Joshua had dismissed the people, the children of Israel went each to his own inheritance to possess the land.

Death of Joshua

7 "So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

8 Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died *when* he was one hundred and ten years old.

9 "And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at ¹Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash.

10 When all that generation had ¹been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who ²did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

Israel's Unfaithfulness

11 Then the children of Israel did ¹evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals;

12 and they ²forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed ³other gods from *among* the gods of the people who were all around them, and they ⁴bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger.

13 They forsook the LORD ²and served ¹Baal and the ²Ashtoreths.

14 "And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He ²delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they ³could no longer stand before their enemies.

15 Wherever they went out, the

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aEx. 20:2; Judg. 6:8, 9
^bDeut. 1:8
^cGen. 17:7, 8; Lev. 26:42, 44; Deut. 7:9; Ps. 89:34

2 ^aEx. 23:32; Deut. 7:2 ^bEx. 34:12, 13; Deut. 12:3 ^cPs. 106:34 ¹treaty

3 ^aNum. 33:55; Josh. 23:13
^bJudg. 3:6
^cEx. 23:33; Deut. 7:16; Ps. 106:36 ¹LXX.

Tg., Vg. *enemies to you*
²entrap you

5 ¹Lit. *Weeping*

6 ^aJosh. 22:6; 24:28-31

7 ^aJosh. 24:31

8 ^aJosh. 24:29

9 ^aJosh. 24:30

^bJosh. 19:49, 50

10 ^aEx. 5:2; 1 Sam. 2:12; Gal. 4:8; [Titus 1:16] ¹Died and joined their ancestors

11 ^aJudg. 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1

12 ^aDeut. 31:16; Judg. 8:33; 10:6

^bDeut. 6:14

^cEx. 20:5

13 ^aJudg. 10:6; Ps. 106:36 ¹A Canaanite god ²Canaanite goddesses

14 ^aDeut. 31:17; Judg. 3:8; Ps. 106:40-42

^b2 Kin. 17:20

^cIs. 50:1 ^dLev. 26:37; Josh. 7:12, 13

15 ^aLev. 26:14-26; Deut. 28:15-68

16 ^aJudg. 3:9, 10, 15; Ps. 106:43-45

17 ^aEx. 34:15

18 ^aJosh. 1:5

^bGen. 6:6

19 ^aJudg. 3:12

20 ^a[Josh. 23:16]

21 ^aJosh. 23:4, 5, 13

22 ^aJudg. 3:1, 4

^bDeut. 8:2, 16; 13:3

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aJudg. 1:1; 2:21, 22

¹experienced

3 ^aJosh. 13:3

4 ¹find out

5 ^aPs. 106:35

hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had ²sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless, ²the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.

17 Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they ²played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do so.

18 And when the LORD raised up judges for them, ²the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; ³for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them.

19 And it came to pass, ²when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

20 Then the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He said, "Because this nation has ²transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice,

21 "I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua ²left when he died,

22 "so ³that through them I may ⁴test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept *them*, or not."

23 Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

The Nations Remaining in the Land

3 Now these are ²the nations which the LORD left, that He might test Israel by them, *that is*, all who had not ¹known any of the wars in Canaan

2 (*this* was only so that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at least those who had not formerly known it),

3 *namely*, ²five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath.

4 And they were *left*, *that He might* test Israel by them, to ¹know whether they would obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 "Thus the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites,

the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods.

Othniel

7 So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs.

8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served Cushan-Rishathaim eight years.

9 When the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim.

11 So the land had rest for forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Ehud

12 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD strengthened Eglon king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 Then he gathered to himself the people of Ammon and Amalek, went and defeated Israel, and took possession of the City of Palms.

14 So the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. By him the children of Israel sent tribute to Eglon king of Moab.

16 Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh.

17 So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat man.)

18 And when he had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who had carried the tribute.

19 But he himself turned back from the stone images that were at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." He said, "Keep silence!" And all who attended him went out from him.

20 So Ehud came to him (now he was sitting upstairs in his cool pri-

6 Ex. 34:15, 16; Deut. 7:3, 4; Josh. 23:12

7 Judg. 2:11
Deut. 32:18
Name or symbol for Canaanite goddesses

8 Deut. 32:30; Judg. 2:14
Hab. 3:7

9 Judg. 3:15
Judg. 2:16
Judg. 1:13

10 Num. 27:18; 1 Sam. 11:6; 2 Chr. 15:1

12 Judg. 2:19
1 Sam. 12:9

13 Judg. 5:14
Deut. 34:3; Judg. 1:16; 2 Chr. 28:15
struck

14 Deut. 28:48

15 Ps. 78:34
Judg. 20:16

19 Josh. 4:20
Tg. quarries

22 handle

24 1 Sam. 24:3
Lit. his
Lit. covering his feet

25 2 Kin. 2:17; 8:11

26 Tg. quarries

27 Judg. 6:34; 1 Sam. 13:3
Josh. 17:15
Lit. he went before them

28 Judg. 7:9, 15; 1 Sam. 17:47
Josh. 2:7; Judg. 12:5

30 Judg. 3:11

31 Judg. 5:6
1 Sam. 17:47
Judg. 2:16
1 Sam. 4:1

CHAPTER 4

1 Judg. 2:19
Judg. 2:11

2 Judg. 2:14
Josh. 11:1, 10
1 Sam. 12:9; Ps. 83:9
Judg. 4:13, 16

3 Deut. 20:1; Judg. 1:19
Ps. 106:42

vate chamber). Then Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." So he arose from his seat.

21 Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

22 Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out.

23 Then Ehud went out through the porch and shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

24 When he had gone out, Eglon's servants came to look, and to their surprise, the doors of the upper room were locked. So they said, "He is probably attending to his needs in the cool chamber."

25 So they waited till they were embarrassed, and still he had not opened the doors of the upper room. Therefore they took the key and opened them. And there was their master, fallen dead on the floor.

26 But Ehud had escaped while they delayed, and passed beyond the stone images and escaped to Seirah.

27 And it happened, when he arrived, that he blew the trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mountains; and he led them.

28 Then he said to them, "Follow me, for the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand." So they went down after him, seized the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross over.

29 And at that time they killed about ten thousand men of Moab, all stout men of valor; not a man escaped.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

Shamgar

31 After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel.

Deborah

4 When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD.

2 So the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim.

3 And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed the children of Israel.

4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the

wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

5 ^aAnd she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 Then she sent and called for ^aBarak the son of Abinoam from ^bKedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, 'Go and ¹deploy troops at Mount ^cTabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun;

7 ¹and against you ^aI will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the ^bRiver Kishon; and I will ¹deliver him into your hand?"

8 And Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!"

9 So she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will ^asell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 And Barak called ^aZebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; he went up with ten thousand men ^bunder¹ his command, and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber ^athe Kenite, of the children of ^bHobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent near the terebinth tree at Zaanaïm, ^awhich is beside Kedesh.

12 And they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

13 So Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who were with him, from Harosheth Hagoyim to the River Kishon.

14 Then Deborah said to Barak, ¹"Up! For this is the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand. 'Has not the LORD gone out before you?' So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.

15 And the LORD routed Sisera and all ^{his} chariots and all ^{his} army with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from ^{his} chariot and fled away on foot.

16 But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was ^aleft.

17 However, Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of ^aJael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; for ^{there} was peace between Jabin king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sis-

5 ^aGen. 35:8

6 ^aHeb. 11:32
^bJosh. 19:37;
21:32 ^cJudg.
8:18 ¹march

7 ^aEx. 14:4
^bJudg. 5:21;
1 Kin. 18:40;
Ps. 83:9, 10
¹Lit. draw

9 ^aJudg. 2:14

10 ^aJudg. 5:18
^bEx. 11:8;
1 Kin. 20:10
¹Lit. at his feet

11 ^aJudg. 1:16
^bNum. 10:29
^cJudg. 4:6

14 ^aDeut. 9:3;
31:3; 2 Sam.
5:24; Ps. 68:7;
Is. 52:12
¹Arise!

16 ^aEx. 14:28;
Ps. 83:9

17 ^aJudg. 5:6

18 ¹rug

19 ^aJudg.
5:24-27

21 ^aJudg.
5:24-27

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aEx. 15:1;
Judg. 4:4

2 ^aPs. 18:47
^b2 Chr. 17:16
¹Or When
locks are
loosed ²volut-
teer

3 ^aDeut. 32:1,
3 ^bPs. 27:6

4 ^aDeut. 33:2;
Ps. 68:7 ^bPs.
68:8

5 ^aPs. 97:5
^bEx. 19:18
¹flowed

6 ^aJudg. 3:31
^bJudg. 4:17
^cIs. 33:8

era, and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; do not fear." And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a ¹blanket.

19 Then he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened ^aa jug of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him.

20 And he said to her, "Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there any man here?' you shall say, 'No.'"

21 Then Jael, Heber's wife, ^atook a tent peg and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22 And then, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, I will show you the man whom you seek." And when he went into her tent, there lay Sisera, dead with the peg in his temple.

23 So on that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

The Song of Deborah

5 Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam ^asang on that day, saying:

2 "When¹ leaders ^alead in Israel,
^bWhen the people ²willingly
offer themselves,
Bless the LORD!

3 "Hear,^a O kings! Give ear,
O princes!
I, even ^bI, will sing to the LORD;
I will sing praise to the LORD
God of Israel.

4 "LORD, ^awhen You went out from
Seir,
When You marched from ^bthe
field of Edom,
The earth trembled and the
heavens poured,
The clouds also poured water;

5 ^aThe mountains ¹gushed before
the LORD,
^bThis Sinai, before the LORD
God of Israel.

6 "In the days of ^aShamgar, son of
Anath,
In the days of ^bJael,
^cThe highways were deserted,
And the travelers walked along
the byways.

7 Village life ceased, it ceased in
Israel,

- Until I, Deborah, arose,
Arose a mother in Israel.
- 8 They chose ^anew gods;
Then *there was war in the gates;*
Not a shield or spear was seen
among forty thousand in Israel.
- 9 My heart *is* with the rulers of Israel
Who offered themselves
willingly with the people.
Bless the LORD!
- 10 "Speak, you who ride on white
^adonkeys,
Who sit in judges' attire,
And who walk along the road.
- 11 Far from the noise of the
archers, among the watering
places,
There they shall recount the
righteous acts of the LORD,
The righteous acts for His
villagers in Israel;
Then the people of the LORD
shall go down to the gates.
- 12 "Awake,^a awake, Deborah!
Awake, awake, sing a song!
Arise, Barak, and lead your
captives away,
O son of Abinoam!
- 13 "Then the survivors came down,
the people against the nobles;
The LORD came down for me
against the mighty.
- 14 From Ephraim *were* those
whose roots were in ^aAmalek.
After you, Benjamin, with your
peoples,
From Machir rulers came
down,
And from Zebulun those who
bear the recruiter's staff.
- 15 And ¹the princes of Issachar
were with Deborah;
As Issachar, so was Barak
Sent into the valley ²under his
command;
Among the divisions of Reuben
There were great resolves of
heart.
- 16 Why did you sit among the
sheepfolds,
To hear the pipings for the
flocks?
The divisions of Reuben have
great searchings of heart.
- 17 ^aGilead stayed beyond the
Jordan,
And why did Dan remain ¹on
ships?
^bAsher continued at the
seashore,
And stayed by his inlets.
- 18 ^aZebulun is a people *who*
jeopardized their lives to the
point of death,
Naphtali also, on the heights of
the battlefield.
- 8 ^aDeut. 32:17
- 10 ^aJudg. 10:4;
12:14
- 12 ^aPs. 57:8
- 14 ^aJudg. 3:13
- 15 ¹So with
LXX, Syr.,
Tg., Vg.; MT
And my
princes in
Issachar ²Lit.
at his feet
- 17 ^aJosh. 22:9
^bJosh. 19:29,
31 ¹Or at ease
- 18 ^aJudg. 4:6,
10
- 19 ^aJudg. 1:27
- 21 ^aJudg. 4:7
- 23 ¹Or Angel
- 24 ^a[Luke 1:28]
- 27 ^aJudg.
4:18-21
- 29 ¹princesses
²Lit. repeats
her words to
herself
- 31 ^aPs. 92:9
- 19 "The kings came *and* fought,
Then the kings of Canaan
fought
In ^aTaanach, by the waters of
Megiddo;
They took no spoils of silver.
- 20 They fought from the heavens;
The stars from their courses
fought against Sisera.
- 21 ^aThe torrent of Kishon swept
them away,
That ancient torrent, the torrent
of Kishon.
O my soul, march on in
strength!
- 22 Then the horses' hooves
pounded,
The galloping, galloping of his
steeds.
- 23 'Curse Meroz,' said the ¹angel of
the LORD,
'Curse its inhabitants bitterly,
Because they did not come to
the help of the LORD,
To the help of the LORD against
the mighty.'
- 24 "Most blessed among women is
Jael,
The wife of Heber the Kenite;
^aBlessed is she among women in
tents.
- 25 He asked for water, she gave
milk;
She brought out cream in a
lordly bowl.
- 26 She stretched her hand to the
tent peg,
Her right hand to the
workmen's hammer;
She pounded Sisera, she
pierced his head,
She split and struck through
his temple.
- 27 At her feet he sank, he fell, he
lay still;
At her feet he sank, he fell;
Where he sank, there he fell
^adead.
- 28 "The mother of Sisera looked
through the window,
And cried out through the
lattice,
'Why is his chariot so long in
coming?
Why tarries the clatter of his
chariots?'
- 29 Her wisest ¹ladies answered
her,
Yes, she ²answered herself,
- 30 'Are they not finding and
dividing the spoil:
To every man a girl or two;
For Sisera, plunder of dyed
garments,
Plunder of garments
embroidered and dyed,
Two pieces of dyed embroidery
for the neck of the looter?'
- 31 "Thus let all Your enemies
^aperish, O LORD!

But *let* those who love Him be
^blike the sun
 When it comes out in full
^a“strength.”

So the land had rest for forty years.

Midianites Oppress Israel

6 Then the children of Israel did ^a“evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD delivered them into the hand of ^bMidian for seven years, 2 and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, ^a“the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains.

3 So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the ^a“people of the East would come up against them.

4 Then they would encamp against them and ^a“destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor ^b“donkey.

5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were ^b“without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it.

6 So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel ^a“cried out to the LORD.

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD because of the Midianites,

8 that the LORD sent a prophet to the children of Israel, who said to them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the ^a“house of ^b“bondage;

9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and ^a“drove them out before you and gave you their land.

10 ‘Also I said to you, “I *am* the LORD your God; ^a“do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.” But you have not obeyed My ^b“voice.”

Gideon

11 Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash ^a“the Abiezrite, while his son ^b“Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the ^a“Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, “The LORD is ^b“with you, you mighty man of valor!”

13 Gideon said to Him, “O ^a“my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And ^a“where

31 ^{b2} Sam.
 23:4 ^aPs. 37:6;
 89:36, 37 ^aPs.
 19:5

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aJudg. 2:11
^bNum. 22:4;
 31:1-3

2 ^{a1} Sam. 13:6;
 Heb. 11:38

3 ^aJudg. 7:12

4 ^aLev. 26:16

^bDeut. 28:31

5 ⁱ“innumerable

6 ^aPs. 50:15;
 Hos. 5:15

8 ^aJosh. 24:17
ⁱ“slavery

9 ^aPs. 44:2, 3

10 ^{a2} Kin.
 17:35, 37, 38;
 Jer. 10:2

^bJudg. 2:1, 2

11 ^aJosh. 17:2;
 Judg. 6:15

^bJudg. 7:1;
 Heb. 11:32

12 ^aJudg. 13:3;
 Luke 1:11, 28

^bJosh. 1:5

13 ^a[Is. 59:1]

^bJosh. 4:6, 21;
 Ps. 44:1 ^a“Deut.

31:17; 2 Chr.
 15:2; Ps.

44:9-16 ⁱ“Heb.
adonai, used of
 man

14 ^{a1} Sam.
 12:11 ^bJosh.
 1:9

15 ^{a1} Sam.
 9:21 ⁱ“Heb.

Adonai, used
 of God

16 ^aEx. 3:12;
 Josh. 1:5 ⁱ“Lit.

strike

17 ^aJudg. 6:36,
 37; 2 Kin.

20:8; Ps.
 86:17; Is. 7:11;
 38:7, 8

18 ^aGen.
 18:3, 5

19 ^aGen.
 18:6-8

20 ^aJudg. 13:19
^{b1} Kin. 18:33,
 34

21 ^aLev. 9:24

22 ^aGen. 32:30;
 Ex. 33:20;
 Judg. 13:21.

22 ^bGen. 16:13

23 ^aDan. 10:19

24 ^aJudg. 8:32
ⁱ“Heb. YHWH

Shalom

25 ^aJudg. 2:2
^bJudg. 3:7

^cEx. 34:13;
 Deut. 7:5

ⁱ“Heb. *Ashe-*
rah, a
 Canaanite
 goddess

26 ⁱ“stronghold

are all His miracles ^b“which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has ^a“forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.”

14 Then the LORD turned to him and said, ^a“Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. ^b“Have I not sent you?”

15 So he said to Him, “O ^a“my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed ^a“my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father’s house.”

16 And the LORD said to him, ^a“Surely I will be with you, and you shall ^a“defeat the Midianites as one man.”

17 Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, then ^a“show me a sign that it is You who talk with me.

18 ^a“Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You.” And He said, “I will wait until you come back.”

19 ^a“So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought *them* out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented *them*.

20 The Angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and ^a“lay *them* on this rock, and ^a“pour out the broth.” And he did so.

21 Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and ^a“fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

22 Now Gideon ^a“perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! ^b“For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face.”

23 Then the LORD said to him, ^a“Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.”

24 So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it ^a“The-LORD-Is-Peace. To this day it is still ^a“in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to him, “Take your father’s young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and ^a“tear down the altar of ^b“Baal that your father has, and ^a“cut down the ⁱ“wooden image that is beside it;

26 ^a“and build an altar to the LORD your God on top of this ⁱ“rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down.”

27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night.

Gideon Destroys the Altar of Baal

28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar *which had been built*.

29 So they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And when they had inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing."

30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has torn down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the wooden image that was beside it."

31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Would you ¹plead for Baal? Would you save him? Let the one who would plead for him be put to death by morning! If he is a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!"

32 Therefore on that day he called him ^aJerubbaal,¹ saying, "Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar."

33 Then all ^athe Midianites and Amalekites, the people of the East, gathered together; and they crossed over and encamped in ^bthe Valley of Jezreel.

34 But ^athe Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he ^bblew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also gathered behind him. He also sent messengers to ^aAsher, ^bZebulun, and Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

The Sign of the Fleece

36 So Gideon said to God, "If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said—

37 ^a"look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said."

38 And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water.

39 Then Gideon said to God, ^a"Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece,

31 ¹contend

32 ^aJudg. 7:1;
1 Sam. 12:11;
2 Sam. 11:21
¹Lit. Let Baal Plead

33 ^aJudg. 6:3
Josh. 17:16;
Hos. 1:5

34 ^aJudg. 3:10;
1 Chr. 12:18;
2 Chr. 24:20
^bNum. 10:3;
Judg. 3:27

35 ^aJudg. 5:17;
7:23 ^bJudg.
4:6, 10; 5:18

37 ^a[Ex. 4:3–7]

39 ^aGen. 18:32

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aJudg. 6:32

2 ^aDeut. 8:17;
Is. 10:13

3 ^aDeut. 20:8

7 ^a1 Sam. 14:6
¹home

9 ^aGen. 46:2, 3;
Judg. 6:25

11 ^aGen. 24:14;
1 Sam. 14:9;
10 ¹you shall be encouraged

but on all the ground let there be dew."

40 And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.

Gideon's Valiant Three Hundred

7 Then ^aJerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.

2 And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel ^aclaim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'"

3 "Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, ^a'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.' And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained."

4 But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, *that* of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go."

5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink."

6 And the number of those who lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water.

7 Then the LORD said to Gideon, ^a"By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the *other* people go, every man to his ¹place."

8 So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all the *rest* of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

9 It happened on the same ^anight that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand."

10 "But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant,

11 ^a"and you shall ^ahear what they say; and afterward ¹your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with

Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who were in the camp.

12 Now the Midianites and Amalekites, ^aall the people of the East, were lying in the valley ^{as} numerous as locusts; and their camels were ¹without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

13 And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: *To my surprise*, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed."

14 Then his companion answered and said, "This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand ^aGod has delivered Midian and the whole camp."

15 And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand."

16 Then he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers.

17 And he said to them, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do:

18 "When I blow the trumpet, I and all who *are* with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, *'The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!'*"

19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!"

21 And ^aevery man stood in his place all around the camp; ^band the whole army ran and cried out and fled.

22 When the three hundred ^ablew the trumpets, ^bthe LORD set ^cevery man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to ¹Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of ^aAbel Meholah, by Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered together from ^aNaphtali, Asher, and all Manasseh, and pursued the Midianites.

12 ^aJudg. 6:3, 33; 8:10
^bJudg. 6:5
¹innumerable

14 ^aJudg. 6:14, 16

21 ^aEx. 14:13, 14; 2 Chr. 20:17 ^{b2} Kin. 7:7

22 ^aJosh. 6:4, 16, 20 ^bPs. 83:9; Is. 9:4
^{c1} Sam. 14:20; 2 Chr. 20:23
^{d1} Kin. 4:12
¹Heb. *Beth Shittah*

23 ^aJudg. 6:35

24 ^aJudg. 3:27
^bJudg. 3:28
^cJohn 1:28

25 ^aJudg. 8:3
^bPs. 83:11; Is. 10:26 ^cJudg. 8:4

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aJudg. 12:1; 2 Sam. 19:41

2 ^aJudg. 6:11
¹Few grapes left after the harvest ²The whole harvest

3 ^aJudg. 7:24, 25 ^bProv. 15:1

4 ^aJudg. 7:25
^bJudg. 7:6

5 ^aGen. 33:17; Ps. 60:6

6 ^{a1} Kin. 20:11; Judg. 8:15 ^{b1} Sam. 25:11 ¹Lit. *Is the palm*

7 ^aJudg. 8:16

8 ^aGen. 32:30, 31; 1 Kin. 12:25

9 ^{a1} Kin. 22:27
^bJudg. 8:17

10 ^aJudg. 7:12
^bJudg. 6:5

24 Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the "mountains of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites, and seize from them the watering places as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan." Then all the men of Ephraim gathered together and ^bseized the watering places as far as ^cBeth Barah and the Jordan.

25 And they captured ^atwo princes of the Midianites, ^bOreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. They pursued Midian and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the ^cother side of the Jordan.

Gideon Subdues the Midianites

8 Now ^athe men of Ephraim said to him, "Why have you done this to us by not calling us when you went to fight with the Midianites?" And they reprimanded him sharply. 2 So he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? *Is not the 'gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of 'Abiezer?*"

3 ^a"God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their ^banger toward him subsided when he said that.

4 When Gideon came ^ato the Jordan, he and ^bthe three hundred men who were with him crossed over, exhausted but still in pursuit.

5 Then he said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian."

6 And the leaders of Succoth said, ^a"Are¹ the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that ^bwe should give bread to your army?"

7 So Gideon said, "For this cause, when the LORD has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, ^athen I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briars!"

8 Then he went up from there ^ato Penuel and spoke to them in the same way. And the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered.

9 So he also spoke to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I ^ccome back in peace, ^bI will tear down this tower!"

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were at Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand, all who were left of ^aall the army of the people of the East; for ^bone hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the sword had fallen.

11 Then Gideon went up by the road of those who dwell in tents on

the east of ^aNobah and Jogbehah; and he ¹attacked the army while the camp felt ^bsecure.

12 When Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued them; and he ^ctook the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and routed the whole army.

13 Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle, from the Ascent of Heres.

14 And he caught a young man of the men of Succoth and interrogated him; and he wrote down for him the leaders of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.

15 Then he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Here are Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you ^aridiculed me, saying, 'Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your weary men?'"

16 ^aAnd he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he ¹taught the men of Succoth.

17 ^aThen he tore down the tower of ^bPenuel and killed the men of the city.

18 And he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men were *they* whom you killed at ^aTabor?" So they answered, "As you *are*, so *were* they; each one resembled the son of a king."

19 Then he said, "They *were* my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if you had let them live, I would not kill you."

20 And he said to Jether his first-born, "Rise, kill them!" But the youth would not draw his sword; for he was afraid, because he was still a youth.

21 So Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise yourself, and kill us; for as a man is, so is his strength." So Gideon arose and ^akilled Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks.

Gideon's Ephod

22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "^aRule over us, both you and your son, and your grandson also; for you have ^bdelivered us from the hand of Midian."

23 But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; ^cthe LORD shall rule over you."

24 Then Gideon said to them, "I would like to ¹make a request of you, that each of you would give me the earrings from his plunder." For they had golden earrings, ^abecause they *were* Ishmaelites.

25 So they answered, "We will gladly give *them*." And they spread out a garment, and each man threw into it the earrings from his plunder.

26 Now the weight of the gold ear-

11 ^aNum. 32:35, 42;
^bJudg. 18:27;
[1 Thess. 5:3]
¹Lit. *struck*

12 ^aPs. 83:11

15 ^aJudg. 8:6

16 ^aJudg. 8:7
¹*disciplined*

17 ^aJudg. 8:9
^{b1} Kin. 12:25

18 ^aJudg. 4:6;
Ps. 89:12

21 ^aPs. 83:11

22 ^a[Judg. 9:8]
^bJudg. 3:9;
9:17

23 ^{a1} Sam. 8:7;
10:19; 12:12;
Ps. 10:16

24 ^aGen. 37:25,
28 ¹Lit.
request a request

27 ^aJudg. 17:5
^bJudg. 6:11, 24
[Ps. 106:39]
^aDeut. 7:16

28 ^aJudg. 5:31

29 ^aJudg. 6:32;
7:1

30 ^aJudg. 9:2, 5

31 ^aJudg. 9:1

32 ^aGen. 25:8;
Job 5:26
^bJudg. 6:24;
8:27

33 ^aJudg. 2:19
^bJudg. 2:17
^cJudg. 9:4, 46

34 ^aDeut. 4:9;
Judg. 3:7; Ps.
78:11, 42;
106:13, 21

35 ^aJudg.
9:16-18

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aJudg. 8:31,
35

2 ^aJudg. 8:30;
9:5, 18 ^bGen.
29:14

3 ^aGen. 29:15

4 ^aJudg. 8:33
^bJudg. 11:3;
2 Chr. 13:7;
Acts 17:5

5 ^aJudg. 6:24
^bJudg. 8:30;
9:2, 18; 2 Kin.
11:1, 2

rings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred *shekels* of gold, besides the crescent ornaments, pendants, and purple robes which *were* on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that *were* around their camels' necks.

27 Then Gideon ^amade it into an ephod and set it up in his city, ^bOphrah. And all Israel ^cplayed the harlot with it there. It became ^aa snare to Gideon and to his house.

28 Thus Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted their heads no more. ^aAnd the country was quiet for forty years in the days of Gideon.

Death of Gideon

29 Then ^aJerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 Gideon had ^aseventy sons who were his own offspring, for he had many wives.

31 ^aAnd his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, whose name he called Abimelech.

32 Now Gideon the son of Joash died ^aat a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, ^{b1n} Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 So it was, ^aas soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel again ^bplayed the harlot with the Baals, ^cand made Baal-Berith their god.

34 Thus the children of Israel ^cdid not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side;

35 ^anor did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in accordance with the good he had done for Israel.

Abimelech's Conspiracy

9 Then Abimelech the son of ^aJerubbaal went to Shechem, to ^ahis mother's brothers, and spoke with them and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 "Please speak in the hearing of all the men of Shechem: 'Which is better for you, that all ^aseventy of the sons of Jerubbaal reign over you, or that one reign over you?' Remember that *I am* your own flesh and ^bbone."

3 And his mother's brothers spoke all these words concerning him in the hearing of all the men of Shechem; and their heart was inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our ^abrother."

4 So they gave him seventy *shekels* of silver from the temple of ^aBaal-Berith, with which Abimelech hired ^bworthless and reckless men; and they followed him.

5 Then he went to his father's house ^aat Ophrah and ^bkilled his

brothers, the seventy sons of Jerubbaal, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, because he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, all of Beth Millo, and they went and made Abimelech king beside the terebinth tree at the pillar that was in Shechem.

The Parable of the Trees

7 Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and cried out. And he said to them:

"Listen to me, you men of Shechem,
That God may listen to you!

8 "The^a trees once went forth to anoint a king over them.
And they said to the olive tree,
^b"Reign over us!"

9 But the olive tree said to them, 'Should I cease giving my oil,
^a"With which they honor God and men,
And go to sway over trees?"

10 "Then the trees said to the fig tree,
'You come and reign over us!'

11 But the fig tree said to them, 'Should I cease my sweetness and my good fruit,
And go to sway over trees?"

12 "Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us!'

13 But the vine said to them, 'Should I cease my new wine,
^a"Which cheers both God and men,
And go to sway over trees?"

14 "Then all the trees said to the bramble,
'You come and reign over us!'

15 And the bramble said to the trees,
'If in truth you anoint me as king over you,
Then come and take shelter in my shade;
But if not, ^blet fire come out of the bramble
And devour the cedars of Lebanon!'

16 "Now therefore, if you have acted in truth and sincerity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him ^aas¹ he deserves—

17 "for my father fought for you, risked his life, and ^bdelivered you out of the hand of Midian;

18 "^a"but you have risen up against my father's house this day, and killed his seventy sons on one stone, and made Abimelech, the son of his ^bfemale servant, king over the men

7 ^aDeut. 11:29;
27:12; Josh.
8:33; John
4:20

8 ^{a2} Kin. 14:9
^bJudg. 8:22, 23

9 ^a[John 5:23]

13 ^aPs. 104:15

15 ^aIs. 30:2;
Dan. 4:12;
Hos. 14:7
^bNum. 21:28;
Judg. 9:20;
Ezek. 19:14
^{c2} Kin. 14:9;
Is. 2:13; Ezek.
31:3

16 ^aJudg. 8:35
¹Lit. *according to the doing of his hands*

17 ^aJudg. 7
^bJudg. 8:22

18 ^aJudg. 8:30,
35; 9:2, 5, 6
^bJudg. 8:31

19 ^aIs. 8:6;
[Phil. 3:3]

20 ^aJudg. 9:15,
45, 56, 57

21 ^aNum. 21:16

23 ^{a1} Kin.
12:15; Is.
19:14 ^{b1} Sam.
16:14; 18:9;
10; 1 Kin.
22:22; 2 Chr.
18:22 ^cIs. 33:1

24 ^{a1} Kin. 2:32;
Esth. 9:25;
Matt. 23:35,
36 ^bNum.
35:33

25 ¹Lit. *liers-in-wait for*

27 ^aJudg. 9:4
¹rejoiced

28 ^{a1} Sam.
25:10; 1 Kin.
12:16 ^bGen.
34:2, 6; Josh.
24:32

29 ^{a2} Sam.
15:4 ¹Lit.
hand ²So with
MT. Tg.: DSS
they; LXX I

32 ¹Set up an
ambush

of Shechem, because he is your brother—

19 "if then you have acted in truth and sincerity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* ^are-
joice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

20 "But if not, ^alet fire come from Abimelech and devour the men of Shechem and Beth Millo; and let fire come from the men of Shechem and from Beth Millo and devour Abimelech!"

21 And Jotham ran away and fled; and he went to Beer and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

Downfall of Abimelech

22 After Abimelech had reigned over Israel three years,

23 "God sent a ^bspirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem ^adealt treacherously with Abimelech,

24 "that the crime *done* to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be settled and their ^bblood be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who aided him in the killing of his brothers.

25 And the men of Shechem set ^amen in ambush against him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who passed by them along that way; and it was told Abimelech.

26 Now Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers and went over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27 So they went out into the fields, and gathered *grapes* from their vineyards and trod *them*, and ^amade merry. And they went into ^athe house of their god, and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech.

28 Then Gaal the son of Ebed said, ^a"Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? *Is he* not the son of Jerubbaal, and is *not* Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem; but why should we serve him?"

29 "^a"If only this people were under my ^aauthority! Then I would remove Abimelech." So ²he said to Abimelech, "Increase your army and come out!"

30 When Zebul, the ruler of the city, heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was aroused.

31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech secretly, saying, "Take note! Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem; and here they are, fortifying the city against you.

32 "Now therefore, get up by night, you and the people who are with you, and ^alie in wait in the field.

33 "And it shall be, as soon as the

sun is up in the morning, *that* you shall rise early and rush upon the city; and *when* he and the people who are with him come out against you, you may then do to them ¹as you find opportunity."

34 So Abimelech and all the people who were with him rose by night, and ¹lay in wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 When Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance to the city gate, Abimelech and the people who were with him rose from lying in wait.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "Look, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains!" But Zebul said to him, "You see the shadows of the mountains as if they were men."

37 So Gaal spoke again and said, "See, people are coming down from the center of the land, and another company is coming from the ¹Diviners' Terebinth Tree."

38 Then Zebul said to him, "Where indeed is your mouth now, with which you ^asaid, 'Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him?' Are not these the people whom you despised? Go out, if you will, and fight with them now."

39 So Gaal went out, leading the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled from him; and many fell wounded, to the very entrance of the gate.

41 Then Abimelech dwelt at Arumah, and Zebul ¹drove out Gaal and his brothers, so that they would not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came about on the next day that the people went out into the field, and they told Abimelech.

43 So he took his people, divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in the field. And he looked, and there were the people, coming out of the city; and he rose against them and ¹attacked them.

44 Then Abimelech and the company that was with him rushed forward and stood at the entrance of the gate of the city; and the *other* two companies rushed upon all who were in the fields and killed them.

45 So Abimelech fought against the city all that day; ^ahe took the city and killed the people who were in it; and he ^bdemolished the city and sowed it with salt.

46 Now when all the men of the tower of Shechem had heard *that*, they entered the ¹stronghold of the temple ^aof the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 Then Abimelech went up to Mount ^aZalmon, he and all the peo-

33 ¹Lit. *as your hand can find*

34 ¹Set up an ambush

37 ¹Heb. *Meonenim*

38 ^aJudg. 9:28, 29

41 ¹exiled

43 ¹Lit. *struck*

45 ^aJudg. 9:20
^bDeut. 29:23;
2 Kin. 3:25

46 ^aJudg. 8:33
¹fortified room

48 ^aPs. 68:14

49 ¹fortified room

50 ¹besieged

53 ^{a2} Sam. 11:21

54 ^{a1} Sam. 31:4

55 ¹home

56 ^aJudg. 9:24;
Job 31:3;
Prov. 5:22

57 ^aJudg. 9:20

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aJudg. 2:16

4 ^aJudg. 5:10;
12:14 ^bDeut. 3:14 ¹Lit.
Towns of Jair,
Num. 32:41;
Deut. 3:14

ple who were with him. And Abimelech took an ax in his hand and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it and laid it on his shoulder; then he said to the people who were with him, "What you have seen me do, make haste *and* do as I have done."

49 So each of the people likewise cut down his own bough and followed Abimelech, put *them* against the ¹stronghold, and set the stronghold on fire above them, so that all the people of the tower of Shechem died, about a thousand men and women.

50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he ¹encamped against Thebez and took it.

51 But there was a strong tower in the city, and all the men and women—all the people of the city—fled there and shut themselves in; then they went up to the top of the tower.

52 So Abimelech came as far as the tower and fought against it; and he drew near the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 But a certain woman ^adropped an upper millstone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull.

54 Then ^ahe called quickly to the young man, his armorbearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest men say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" So his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed, every man to his ¹place.

56 ^aThus God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father by killing his seventy brothers.

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem God returned on their own heads, and on them came ^athe curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

Tola

10 After Abimelech there ^aarose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the mountains of Ephraim.

2 He judged Israel twenty-three years; and he died and was buried in Shamir.

Jair

3 After him arose Jair, a Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty-two years.

4 Now he had thirty sons who ^arode on thirty donkeys; they also had thirty towns, ^bwhich are called ¹"Havoth Jair" to this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died and was buried in Camon.

Israel Oppressed Again

6 Then ^athe children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^bserved the Baals and the Ashtoreths, ^cthe gods of Syria, the gods of ^dSidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him.

7 So the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He ^asold them into the hands of the ^bPhilistines and into the hands of the people of ^cAmmon.

8 From that year they ^aharassed and oppressed the children of Israel for eighteen years—all the children of Israel who ^awere on the other side of the Jordan in the ^aland of the Amorites, in Gilead.

9 Moreover the people of Ammon crossed over the Jordan to fight against Judah also, against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was severely distressed.

10 ^aAnd the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, “We have ^bsinned against You, because we have both forsaken our God and served the Baals!”

11 So the LORD said to the children of Israel, “*Did I not deliver you* ^afrom the Egyptians and ^afrom the Amorites and ^afrom the Philistines?”

12 ^aAlso ^athe Sidonians ^band Amalekites and ^bMaonites ^coppressed you; and you cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their hand.

13 ^a“Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods. Therefore I will deliver you no more.

14 “Go and ^acry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in your time of distress.”

15 And the children of Israel said to the LORD, “We have sinned! ^aDo to us whatever seems best to You; only deliver us this day, we pray.”

16 ^aSo they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD. And ^bHis soul could no longer endure the misery of Israel.

17 Then the people of Ammon gathered together and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled together and encamped in ^aMizpah.

18 And the people, the leaders of Gilead, said to one another, “Who is the man who will begin the fight against the people of Ammon? He shall ^abe head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.”

Jephthah

11 Now ^aJephthah the Gileadite was ^aa mighty man of valor,

6 ^aJudg. 2:11; 3:7; 6:1; 13:1
^bJudg. 2:13
^cJudg. 2:12
^d1 Kin. 11:33; Ps. 106:36

7 ^aJudg. 2:14; 4:2; 1 Sam. 12:9
^bJudg. 13:1
^cJudg. 3:13

8 ^aNum. 32:33
¹Lit. *shattered*

10 ^aJudg. 6:6; 1 Sam. 12:10
^bDeut. 1:41

11 ^aEx. 14:30
^bNum. 21:21, 24, 25
^cJudg. 3:12, 13
^dJudg. 3:31

12 ^aJudg. 1:31; 5:19
^bJudg. 6:3; 7:12
^cPs. 106:42, 43
¹LXX mss. *Midianites*

13 ^a[Deut. 32:15; Judg. 2:12; Jer. 2:13]

14 ^aDeut. 32:37, 38

15 ^a1 Sam. 3:18; 2 Sam. 15:26

16 ^a2 Chr. 7:14; Jer. 18:7, 8
^bPs. 106:44, 45; Is. 63:9

17 ^aGen. 31:49; Judg. 11:11, 29

18 ^aJudg. 11:8, 11

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aHeb. 11:32
^bJudg. 6:12; 2 Kin. 5:1

2 ^aGen. 21:10; Deut. 23:2

3 ^a2 Sam. 10:6, 8
^b1 Sam. 22:2

4 ^aJudg. 10:9, 17

7 ^aGen. 26:27
¹trouble

8 ^aJudg. 10:18
^b[Luke 17:4]
^cJudg. 10:18
¹returned

10 ^aGen. 31:49, 50; Jer. 29:23; 42:5

11 ^aJudg. 11:8
^bJudg. 10:17; 20:1; 1 Sam. 10:17

12 ^a2 Sam. 16:10

13 ^aNum. 21:24–26
^bJosh. 13:9
^cGen. 32:22

15 ^aDeut. 2:9, 19

but he was the son of a harlot; and Gilead begot Jephthah.

2 Gilead's wife bore sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out, and said to him, “You shall have ^ano inheritance in our father's house, for you *are* the son of another woman.”

3 Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and dwelt in the land of ^aTob; and ^bworthless men banded together with Jephthah and went out *raiding* with him.

4 It came to pass after a time that the ^apeople of Ammon made war against Israel.

5 And so it was, when the people of Ammon made war against Israel, that the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob.

6 Then they said to Jephthah, “Come and be our commander, that we may fight against the people of Ammon.”

7 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, ^a“Did you not hate me, and expel me from my father's house? Why have you come to me now when you are in ^adistress?”

8 ^aAnd the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “That is why we have ^bturned¹ again to you now, that you may go with us and fight against the people of Ammon, and be ^aour head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.”

9 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, “If you take me back home to fight against the people of Ammon, and the LORD delivers them to me, shall I be your head?”

10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, ^a“The LORD will be a witness between us, if we do not do according to your words.”

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him ^ahead and commander over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words ^bbefore the LORD in Mizpah.

12 Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, saying, ^a“What do you have against me, that you have come to fight against me in my land?”

13 And the king of the people of Ammon answered the messengers of Jephthah, ^a“Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from ^bthe Arnon as far as ^cthe Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore, restore those *lands* peaceably.”

14 So Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon,

15 and said to him, “Thus says Jephthah: ^a“Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the people of Ammon;

16 ^afor when Israel came up from Egypt, they walked through the

wilderness as far as the Red Sea and came to Kadesh.

17 Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please let me pass through your land." But the king of Edom would not heed. And in like manner they sent to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained in Kadesh.

18 And they went along through the wilderness and bypassed the land of Edom and the land of Moab, came to the east side of the land of Moab, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon. But they did not enter the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, "Please let us pass through your land into our place."

20 But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together, encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them. Thus Israel gained possession of all the land of the Amorites, who inhabited that country.

22 They took possession of all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan.

23 And now the LORD God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel; should you then possess it?

24 Will you not possess whatever Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the LORD our God takes possession of before us, we will possess.

25 And now, are you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel? Did he ever fight against them?

26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities along the banks of the Arnon, for three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time?

27 Therefore I have not sinned against you, but you wronged me by fighting against me. May the LORD, the Judge, render judgment this day between the children of Israel and the people of Ammon."

28 However, the king of the people of Ammon did not heed the words which Jephthah sent him.

Jephthah's Vow and Victory

29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he ad-

16 Num. 13:26; 20:1

17 Num. 20:14

bNum. 20:14-21

cJosh. 24:9

dNum. 20:1

18 Deut. 2:9,

18, 19 bNum.

21:4

19 aNum.

21:21; Deut.

2:26-36

bNum. 21:22;

Deut. 2:27

20 aNum.

21:23; Deut.

2:27

21 aJosh. 24:8

bNum. 21:24,

25 1 Lit. struck

22 aDeut. 2:36,

37

23 1 driven out

24 aNum.

21:29; 1 Kin.

11:7; Jer. 48:7

b[Deut. 9:4, 5;

Josh. 3:10]

25 aNum. 22:2;

Josh. 24:9;

Mic. 6:5

26 aNum.

21:25, 26

bDeut. 2:36

27 aGen. 18:25

bGen. 16:5;

31:53; [1 Sam.

24:12, 15]

29 aJudg. 3:10

30 aGen. 28:20;

Num. 30:2;

1 Sam. 1:11

31 aLev. 27:2,

3, 28; 1 Sam.

1:11 bPs. 66:13

33 aEzek.

27:17 1 Lit.

struck 2 Lit.

Plain of Vine-

yards

34 aJudg.

10:17; 11:11

bEx. 15:20;

1 Sam. 18:6;

Ps. 68:25; Jer.

31:4

35 aGen. 37:29,

34 bEcc. 5:2,

4, 5 cNum.

30:2 1 Lit.

opened my

mouth 2 Lit.

take it back

36 aNum. 30:2

b2 Sam. 18:19,

31

37 1 lament

2 companions

39 aJudg. 11:31

1 Remained a

virgin

40 1 commem-

orate

CHAPTER 12

1 aJudg. 8:1

1 were sum-

moned

vanced toward the people of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands,

31 "then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering."

32 So Jephthah advanced toward the people of Ammon to fight against them, and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

33 And he defeated them from Aroer as far as Minnith—twenty cities—and to Abel Keramim, with a very great slaughter. Thus the people of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

Jephthah's Daughter

34 When Jephthah came to his house at Mizpah, there was his daughter, coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing; and she was his only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he tore his clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low! You are among those who trouble me! For I have given my word to the LORD, and I cannot go back on it."

36 So she said to him, "My father, if you have given your word to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, because the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the people of Ammon."

37 Then she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me: let me alone for two months, that I may go and wander on the mountains and bewail my virginity, my friends and I."

38 So he said, "Go." And he sent her away for two months; and she went with her friends, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains.

39 And it was so at the end of two months that she returned to her father, and he carried out his vow with her which he had vowed. She knew no man. And it became a custom in Israel

40 that the daughters of Israel went four days each year to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

Jephthah's Conflict with Ephraim

12 Then the men of Ephraim gathered together, crossed over toward Zaphon, and said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight against the people of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down on you with fire!"

2 And Jephthah said to them, "My people and I were in a great struggle with the people of Ammon; and when I called you, you did not deliver me out of their hands.

3 "So when I saw that you would not deliver me, I took my life in my hands and crossed over against the people of Ammon; and the LORD delivered them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?"

4 Now Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead and fought against Ephraim. And the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, because they said, "You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites and among the Manasites."

5 The Gileadites seized the fords of the Jordan before the Ephraimites arrived. And when any Ephraimite who escaped said, "Let me cross over," the men of Gilead would say to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No,"

6 then they would say to him, "Then say, *ʿShibboleth*!"¹ And he would say, "Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce it right. Then they would take him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan. There fell at that time forty-two thousand Ephraimites.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in among the cities of Gilead.

Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon

8 After him, Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.

9 He had thirty sons. And he gave away thirty daughters in marriage, and brought in thirty daughters from elsewhere for his sons. He judged Israel seven years.

10 Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 After him, Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel. He judged Israel ten years.

12 And Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 After him, Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel.

14 He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy young donkeys. He judged Israel eight years.

15 Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mountains of the Amalekites.

The Birth of Samson

13 Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

2 Now there was a certain man

3 ^{a1} Sam. 19:5; 28:21; Job 13:14

4 ^{a1} Sam. 25:10

5 ^a Josh. 22:11

6 ^a Ps. 69:2, 15
¹ Lit. a flowing stream; used as a test of dialect
² Lit. speak so

14 ^a Judg. 5:10; 10:4

15 ^a Judg. 3:13, 27; 5:14

CHAPTER 13

1 ^a Judg. 2:11
^b Judg. 10:7;
1 Sam. 12:9

2 ^a Josh. 19:41; Judg. 16:31

3 ^a Judg. 6:12

4 ^a Num. 6:2, 3, 20; Judg. 13:4; Luke 1:15

5 ^a Num. 6:5;
1 Sam. 1:11
^b Num. 6:2
^{c1} Sam. 7:13;
2 Sam. 8:1;
1 Chr. 18:1

6 ^a Gen. 32:24-30
^b Matt. 28:3;
Luke 9:29;
Acts 6:15
^c Judg. 13:17;
18 ¹ appearance

14 ^a Num. 6:3, 4; Judg. 13:4

15 ^a Gen. 18:5; Judg. 6:18

from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children.

3 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.

4 "Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean.

5 "For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

6 So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance¹ was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name.

7 "And He said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'"

8 Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born."

9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the Man who came to me the other day has just now appeared to me!"

11 So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When he came to the Man, he said to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?" And He said, "I am."

12 Manoah said, "Now let Your words come to pass! What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?"

13 So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful.

14 "She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe."

15 Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You."

16 And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer

it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.)
17 Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?"

18 And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?"

19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on—

20 it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground.

21 When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD.

22 And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!"

23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these things, nor would He have told us such things as these at this time."

24 So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Samson's Philistine Wife

14 Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, "I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife."

3 Then his father and mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" And Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well."

4 But his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD—that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah.

Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD

18 ^aGen. 32:29

19 ^aJudg. 6:19-21

20 ^aLev. 9:24;
1 Chr. 21:16;
Ezek. 1:28;
Matt. 17:6

21 ^aJudg. 6:22

22 ^aGen. 32:30;
Ex. 33:20;
Deut. 5:26;
Judg. 6:22, 23

24 ^aHeb. 11:32
^{b1} Sam. 3:19;
Luke 1:80

25 ^aJudg. 3:10;
1 Sam. 11:6;
Matt. 4:1
^bJosh. 15:33;
Judg. 18:11
^cJudg. 16:31
¹Lit. Camp of Dan, Judg. 18:12

CHAPTER 14

1 ^aGen. 38:13;
Josh. 15:10, 57
^bGen. 34:2

2 ^aGen. 21:21

3 ^aGen. 24:3, 4
^bGen. 34:14;
Ex. 34:16;
Deut. 7:3 ¹Lit. she is right in my eyes

4 ^aJosh. 11:20;
1 Kin. 12:15;
2 Kin. 6:33;
2 Chr. 10:15
^bDeut. 28:48;
Judg. 13:1

6 ^aJudg. 3:10

9 ^aLev. 11:27

12 ^{a1} Kin. 10:1;
Ezek. 17:2
^bGen. 29:27
^cGen. 45:22;
2 Kin. 5:22

13 ^aEzek. 17:2

15 ^aJudg. 16:5
^bJudg. 15:6
¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.: LXX, Syr. fourth

16 ^aJudg. 16:15

came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

7 Then he went down and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

8 After some time, when he returned to get her, he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion. And behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the carcass of the lion.

9 He took some of it in his hands and went along, eating. When he came to his father and mother, he gave some to them, and they also ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.

10 So his father went down to the woman. And Samson gave a feast there, for young men used to do so.

11 And it happened, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 Then Samson said to them, "Let me pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly solve and explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing."

13 "But if you cannot explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing." And they said to him, "Pose your riddle, that we may hear it."

14 So he said to them:

"Out of the eater came something to eat,
And out of the strong came something sweet."

Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.

15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband, that he may explain the riddle to us, for else we will burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us in order to take what is ours? Is that not so?"

16 Then Samson's wife wept on him, and said, "You only hate me! You do not love me! You have posed a riddle to the sons of my people, but you have not explained it to me." And he said to her, "Look, I have not explained it to my father or my mother; so should I explain it to you?"

17 Now she had wept on him the seven days while their feast lasted. And it happened on the seventh day that he told her, because she pressed him so much. Then she explained the riddle to the sons of her people.

18 So the men of the city said to him

on the seventh day before the sun went down:

"What is sweeter than honey?
And what is stronger than a
lion?"

And he said to them:

"If you had not plowed with my
heifer,
You would not have solved my
riddle!"

19 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and gave the changes of clothing to those who had explained the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and he went back up to his father's house.

20 And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

Samson Defeats the Philistines

15 After a while, in the time of wheat harvest, it happened that Samson visited his wife with a young goat. And he said, "Let me go in to my wife, into her room." But her father would not permit him to go in. 2 Her father said, "I really thought that you thoroughly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister better than she? Please, take her instead."

3 And Samson said to them, "This time I shall be blameless regarding the Philistines if I harm them!"

4 Then Samson went and caught three hundred foxes; and he took torches, turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails.

5 When he had set the torches on fire, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and olive groves.

6 Then the Philistines said, "Who has done this?" And they answered, "Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his companion." So the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire.

7 Samson said to them, "Since you would do a thing like this, I will surely take revenge on you, and after that I will cease."

8 So he attacked them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; then he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

9 Now the Philistines went up, encamped in Judah, and deployed themselves against Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah said,

19 ^aJudg. 3:10; 13:25

20 ^aJudg. 15:2
^bJohn 3:29

CHAPTER 15

1 ^aGen. 38:17

2 ^aJudg. 14:20

6 ^aJudg. 14:15

8 ^{a2} Chr. 11:6

9 ^aJudg. 15:19

10 ¹Lit. bind

11 ^aLev. 26:25; Deut. 28:43; Judg. 13:1; 14:4; Ps. 106:40-42

13 ^aJudg. 16:11, 12

14 ^aJudg. 3:10; 14:6 ¹Lit. were melted

15 ^aLev. 26:8; Josh. 23:10; Judg. 3:31

17 ¹Lit. Jawbone Height

18 ^aPs. 3:7

19 ^aGen. 45:27; Is. 40:29 ¹Lit. Jawbone, Judg. 15:14
¹Lit. Spring of the Caller

20 ^aJudg. 10:2; 12:7-14 ^bJudg. 16:31 ^cJudg. 13:1

CHAPTER 16

1 ^aJosh. 15:47

2 ^{a1} Sam. 23:26; Ps. 118:10-12

"Why have you come up against us?" So they answered, "We have come up to arrest Samson, to do to him as he has done to us."

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines rule over us? What is this you have done to us?" And he said to them, "As they did to me, so I have done to them."

12 But they said to him, "We have come down to arrest you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines." Then Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not kill me yourselves."

13 So they spoke to him, saying, "No, but we will tie you securely and deliver you into their hand; but we will surely not kill you." And they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands.

15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it.

16 Then Samson said:

"With the jawbone of a donkey,
Heaps upon heaps,
With the jawbone of a donkey
I have slain a thousand men!"

17 And so it was, when he had finished speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his hand, and called that place Ramath Lehi.

18 Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out to the LORD and said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?"

19 So God split the hollow place that is in Lehi, and water came out, and he drank; and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore he called its name ²En Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

20 And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

Samson and Delilah

16 Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her.

2 When the Gazites were told, "Samson has come here!" they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, "In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him."

3 And Samson lay low till

midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put *them* on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

4 Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

5 And the *“lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, ^b“Entice him, and find out where his great strength *lies*, and by what *means* we may overpower him; that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.”*

6 So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me where your great strength *lies*, and with what you may be bound to afflict you.”

7 And Samson said to her, “If they bind me with seven fresh bow-strings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.”

8 So the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bow-strings, not yet dried, and she bound him with them.

9 Now *men* were lying in wait, staying with her in the room. And she said to him, “The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!” But he broke the bow-strings as a strand of yarn breaks when it touches fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.

10 Then Delilah said to Samson, “Look, you have mocked me and told me lies. Now, please tell me what you may be bound with.”

11 So he said to her, “If they bind me securely with *“new ropes ¹that have never been used, then I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.”*

12 Therefore Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, “The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!” And *men* were lying in wait, staying in the room. But he broke them off his arms like a thread.

13 Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me what you may be bound with.” And he said to her, “If you weave the seven locks of my head into the web of the loom”—

14 So she wove it tightly with the batten of the loom, and said to him, “The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!” But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out the batten and the web from the loom.

15 Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart *is* not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength *lies*.”

16 And it came to pass, when she

5 ^aJosh. 13:3
^bJudg. 14:15

11 ^aJudg. 15:13
¹Lit. *with which work has never been done*

15 ^aJudg. 14:16

16 ¹Lit. *impatient to the point of*

17 ^a[Mic. 7:5]
^bNum. 6:5;
Judg. 13:5

19 ^aProv. 7:26,
27 ¹So with
MT, Tg., Vg.;
LXX *he began to be weak,*

20 ^aNum. 14:9,
42, 43; [Josh.
7:12]; 1 Sam.
16:14; 18:12;
28:15, 16;
2 Chr. 15:2

21 ^{a2} Kin. 25:7
¹Lit. *bored out*

23 ^{a1} Sam. 5:2

24 ^aDan. 5:4

25 ^aJudg. 9:27

pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was *“vexed to death,*

17 that he *“told her all his heart, and said to her, ^b“No razor has ever come upon my head, for I *have been* a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.”*

18 When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart.” So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand.

19 “Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then *“she began to torment him, and his strength left him.*

20 And she said, “The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, “I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the LORD *“had departed from him.*

21 Then the Philistines took him and *“put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison.*

22 However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.

Samson Dies with the Philistines

23 Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to *“Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said:*

“Our god has delivered into our hands
Samson our enemy!”

24 When the people saw him, they *“praised their god; for they said:*

“Our god has delivered into our hands our enemy,
The destroyer of our land,
And the one who multiplied
our dead.”

25 So it happened, when their hearts were *“merry, that they said, “Call for Samson, that he may perform for us.” So they called for Samson from the prison, and he performed for them. And they stationed him between the pillars.*

26 Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, “Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them.”

27 Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines *were* there—about three

thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed.

28 Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, "O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!"

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left.

30 Then Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life.

31 And his brothers and all his father's household came down and took him, and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Micah's Idolatry

17 Now there was a man from the mountains of Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

2 And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you, and on which you put a curse, even saying it in my ears—here is the silver with me; I took it." And his mother said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my son!"

3 So when he had returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, "I had wholly dedicated the silver from my hand to the LORD for my son, to make a carved image and a molded image; now therefore, I will return it to you."

4 Thus he returned the silver to his mother. Then his mother took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to the silversmith, and he made it into a carved image and a molded image; and they were in the house of Micah.

5 The man Micah had a shrine, and made an ephod and house-hold idols; and he consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

6 "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

7 Now there was a young man from Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah; he was a Levite, and was staying there.

8 The man departed from the city of Bethlehem in Judah to stay wherever he could find a place. Then he came to the mountains of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.

27 ^aDeut. 22:8

28 ^aJer. 15:15

31 ^aJudg. 13:25
^bJudg. 15:20

CHAPTER 17

1 ^aJudg. 18:2

2 ^aLev. 5:1
^bGen. 14:19

3 ^aEx. 20:4, 23;
34:17; Lev.
19:4

4 ^aIs. 46:6

5 ^aJudg. 18:24
^bJudg. 8:27;
18:14 ^cGen.
31:19, 30; Hos.
3:4 ¹Heb.
teraphim

6 ^aJudg. 18:1;
19:1 ^bDeut.
12:8; Judg.
21:25

7 ^aJosh. 19:15;
Judg. 19:1;
Ruth 1:1, 2;
Mic. 5:2; Matt.
2:1, 5, 6
^bDeut. 18:6

10 ^aJudg. 18:19
^bGen. 45:8;
Job 29:16

12 ^aJudg. 17:5
^bJudg. 18:30
¹Lit. *filled the hand of*

13 ^aJudg. 18:4

CHAPTER 18

1 ^aJudg. 17:6;
19:1, 21:25
^bJosh.
19:40–48

2 ^aJudg. 13:25
^bNum. 13:17;
Josh. 2:1
^cJudg. 17:1

4 ^aJudg. 17:10,
12

5 ^{a1} Kin. 22:5;
[Is. 30:1]; Hos.
4:12 ^bJudg.
1:1; 17:5;
18:14

6 ^{a1} Kin. 22:6
¹Lit. *The Lord is before the way in which you go*

7 ^aJosh. 19:47
^bJudg.
18:27–29
^cJudg. 10:12
¹So with MT,
Tg., Vg.; LXX
with Syria

8 ^aJudg. 18:2

9 ^aNum. 13:30;
Josh. 2:23, 24
^{b1} Kin. 22:3

9 And Micah said to him, "Where do you come from?" So he said to him, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I am on my way to find a place to stay."

10 Micah said to him, "Dwell with me, and be a father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten shekels of silver per year, a suit of clothes, and your sustenance." So the Levite went in.

11 Then the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man became like one of his sons to him.

12 So Micah consecrated¹ the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and lived in the house of Micah.

13 Then Micah said, "Now I know that the LORD will be good to me, since I have a Levite as priest!"

The Danites Adopt Micah's Idolatry

18 In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until that day their inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.

2 So the children of Dan sent five men of their family from their territory, men of valor from Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and search it. They said to them, "Go, search the land." So they went to the mountains of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.

3 While they were at the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite. They turned aside and said to him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What do you have here?"

4 He said to them, "Thus and so Micah did for me. He has hired me, and I have become his priest."

5 So they said to him, "Please inquire of God, that we may know whether the journey on which we go will be prosperous."

6 And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. The presence of the LORD be with you on your way."

7 So the five men departed and went to Laish. They saw the people who were there, how they dwelt safely, in the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure. There were no rulers in the land who might put them to shame for anything. They were far from the Sidonians, and they had no ties with anyone.

8 Then the spies came back to their brethren at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brethren said to them, "What is your report?"

9 So they said, "Arise, let us go up against them. For we have seen the land, and indeed it is very good. Would you do nothing? Do not

hesitate to go, *and* enter to possess the land.

10 "When you go, you will come to a ^asecure people and a large land. For God has given it into your hands, ^aa place where *there* is no lack of anything that is on the earth."

11 And six hundred men of the family of the Danites went from there, from Zorah and Eshtaol, armed with weapons of war.

12 Then they went up and encamped in ^aKirjath Jearim in Judah. (Therefore they call that place ^bMa-haneh Dan¹ to this day. There it is, west of Kirjath Jearim.)

13 And they passed from there to the mountains of Ephraim, and came to ^athe house of Micah.

14 "Then the five men who had gone to spy out the country of Laish answered and said to their brethren, "Do you know that ^bthere are in these houses an ephod, household idols, a carved image, and a molded image? Now therefore, consider what you should do."

15 So they turned aside there, and came to the house of the young Levite man—to the house of Micah—and greeted him.

16 The ^asix hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

17 Then ^athe five men who had gone to spy out the land went up. Entering there, they took ^bthe carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image. The priest stood at the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men *who* were armed with weapons of war.

18 When these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

19 And they said to him, "Be quiet, ^aput your hand over your mouth, and come with us; ^bbe a father and a priest to us. *Is it* better for you to be a priest to the household of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"

20 So the priest's heart was glad; and he took the ephod, the household idols, and the carved image, and took his place among the people.

21 Then they turned and departed, and put the little ones, the livestock, and the goods in front of them.

22 When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who were in the houses near Micah's house gathered together and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they called out to the children of Dan. So they turned around and said to Micah, "^aWhat ails you, that you have gathered such a company?"

24 So he said, "You have ^ataken

10 ^aJudg. 18:7;
27 ^bDeut. 8:9

12 ^aJosh. 15:60
^bJudg. 13:25
¹Lit. *Camp of Dan*

13 ^aJudg. 18:2

14 ^a1 Sam.
14:28 ^bJudg.
17:5

16 ^aJudg. 18:11

17 ^aJudg. 18:2.
14 ^bJudg.
17:4, 5

19 ^aJob 21:5;
29:9; 40:4;
Mic. 7:16
^bJudg. 17:10

23 ^a2 Kin. 6:28

24 ^aGen. 31:30;
Judg. 17:5
¹idols

25 ¹Lit. *bitter of soul*

27 ^aJosh. 19:47

28 ^aJudg. 18:7
^bNum. 13:21;
2 Sam. 10:6

29 ^aJosh. 19:47
^bJudg. 20:1;
1 Kin. 12:29,
30; 15:20

30 ^a2 Kin.
15:29 ¹LXX.
Vg. *Moses*

31 ^aDeut.
12:1–32; Josh.
18:1, 8; Judg.
19:18; 21:12

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aJudg. 17:6;
18:1; 21:25
^bJudg. 17:7;
Ruth 1:1

3 ^aGen. 34:3;
50:21 ¹Lit. *to her heart*

away my ¹gods which I made, and the priest, and you have gone away. Now what more do I have? How can you say to me, 'What ails you?' "

25 And the children of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest ¹angry men fall upon you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household!"

26 Then the children of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

Danites Settle in Laish

27 So they took *the things* Micah had made, and the priest who had belonged to him, and went to Laish, to a people quiet and secure; ^aand they struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire.

28 *There was* no deliverer, because it was ^afar from Sidon, and they had no ties with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs ^bto Beth Rehob. So they rebuilt the city and dwelt there.

29 And ^athey called the name of the city ^bDan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel. However, the name of the city formerly was Laish.

30 Then the children of Dan set up for themselves the carved image; and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of ¹Manasseh, and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan ^auntil the day of the captivity of the land.

31 So they set up for themselves Micah's carved image which he made, ^aall the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

The Levite's Concubine

19 And it came to pass in those days, ^awhen *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite staying in the remote mountains of Ephraim. He took for himself a concubine from ^bBethlehem in Judah.

2 But his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there four whole months.

3 Then her husband arose and went after her, to ^aspeak ¹kindly to her *and* bring her back, having his servant and a couple of donkeys with him. So she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the young woman saw him, he was glad to meet him.

4 Now his father-in-law, the young woman's father, detained him; and he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank and lodged there.

5 Then it came to pass on the

fourth day that they arose early in the morning, and he stood to depart; but the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, "Refresh your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way."

6 So they sat down, and the two of them ate and drank together. Then the young woman's father said to the man, "Please be content to stay all night, and let your heart be merry."

7 And when the man stood to depart, his father-in-law urged him; so he lodged there again.

8 Then he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart, but the young woman's father said, "Please refresh your heart." So they delayed until afternoon; and both of them ate.

9 And when the man stood to depart—he and his concubine and his servant—his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said to him, "Look, the day is now drawing toward evening; please spend the night. See, the day is coming to an end; lodge here, that your heart may be merry. Tomorrow go your way early, so that you may get home."

10 However, the man was not willing to spend that night; so he rose and departed, and came to opposite Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). With him were the two saddled donkeys; his concubine was also with him.

11 They were near Jebus, and the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, "Come, please, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites and lodge in it."

12 But his master said to him, "We will not turn aside here into a city of foreigners, who are not of the children of Israel; we will go on to Gibeah."

13 So he said to his servant, "Come, let us draw near to one of these places, and spend the night in Gibeah or in Ramah."

14 And they passed by and went their way; and the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin.

15 They turned aside there to go in to lodge in Gibeah. And when he went in, he sat down in the open square of the city, for no one would take them into his house to spend the night.

16 Just then an old man came in from his work in the field at evening, who also was from the mountains of Ephraim; he was staying in Gibeah, whereas the men of the place were Benjamites.

17 And when he raised his eyes, he saw the traveler in the open square of the city; and the old man said, "Where are you going, and where do you come from?"

18 So he said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah toward

5 ^aGen. 18:5; Judg. 19:8; Ps. 104:15

9 ¹Lit. *to your tent*

10 ^aJosh. 18:28; 1 Chr. 11:4, 5

11 ^aJosh. 15:8, 63; Judg. 1:21; 2 Sam. 5:6

12 ^aJosh. 18:28

13 ^aJosh. 18:25

15 ^aMatt. 25:43

16 ^aPs. 104:23

18 ^aJosh. 18:1; Judg. 18:31; 20:18; 1 Sam. 1:3, 7

20 ^aGen. 43:23; Judg. 6:23; 1 Sam. 25:6 ^bGen. 19:2

21 ^aGen. 24:32; 43:24 ^bGen. 18:4; John 13:5

22 ^aJudg. 16:25; 19:6, 9 ^bGen. 19:4, 5; Judg. 20:5; Hos. 9:9; 10:9 ^cDeut. 13:13; 1 Sam. 2:12; 1 Kin. 21:10; [2 Cor. 6:15] ^dGen. 19:5; [Rom. 1:26, 27] ¹Lit. *sons of Belial*

23 ^aGen. 19:6, 7 ^bGen. 34:7; Deut. 22:21; Judg. 20:6, 10; 2 Sam. 13:12

24 ^aGen. 19:8 ^bGen. 34:2; Deut. 21:14 ¹Lit. *his*

25 ^aGen. 4:1

28 ^aJudg. 20:5

29 ^aJudg. 20:6; 1 Sam. 11:7 ¹Lit. *with her bones*

the remote mountains of Ephraim; I am from there. I went to Bethlehem in Judah; now I am going to the house of the LORD. But there is no one who will take me into his house, 19 "although we have both straw and fodder for our donkeys, and bread and wine for myself, for your female servant, and for the young man who is with your servant; there is no lack of anything."

20 And the old man said, "Peace be with you! However, let all your needs be my responsibility; only do not spend the night in the open square."

21 "So he brought him into his house, and gave fodder to the donkeys. ^bAnd they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

Gibeah's Crime

22 As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly ^bcertain men of the city, ^cperverted men, surrounded the house and beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him carnally!"

23 But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act so wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, ^bdo not commit this outrage.

24 "Look, here is my virgin daughter and ¹the man's concubine; let me bring them out now. ^bHumble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!"

25 But the men would not heed him. So the man took his concubine and brought her out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go.

26 Then the woman came as the day was dawning, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, till it was light.

27 When her master arose in the morning, and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way, there was his concubine, fallen at the door of the house with her hands on the threshold.

28 And he said to her, "Get up and let us be going." But there was no answer. So the man lifted her onto the donkey; and the man got up and went to his place.

29 When he entered his house he took a knife, laid hold of his concubine, and divided her into twelve pieces, ¹limb by limb, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.

30 And so it was that all who saw it said, "No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land

of Egypt until this day. Consider it, "confer, and speak up!"

Israel's War with the Benjamites

20 So "all the children of Israel came out, from ^bDan to ^cBeer-sheba, as well as from the land of Gilead, and the congregation gathered together as one man before the LORD "at Mizpah.

2 And the leaders of all the people, all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand foot soldiers "who drew the sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) Then the children of Israel said, "Tell us, how did this wicked deed happen?"

4 So the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "My concubine and ^aI went into Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin, to spend the night.

5 "And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and surrounded the house at night because of me. They intended to kill me, ^bbut instead they ravished my concubine so that she died.

6 "So ^aI took hold of my concubine, cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of the inheritance of Israel, because they ^bcommitted lewdness and outrage in Israel.

7 "Look! All of you *are* children of Israel; "give your advice and counsel here and now!"

8 So all the people arose as one man, saying, "None of us will go to his tent, nor will any turn back to his house;

9 "but now this *is* the thing which we will do to Gibeah: *We will go up against it by lot.*

10 "We will take ten men out of every hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, a hundred out of every thousand, and a thousand out of every ten thousand, to make provisions for the people, that when they come to Gibeah in Benjamin, they may repay all the villainess that they have done in Israel."

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united together as one man.

12 "Then the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What *is* this wickedness that has occurred among you?"

13 "Now therefore, deliver up the men, ^athe "perverted men who *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and ^bremove the evil from Israel!" But the children of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brethren, the children of Israel.

14 Instead, the children of Ben-

30 ^aJudg. 20:7; Prov. 13:10

CHAPTER 20

1 ^aJosh. 22:12; Judg. 20:11; 21:5 ^bJudg. 18:29; 1 Sam. 3:20; 2 Sam. 3:10; 24:2 ^cJosh. 19:2 ^dJudg. 10:17; 1 Sam. 7:5

2 ^aJudg. 8:10

4 ^aJudg. 19:15

5 ^aJudg. 19:22 ^bJudg. 19:25, 26

6 ^aJudg. 19:29 ^bJosh. 7:15

7 ^aJudg. 19:30

9 ^aJudg. 1:3

12 ^aDeut. 13:14; Josh. 22:13, 16

13 ^aDeut. 13:13; Judg. 19:22 ^bDeut. 17:12; 1 Cor. 5:13 ¹Lit. sons of Belial

15 ^aNum. 1:36, 37; 2:23; 26:41

16 ^aJudg. 3:15; 1 Chr. 12:2

18 ^aJudg. 20:23, 26 ^bNum. 27:21 ^cJudg. 1:1, 2 ¹Or Bethel

21 ^a[Gen. 49:27]

23 ^aJudg. 20:26, 27

25 ^aJudg. 20:21

26 ^aJudg. 20:18, 23; 21:2 ¹Or Bethel

27 ^aJosh. 18:1; 1 Sam. 1:3; 3:3; 4:3, 4

28 ^aNum. 25:7, 13; Josh. 24:33 ^bDeut. 10:8; 18:5

jamin gathered together from their cities to Gibeah, to go to battle against the children of Israel.

15 And from their cities at that time "the children of Benjamin numbered twenty-six thousand men who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who numbered seven hundred select men.

16 Among all this people *were* seven hundred select men *who were* "left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair's *breadth* and not miss.

17 Now besides Benjamin, the men of Israel numbered four hundred thousand men who drew the sword; all of these *were* men of war.

18 Then the children of Israel arose and "went up to "the house of God to "inquire of God. They said, "Which of us shall go up first to battle against the children of Benjamin?" The LORD said, "Judah first!"

19 So the children of Israel rose in the morning and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselves in battle array to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 Then "the children of Benjamin came out of Gibeah, and on that day cut down to the ground twenty-two thousand men of the Israelites.

22 And the people, that is, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and again formed the battle line at the place where they had put themselves in array on the first day.

23 "Then the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, "Shall I again draw near for battle against the children of my brother Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up against him."

24 So the children of Israel approached the children of Benjamin on the second day.

25 And "Benjamin went out against them from Gibeah on the second day, and cut down to the ground eighteen thousand more of the children of Israel; all these drew the sword.

26 Then all the children of Israel, that is, all the people, "went up and came to "the house of God and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 So the children of Israel inquired of the LORD ("the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

28 "and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, "stood before it in those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And the LORD said,

"Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand."

29 Then Israel ^aset men in ambush all around Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in battle array against Gibeah as at the other times.

31 So the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city. They began to strike down *and* kill some of the people, as at the other times, in the highways ^a(one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah) and in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

32 And the children of Benjamin said, "They *are* defeated before us, as at first." But the children of Israel said, "Let us flee and draw them away from the city to the highways."

33 So all the men of Israel rose from their place and put themselves in battle array at Baal Tamar. Then Israel's men in ambush burst forth from their position in the plain of Geba.

34 And ten thousand select men from all Israel came against Gibeah, and the battle was fierce. ^aBut *the Benjamites* did not know that disaster was upon them.

35 The LORD ¹defeated Benjamin before Israel. And the children of Israel destroyed that day twenty-five thousand one hundred Benjamites; all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were defeated. ^aThe men of Israel had given ground to the Benjamites, because they relied on the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah.

37 ^aAnd the men in ambush quickly rushed upon Gibeah; the men in ambush spread out and struck the whole city with the edge of the sword.

38 Now the appointed signal between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was that they would make a great cloud of ^asmoke rise up from the city.

39 whereupon the men of Israel would turn in battle. Now Benjamin had begun ¹to strike *and* kill about thirty of the men of Israel. For they said, "Surely they are defeated before us, as *in* the first battle."

40 But when the cloud began to rise from the city in a column of smoke, the Benjamites ^alooked behind them, and there was the whole city going up *in smoke* to heaven.

41 And when the men of Israel turned back, the men of Benjamin panicked, for they saw that disaster had come upon them.

42 Therefore they ¹turned *their backs* before the men of Israel in the direction of the wilderness; but the

29 ^aJosh. 8:4

31 ^aJudg. 21:19

34 ^aJosh. 8:14; Job 21:13; Is. 47:11 ¹Lit. *they*

35 ¹Lit. *struck*

36 ^aJosh. 8:15

37 ^aJosh. 8:19

38 ^aJosh. 8:20

39 ¹Lit. *to strike the slain ones*

40 ^aJosh. 8:20

42 ¹fled

45 ^aJosh. 15:32; 1 Chr. 6:77; Zech. 14:10 ¹LXX *the rest*

46 ¹valiant warriors

47 ^aJudg. 21:13

CHAPTER 21

1 ^aJudg. 20:1

2 ^aJudg. 20:18; 26 ¹Heb. *Bethel*

4 ^aDeut. 12:5; 2 Sam. 24:25

5 ^aJudg. 20:1-3

8 ^a1 Sam. 11:1; 31:11

battle overtook them, and whoever *came* out of the cities they destroyed in their midst.

43 They surrounded the Benjamites, chased them, *and* easily trampled them down as far as the front of Gibeah toward the east.

44 And eighteen thousand men of Benjamin fell; all these *were* men of valor.

45 Then ¹they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of ^aRimmon; and they cut down five thousand of them on the highways. Then they pursued them relentlessly up to Gidom, and killed two thousand of them.

46 So all who fell of Benjamin that day were twenty-five thousand men who drew the sword; all these *were* ¹men of valor.

47 ^aBut six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and they stayed at the rock of Rimmon for four months.

48 And the men of Israel turned back against the children of Benjamin, and struck them down with the edge of the sword—from *every* city, men and beasts, all who were found. They also set fire to all the cities they came to.

Wives Provided for the Benjamites

21 Now ^athe men of Israel had sworn an oath at Mizpah, saying, "None of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin as a wife."

2 Then the people came ^ato ¹the house of God, and remained there before God till evening. They lifted up their voices and wept bitterly.

3 and said, "O LORD God of Israel, why has this come to pass in Israel, that today there should be one tribe *missing* in Israel?"

4 So it was, on the next morning, that the people rose early and ^abuilt an altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

5 The children of Israel said, "Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up with the assembly to the LORD?" ^aFor they had made a great oath concerning anyone who had not come up to the LORD at Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death."

6 And the children of Israel grieved for Benjamin their brother, and said, "One tribe is cut off from Israel today.

7 "What shall we do for wives for those who remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them our daughters as wives?"

8 And they said, "What one *is there* from the tribes of Israel who did not come up to Mizpah to the LORD?" And, in fact, no one had come to the camp from ^aJabesh Gilead to the assembly.

9 For when the people were

counted, indeed, not one of the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead was there.

10 So the congregation sent out there twelve thousand of their most valiant men, and commanded them, saying, "Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, including the women and children.

11 "And this is the thing that you shall do: 'You shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman who has known a man intimately.'

12 So they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four hundred young virgins who had not known a man intimately; and they brought them to the camp at "Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 Then the whole congregation sent word to the children of Benjamin "who were at the rock of Rimmon, and announced peace to them.

14 So Benjamin came back at that time, and they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh Gilead; and yet they had not found enough for them.

15 And the people "grieved for Benjamin, because the LORD had made a void in the tribes of Israel.

16 Then the elders of the congregation said, "What shall we do for wives for those who remain, since the women of Benjamin have been destroyed?"

17 And they said, "*There must be* an inheritance for the survivors of Benjamin, that a tribe may not be destroyed from Israel.

18 "However, we cannot give them wives from our daughters, "for the

10 ^aNum. 31:17; Judg. 5:23; 1 Sam. 11:7

11 ^aNum. 31:17; Deut. 20:13, 14

12 ^aJosh. 18:1; Judg. 18:31

13 ^aJudg. 20:47

15 ^aJudg. 21:6

18 ^aJudg. 11:35; 21:1

19 ^aLev. 23:2
^bDeut. 12:5;
Josh. 18:1;
Judg. 18:31;
1 Sam. 1:3
^cJudg. 20:31

21 ^aEx. 15:20;
Judg. 11:34;
1 Sam. 18:6

23 ^aJudg. 20:48

25 ^aJudg. 17:6;
18:1; 19:1
^bDeut. 12:8;
Judg. 17:6

children of Israel have sworn an oath, saying, 'Cursed be the one who gives a wife to Benjamin.'

19 Then they said, "In fact, *there is* a yearly 'feast of the LORD in ^bShiloh, which is north of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and south of Lebonah."

20 Therefore they instructed the children of Benjamin, saying, "Go, lie in wait in the vineyards,

21 "and watch; and just when the daughters of Shiloh come out "to perform their dances, then come out from the vineyards, and every man catch a wife for himself from the daughters of Shiloh; then go to the land of Benjamin.

22 "Then it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to us to complain, that we will say to them, 'Be kind to them for our sakes, because we did not take a wife for any of them in the war; for *it is not as though* you have given the *women* to them at this time, making yourselves guilty of your oath.'

23 And the children of Benjamin did so; they took enough wives for their number from those who danced, whom they caught. Then they went and returned to their inheritance, and they "rebuilt the cities and dwelt in them.

24 So the children of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and family; they went out from there, every man to his inheritance.

25 "In those days *there was* no king in Israel; ^beveryone did *what* was right in his own eyes.

The Book of

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RUTH is a cameo story of love, devotion, and redemption set in the black context of the days of the judges. It is the story of a Moabite woman who forsakes her pagan heritage in order to cling to the people of Israel and to the God of Israel. Because of the *faithfulness* in a time of national *faithlessness*, God rewards her by giving her a new husband (Boaz), a son (Obed), and a privileged position in the lineage of David and Christ (she is the great-grandmother of David).

Ruth is the Hebrew title of this book. This name may be a Moabite modification of the Hebrew word *re'ut*, meaning "friendship" or "association." The Septuagint entitles the book *Routh*, the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name. The Latin title of *Ruth*, a transliteration of *Routh*.

Elimelech's Family Goes to Moab

NOW it came to pass, in the days when ^athe judges ¹ruled, that there was ^ba famine in the land. And a certain man of ^cBethlehem, Judah, went to ^ddwelt in the country of ^eMoab, he and his wife and his two sons.

2 The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—^eEphrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went ^{to} the country of Moab and remained there.

3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they ¹dwelt there about ten years.

5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

Naomi Returns with Ruth

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had ^avisited¹ His people by ^bgiving them bread.

7 Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, ^a"Go, return each to her mother's house. ^bThe LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt ^cwith the dead and with me.

9 "The LORD grant that you may find ^drest, each in the house of her husband." So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."

11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, ^cthat they may be your husbands?"

12 "Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons,

13 "would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that ^athe hand of the LORD has gone out against me!"

14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth ^cclung to her.

15 And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to ^aher people

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aJudg. 2:16–18 ^bGen. 12:10; 26:1; 2 Kin. 8:1
^cJudg. 17:8; Mic. 5:2 ^dGen. 19:37 ^eLit. judged ²As a resident alien

2 ^aGen. 35:19; 1 Sam. 1:1; 1 Kin. 11:26
^bJudg. 3:30

4 ¹lived

6 ^aEx. 3:16; 4:31; Jer. 29:10; Zeph. 2:7; Luke 1:68
^bPs. 132:15; Matt. 6:11
¹attended to

8 ^aJosh. 24:15
^{b2} Tim. 1:16–18 ^cRuth 2:20

9 ^aRuth 3:1

11 ^aGen. 38:11; Deut. 25:5

13 ^aJudg. 2:15; Job 19:21; Ps. 32:4; 38:2

14 ^a[Prov. 17:17]

15 ^aJudg. 11:24
^bJosh. 1:15

16 ^{a2} Kin. 2:2; 4, 6 ^bRuth 2:11, 12 ¹Urge me not

17 ^{a1} Sam. 3:17; 2 Sam. 19:13; 2 Kin. 6:31

18 ^aActs 21:14
¹Lit. made herself strong to go

19 ^aMatt. 21:10
^bIs. 23:7; Lam. 2:15

20 ¹Lit. Pleasant ²Lit. Bitter

21 ^aJob 1:21
¹Heb. Shaddai

22 ^aRuth 2:23; 2 Sam. 21:9

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aRuth 3:2, 12
^bRuth 1:2
^cRuth 4:21

2 ^aLev. 19:9; 10; 23:22; Deut. 24:19

4 ^aRuth 1:1
^bPs. 129:7, 8; Luke 1:28; 2 Thess. 3:16

6 ^aRuth 1:22

and to her gods; ^breturn after your sister-in-law."

16 But Ruth said:

^a"Entreat¹ me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you;

For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;

^bYour people *shall be* my people, And your God, my God.

17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried.

^aThe LORD do so to me, and

more also,

If *anything but* death parts you and me."

18 ^aWhen she saw that she ¹was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.

19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that ^aall the city was excited because of them; and the women said, ^b"Is this Naomi?"

20 But she said to them, "Do not call me ^aNaomi; call me ²Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 "I went out full, ^aand the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me, and ¹the Almighty has afflicted me?"

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem ^aat the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth Meets Boaz

2 There was a ^arelative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of ^bElimelech. His name was ^cBoaz.

2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the ^afield, and glean heads of grain after *him* in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field *belonging* to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

4 Now behold, Boaz came from ^aBethlehem, and said to the reapers, ^b"The LORD *be* with you!" And they answered him, "The LORD bless you!"

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman *is* this?"

6 So the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered and said, "It is the young Moabite woman ^awho came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house."

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women."

9 "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."

10 So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

11 And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, that all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before."

12 "The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

13 Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

14 Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back.

15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her."

16 "Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."

17 So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied.

19 And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-

10 ^a1 Sam. 25:23 ^b1 Sam. 1:18

11 ^aRuth 1:14-18

12 ^a1 Sam. 24:19; Ps. 58:11 ^bRuth 1:16; Ps. 17:8; 36:7; 57:1; 61:4; 63:7; 91:4

13 ^aGen. 33:15; 1 Sam. 1:18 ^b1 Sam. 25:41 ¹Lit. to the heart of

14 ^aRuth 2:18

15 ¹Gather after the reapers ²rebuke

17 ^aRuth 1:22

18 ^aRuth 2:14

19 ^aRuth 2:10; [Ps. 41:1]

20 ^aRuth 3:10; 2 Sam. 2:5 ^bProv. 17:17 ^cRuth 3:9; 4:4, 6 ¹our redeemers, Heb. *goalenu*

22 ¹encounter

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a1 Cor. 7:36; 1 Tim. 5:8 ^bRuth 1:9 ¹Lit. rest

2 ^aRuth 2:3, 8

3 ^a2 Sam. 14:2

7 ^aJudg. 19:6, 9, 22; 2 Sam. 13:28; Esth. 1:10

9 ^aEzek. 16:8 ^bRuth 2:20; 3:12 ¹Or Spread the corner of your garment over your maidservant ²redeemer, Heb. *goel*

10 ^aRuth 2:20 ^bRuth 1:8

law with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz."

20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of the LORD, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" And Naomi said to her, "This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives."

21 Ruth the Moabitess said, "He also said to me, 'You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'"

22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field."

23 So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Ruth's Redemption Assured

3 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security¹ for you, that it may be well with you?"

2 "Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor."

3 "Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking."

4 "Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do."

5 And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her.

7 And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.

8 Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.

9 And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take¹ your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative."

10 Then he said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich."

11 "And now, my daughter, do not

fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are ^aa virtuous woman.

12 "Now it is true that I *am* a ^cclose relative; however, ^bthere is a relative closer than I.

13 "Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be *that* if he will ^aperform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, ^bas the LORD lives! Lie down until morning."

14 So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

15 Also he said, "Bring the ^ashawl that is on you and hold it." And when she held it, he measured six ^aephahs of barley, and laid it on her. Then ²she went into the city.

16 When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her.

17 And she said, "These six ^aephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'"

18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

Boaz Redeems Ruth

4 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, ^athe close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, ¹friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of ^athe elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

3 Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land ^awhich belonged to our brother Elimelech.

4 "And I thought to ¹inform you, saying, 'Buy it back ^bin the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if ²you will not redeem it, *then* tell me, that I may know; ^cfor there is no one but you to redeem it, and I *am* next after you.'" And he said, "I will redeem it."

5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, ^ato ^bperpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance."

6 ^aAnd the close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You re-

11 ^aProv. 12:4; 31:10–31

12 ^aRuth 3:9
^bRuth 4:1

13 ^aDeut. 25:5–10
^bJer. 4:2; 12:16

14 ^a[1 Cor. 10:32]

15 ¹cloak
²Many Heb. mss., Syr., Vg. she; MT, LXX, Tg. he

16 ¹Or How are you,

18 ^a[Ps. 37:3, 5]

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aRuth 3:12
¹Lit. *so and so*, Heb. *peloni almoni*

2 ^a1 Kin. 21:8

3 ^aLev. 25:25

4 ^aJer. 32:7, 8
^bGen. 23:18
^cLev. 25:25

¹Lit. *uncover your ear* ²So with many Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg.; MT he

5 ^aMatt. 22:24
¹Lit. *raise up*

6 ^aRuth 3:12, 13

7 ^aDeut. 25:7–10

10 ^aDeut. 25:6
¹Probably his civic office

11 ^aPs. 127:3; 128:3
^bGen. 29:25–30
^cGen. 35:16–18

^aMic. 5:2

12 ^aMatt. 1:3
^bGen. 38:6–29
^c1 Sam. 2:20

13 ^aRuth 3:11
^bGen. 29:31; 33:5

14 ^aLuke 1:58
¹redeemer, Heb. *goel*

15 ^a1 Sam. 1:8
¹sustainer

17 ^aLuke 1:58

18 ^a1 Chr. 2:4, 5
^bNum. 26:20, 21

20 ^aNum. 1:7
^bMatt. 1:4
¹Heb. *Salmah*

22 ^aMatt. 1:6

deem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

7 ^aNow this was *the custom* in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.

8 Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.

9 And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You *are* witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi.

10 "Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, ^athat the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from ^bhis position at the gate. You *are* witnesses this day."

11 And all the people who *were* at the gate, and the elders, said, "We *are* witnesses. ^aThe LORD make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who ^bbuilt the house of Israel; and may you prosper in ^cEphrathah and be famous in ^dBethlehem.

12 "May your house be like the house of ^aPerez, ^bwhom Tamar bore to Judah, because of ^cthe offspring which the LORD will give you from this young woman."

Descendants of Boaz and Ruth

13 So Boaz ^atook Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, ^bthe LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.

14 Then ^athe women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a ^bclose relative; and may his name be famous in Israel!"

15 "And may he be to you a restorer of life and a ^bnourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is ^cbetter to you than seven sons, has borne him."

16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him.

17 ^aAlso the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 ^aNow this is the genealogy of Perez: ^bPerez begot Hezron;

19 Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab;

20 Amminadab begot ^aNahshon, and Nahshon begot ^bSalmon;¹

21 Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed;

22 Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot ^aDavid.

SAMUEL

THE Book of First Samuel describes the transition of leadership in Israel from judges to kings. Three characters are prominent in the book: Samuel, the last judge and first prophet; Saul, the first king of Israel; and David, the king-elect, anointed but not yet recognized as Saul's successor.

The books of First and Second Samuel were originally one book in the Hebrew Bible, known as the "Book of Samuel" or simply "Samuel." This name has been variously translated "The Name of God," "His Name Is God," "Heard of God," and "Asked of God." The Septuagint divides Samuel into two books even though it is one continuous account. This division artificially breaks up the history of David. The Greek (Septuagint) title is *Bibloi Basileion*, "Books of Kingdoms," referring to the later kingdoms of Israel and Judah. First Samuel is called *Basileion Alpha*, "First Kingdoms." Second Samuel and First and Second Kings are called "Second, Third, and Fourth Kingdoms." The Latin Vulgate originally called the books of Samuel and Kings *Libri Regum*, "Books of the Kings." Later the Latin Bible combined the Hebrew and Greek titles for the first of these books, calling it *Liber I Samuelis*, the "First Book of Samuel," or simply "First Samuel."

The Family of Elkanah

NOW there was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of the mountains of Ephraim, and his name was ^bElkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of ^cElihu, the son of ^dTohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

2 And he had two wives: the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 This man went up from his city yearly ^eto worship and sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in ^fShiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

4 And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters.

5 But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the LORD had closed her womb.

6 And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the LORD had closed her womb.

7 So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.

Hannah's Vow

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

9 So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aJosh. 17:17,

18; 24:33

^b1 Chr. 6:27,

33-38 ^cRuth

1:2 ^dEliel,

1 Chr. 6:34

^eToah, 1 Chr.

6:34

2 ^aDeut.

21:15-17

3 ^aLuke 2:41

^bDeut. 12:5-7;

16:16 ^cJosh.

18:1

4 ^aDeut. 12:17,

18

5 ^aGen. 16:1;

30:1, 2

6 ^aJob 24:21

8 ^aRuth 4:15

9 ^a1 Sam. 3:3

^bpalace or

temple, Heb.

^cheykal

10 ^aJob 7:11

^bLit, wept

^cgreatly

11 ^aNum.

30:6-11 ^bPs.

25:18 ^cGen.

8:1 ^dNum. 6:5

15 ^aPs. 42:4;

62:8

16 ^aDeut.

13:13 ^bLit,

^cdaughter of

^dBelial

17 ^aMark 5:34

^bPs. 20:3-5

18 ^aRuth 2:13

^bRom. 15:13

on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the LORD.

10 "And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish.

11 Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

12 And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth.

13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk.

14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!"

15 But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 "Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now."

17 Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him."

18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

Samuel Is Born and Dedicated

19 Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned and came to their

house at Ramah. And Elkanah ^aknew Hannah his wife, and the LORD ^bremembered her.

20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name ¹Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the LORD."

21 Now the man Elkanah and all his house ^awent up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and his vow.

22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned; then I will ^atake him, that he may appear before the LORD and ^bremain there ^cforever."

23 So ^aElkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him. Only let the LORD ¹establish ²His word." Then the woman stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

24 Now when she had weaned him, she ^atook him up with her, with ¹three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to ^bthe house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young.

25 Then they slaughtered a bull, and ^abrought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, "O my lord! ^aAs your soul lives, my lord, I ^{am} the woman who stood by you here, praying to the LORD.

27 ^a"For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him.

28 ^a"Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be ¹lent to the LORD." So they ^aworshiped the LORD there.

Hannah's Prayer

2 And Hannah ^aprayed and said:

^b"My heart rejoices in the LORD;
^cMy ¹horn is exalted in the LORD.

²I smile at my enemies,
Because I ^drejoice in Your salvation.

2 "No^a one is holy like the LORD,
For there is ^bnone besides You,
Nor is there any ^crock like our God.

3 "Talk no more so very proudly;
^aLet no arrogance come from your mouth,
For the LORD is the God of ^bknowledge;
And by Him actions are weighed.

4 "The^a bows of the mighty men are broken,
And those who stumbled are girded with strength.

5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,

¹⁹ ^aGen. 4:1
^bGen. 21:1;
30:22

²⁰ ¹Lit. *Heard by God*

²¹ ^a1 Sam. 1:3

²² ^aLuke 2:22
^b1 Sam. 1:11,
28 ^cEx. 21:6

²³ ^aNum. 30:7,
10, 11 ¹*confirm* ²So with MT, Tg., Vg.; DSS, LXX, Syr. *your*

²⁴ ^aNum. 15:9,
10 ^bJosh. 18:1
¹DSS, LXX, Syr. *a three-year-old bull*

²⁵ ^aLuke 2:22

²⁶ ^a2 Kin. 2:2,
4, 6; 4:30

²⁷ ^a[Matt. 7:7]

²⁸ ^aGen. 24:26,
52 ¹*granted*

CHAPTER 2

¹ ^aPhil. 4:6

^bLuke 1:46-55

^cPs. 75:10;

89:17, 24;

92:10; 112:9

^dPs. 9:14; 13:5;

35:9 ¹Strength

²Lit. *My mouth is enlarged*

² ^aEx. 15:11

^bDeut. 4:35

^cDeut. 32:4,

30, 31

³ ^aPs. 94:4

^b1 Sam. 16:7

⁴ ^aPs. 37:15;

46:9

⁵ ^aPs. 113:9

^bIs. 54:1

⁶ ^aDeut. 32:39

⁷ ^aDeut. 8:17,

18 ^bPs. 75:7

⁸ ^aLuke 1:52

^bJob 36:7 ^cJob

38:4-6

⁹ ^a[1 Pet. 1:5]

^b[Rom. 3:19]

¹⁰ ^aPs. 2:9 ^bPs.

18:13, 14 ^cPs.

96:13; 98:9

^d[Matt. 28:18]

^ePs. 21:1, 7

^fPs. 89:24

¹Strength

¹¹ ¹*served*

¹² ^aDeut.

13:13 ^bJudg.

2:10 ¹Lit. *sons of Belial*

¹⁴ ^a1 Sam. 1:3

¹⁵ ^aLev. 3:3-5,

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And the hungry have ceased to ^{hunger}.

Even ^athe barren has borne

seven,

And ^bshe who has many children has become feeble.

6 "The^a LORD kills and makes alive;

He brings down to the grave and brings up.

7 The LORD ^amakes poor and makes rich;

^bHe brings low and lifts up.

8 ^aHe raises the poor from the dust

And lifts the beggar from the ash heap,

^bTo set ^{them} among princes

And make them inherit the throne of glory.

^c"For the pillars of the earth ^{are} the LORD's,

And He has set the world upon them.

9 ^aHe will guard the feet of His saints,

But the ^bwicked shall be silent in darkness.

^c"For by strength no man shall prevail.

10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be ^abroken in pieces;

^bFrom heaven He will thunder against them.

^cThe LORD will judge the ends of the earth.

^d"He will give ^estrength to His king,

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first; *then* you may take *as much* as your heart desires," he would then answer him, "No, but you must give it now; and if not, I will take it by force."

17 Therefore the sin of the young men was very great ^abefore the LORD, for men ^babhorred¹ the offering of the LORD.

Samuel's Childhood Ministry

18 ^aBut Samuel ministered before the LORD, *even* as a child, ^bwearing a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she ^acame up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 And Eli ^awould bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "The LORD give you descendants from this woman for the ¹loan that was ^bgiven to the LORD." Then they would go to their own home.

21 And the LORD ^avisited¹ Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile the child Samuel ^bgrew before the LORD.

Prophecy Against Eli's Household

22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, ¹and how they lay with ^athe women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

23 So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people.

24 "No, my sons! For *it is* not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD's people transgress.

25 "If one man sins against another, ^aGod¹ will judge him. But if a man ^bsins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?" Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, ^cbecause the LORD desired to kill them.

26 And the child Samuel ^agrew in stature, and ^bin favor both with the LORD and men.

27 Then a ^aman of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: ^b'Did I not clearly reveal Myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28 'Did I not ^achoose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod before Me? And ^bdid I not give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire?

29 'Why do you ^a'kick at My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded *in My* ^bdwelling place, and honor your sons more than ^cMe, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?'

17 ^aGen. 6:11
^b[Mal. 2:7-9]
¹*despised*

18 ^a1 Sam. 2:11; 3:1 ^bEx. 28:4

19 ^a1 Sam. 1:3, 21

20 ^aGen. 14:19
^b1 Sam. 1:11, 27, 28 ¹*gift*

21 ^aGen. 21:1
^b1 Sam. 2:26; 3:19-21
¹*attended to*

22 ^aEx. 38:8
¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; DSS, LXX omit rest of verse

25 ^aDeut. 1:17; 25:1, 2 ^bNum. 15:30 ^cJosh. 11:20 ¹Tg. the Judge

26 ^a1 Sam. 2:21 ^bProv. 3:4

27 ^a1 Kin. 13:1 ^bEx. 4:14-16; 12:1

28 ^aEx. 28:1, 4
^bNum. 5:9

29 ^aDeut. 32:15 ^bDeut. 12:5 ^cMatt. 10:37

30 ^aEx. 29:9
^bJer. 18:9, 10
^cMal. 2:9-12

31 ^a1 Kin. 2:27, 35
¹*strength*

32 ^aZech. 8:4

34 ^a1 Kin. 13:3
^b1 Sam. 4:11, 17

35 ^a1 Kin. 2:35
^b1 Kin. 11:38
^cPs. 18:50

36 ^a1 Kin. 2:27
¹*assign*

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a1 Sam. 2:11, 18 ^bPs. 74:9

2 ^a1 Sam. 4:15

3 ^aEx. 27:20, 21 ¹*palace or temple*

7 ^a1 Sam. 2:12

30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: *'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.'* But now the LORD says: *'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.'*

31 'Behold, ^athe days are coming that I will cut off your ¹arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house.

32 'And you will see an enemy in My dwelling place, *despite* all the good which God does for Israel. And there shall not be ^aan old man in your house forever.

33 'But any of your men *whom* I do not cut off from My altar shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart. And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age.

34 'Now this *shall be* ^aa sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: ^bin one day they shall die, both of them.

35 'Then ^aI will raise up for Myself a faithful priest *who* shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. ^bI will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before ^cMy anointed forever.

36 ^a'And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left in your house will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and say, "Please, ¹put me in one of the priestly positions, that I may eat a piece of bread." '

Samuel's First Prophecy

3 Now ^athe boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And ^bthe word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there* was no widespread revelation.

2 And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow ^aso dim that he could not see,

3 and before ^athe lamp of God went out in the ¹tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down,

4 that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!"

5 So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.

6 Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

7 (Now Samuel ^adid not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and

went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy.

9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

11 Then the LORD said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel ^aat which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

12 "In that day I will perform against Eli ^aall that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

13 "For I have told him that I will ^bjudge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because ^chis sons made themselves vile, and he ^ddid not ^erestrain them.

14 "And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house ^ashall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 So Samuel lay down until ¹morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son!" He answered, "Here I am."

17 And he said, "What is the word that the LORD spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. ^aGod do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you."

18 Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, "^aIt is the LORD. Let Him do what seems good to Him."

19 So Samuel ^agrew, and ^bthe LORD was with him ^cand let none of his words ^dfall to the ground.

20 And all Israel ^afrom Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel ^{had been}established as a prophet of the LORD.

21 Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by ^athe word of the LORD.

4 And the word of Samuel came to all ¹Israel.

The Ark of God Captured

Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines, and encamped beside ^aEbenezer; and the Philistines encamped in Aphek.

2 Then the ^aPhilistines put themselves in battle array against Israel. And when they joined battle, Israel was ¹defeated by the Philistines, who

9 ^{a1} Kin. 2:17

11 ^{a2} Kin. 21:12

12 ^{a1} Sam. 2:27-36

13 ^{a1} Sam. 2:29-31

^{b1} Sam. 2:22

^{c1} Sam. 2:12, 17, 22 ^{a1} Sam. 2:23, 25 ¹Lit. rebuke

14 ^aNum. 15:30, 31

15 ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX adds *and he arose in the morning*

17 ^aRuth 1:17

18 ^aIs. 39:8

19 ^{a1} Sam. 2:21 ^bGen. 21:22, 28; 15:39; 2, 21, 23

^{c1} Sam. 9:6 ¹fail

20 ^aJudg. 20:1 ¹confirmed

21 ^{a1} Sam. 3:1, 4

CHAPTER 4

1 ^{a1} Sam. 7:12

¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Vg. add *And it came to pass in those days*

that the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight; LXX adds further *against Israel*

2 ^{a1} Sam. 12:9 ¹Lit. struck

3 ^aJosh. 6:6-21

4 ^{a1} Sam. 6:2 ^bNum. 7:89 ^{c1} Sam. 2:12

7 ^aEx. 15:14

9 ^{a1} Cor. 16:13 ^bJudg. 13:1 ¹Lit. *Be men*

10 ^aDeut. 28:15, 25 ¹Lit. struck down

11 ^aPs. 78:60, 61 ^{b1} Sam. 2:34

12 ^{a2} Sam. 1:2 ^bJosh. 7:6

13 ^{a1} Sam. 1:9; 4:18 ¹So with MT, Vg.; LXX *beside the gate watching the road*

trembled with anxiety

15 ^{a1} Sam. 3:2 ¹fixed

killed about four thousand men of the army in the field.

3 And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? ^aLet us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us it may save us from the hand of our enemies."

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, ^awho dwells *between* ^bthe cherubim. And the ^ctwo sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted so loudly that the earth shook.

6 Now when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What *does* the sound of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews *mean*?" Then they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp.

7 So the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "God has come into the camp!" And they said, "Woe to us! For such a thing has never happened before.

8 "Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 "^aBe strong and conduct yourselves like men, you Philistines, that you do not become servants of the Hebrews, ^bas they have been to you. ¹Conduct yourselves like men, and fight!"

10 So the Philistines fought, and ^aIsrael was ¹defeated, and every man fled to his tent. There was a very great slaughter, and there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.

11 Also ^athe ark of God was captured; and ^bthe two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

Death of Eli

12 Then a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line the same day, and ^acame to Shiloh with his clothes torn and ^bdirt on his head.

13 Now when he came, there was Eli, sitting on ^aa seat ¹by the wayside watching, for his heart ²trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told it, all the city cried out.

14 When Eli heard the noise of the outcry, he said, "What *does* the sound of this tumult *mean*?" And the man came quickly and told Eli.

15 Eli was ninety-eight years old, and ^ahis eyes were so ¹dim that he could not see.

16 Then the man said to Eli, "I *am* he who came from the battle. And I

fled today from the battle line." And he said, "What happened, my son?" 17 So the messenger answered and said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people. Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the ark of God has been captured." 18 Then it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

Ichabod

19 Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, *due* to be delivered; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, for her labor pains came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death "the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not fear, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer, nor did she regard it. 21 Then she named the child "Ichabod,"¹ saying, *b*"The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22 And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

The Philistines and the Ark

5 Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it "from Ebenezer to Ashdod. 2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of "Dagon¹ and set it by Dagon. 3 And when the people of Ashdod arose early in the morning, there was Dagon, "fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and *b*set it in its place again. 4 And when they arose early the next morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. "The head of Dagon and both the palms of its hands were broken off on the threshold; only ¹Dagon's torso was left of it. 5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon nor any who come into Dagon's house "tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day. 6 But the "hand of the LORD was heavy on the people of Ashdod, and He *b*ravaged them and struck them with "tumors,¹ both Ashdod and its "territory. 7 And when the men of Ashdod saw how it was, they said, "The ark

16 ^{a2} Sam. 1:4

20 ^aGen. 35:16-19 ¹pay any attention to

21 ^{a1} Sam. 14:3 ^bPs. 26:8; 78:61 ¹Lit. *Inglorious*

CHAPTER 5

1 ^{a1} Sam. 4:1; 7:12

2 ^{a1} Chr. 10:8-10 ¹A Philistine idol

3 ^aIs. 19:1; 46:1, 2 ^bIs. 46:7

4 ^aMic. 1:7 ¹So with LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg.; MT *Dagon*

5 ^aZeph. 1:9

6 ^aEx. 9:3 ^{b1} Sam. 6:5; ^cDeut. 28:27; Ps. 78:66 ^dJosh. 15:46, 47 ¹Probably bubonic plague. LXX, Vg. add *And in the midst of their land rats sprang up, and there was a great death panic in the city.*

7 ^{a1} Sam. 6:5

8 ^{a1} Sam. 6:4 ^bJosh. 11:22

9 ^aDeut. 2:15 ¹Vg. and they had tumors in their secret parts

12 ^aJer. 14:2

CHAPTER 6

2 ^aGen. 41:8

3 ^aDeut. 16:16 ^bLev. 5:15, 16

4 ^{a1} Sam. 5:6, 9, 12; 6:17 ¹Lit. *them*

5 ^{a1} Sam. 5:6 ^bJosh. 7:19 ^{c1} Sam. 5:6, 11 ^{d1} Sam. 5:3, 4, 7 ¹ease

6 ^aEx. 7:13; 8:15; 9:34; 14:17

of the "God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is harsh toward us and Dagon our god."

8 Therefore they sent and gathered to themselves all the "lords of the Philistines, and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?" And they answered, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried away to *b*Gath." So they carried the ark of the God of Israel away.

9 So it was, after they had carried it away, that "the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction; and He struck the men of the city, both small and great, ¹and tumors broke out on them.

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. So it was, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our people!"

11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go back to its own place, so that it does not kill us and our people." For there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men who did not die were stricken with the tumors, and the "cry of the city went up to heaven.

The Ark Returned to Israel

6 Now the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

2 And the Philistines "called for the priests and the diviners, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us how we should send it to its place."

3 So they said, "If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it "empty; but by all means return it to Him *with* ^atrespass offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why His hand is not removed from you."

4 Then they said, "What is the trespass offering which we shall return to Him?" They answered, *a*"Five golden tumors and five golden rats, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines. For the same plague was on all of ¹you and on your lords.

5 "Therefore you shall make images of your tumors and images of your rats that "ravage the land, and you shall *b*give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps He will "lighten¹ His hand from you, from ^ayour gods, and from your land.

6 "Why then do you harden your hearts ^aas the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He did mighty things among

them, ^bdid they not let the people go, that they might depart?

7 "Now therefore, make ^aa new cart, take two milk cows ^bwhich have never been yoked, and hitch the cows to the cart; and take their calves home, away from them.

8 "Then take the ark of the LORD and set it on the cart; and put ^athe articles of gold which you are returning to Him as a trespass offering in a chest by its side. Then send it away, and let it go.

9 "And watch: if it goes up the road to its own territory, to ^aBeth Shemesh, *then* He has done ¹us this great evil. But if not, then ^bwe shall know that *it is* not His hand *that* struck us—it happened to us by chance."

10 Then the men did so; they took two milk cows and hitched them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home.

11 And they set the ark of the LORD on the cart, and the chest with the gold rats and the images of their tumors.

12 Then the cows headed straight for the road to Beth Shemesh, and went along the ^ahighway, lowing as they went, and did not turn aside to the right hand or the left. And the lords of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth Shemesh. 13 Now *the people* of Beth Shemesh were reaping their ^awheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

14 Then the cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and stood there; a large stone was there. So they split the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD.

15 The Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the chest that was with it, in which *were* the articles of gold, and put *them* on the large stone. Then the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and made sacrifices the same day to the LORD.

16 So when ^athe five lords of the Philistines had seen *it*, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 ^aThese *are* the golden tumors which the Philistines returned as a trespass offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for ^bGath, one for Ekron;

18 and the golden rats, *according* to the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* fortified cities and country villages, even as far as the large stone of Abel on which they set the ark of the LORD, *which stone remains* to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh.

19 Then ^aHe struck the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked

6 ^bEx. 12:31

7 ^{a2} Sam. 6:3
^bNum. 19:2

8 ^{a1} Sam. 6:4, 5

9 ^aJosh. 15:10;
21:16 ^{b1} Sam.
6:3 ¹this
calamity to
us

12 ^aNum.
20:19

13 ^{a1} Sam.
12:17

16 ^aJosh. 13:3

17 ^{a1} Sam. 6:4
^{b1} Sam. 5:8

19 ^aEx. 19:21
^{b2} Sam. 6:7
¹Or *He struck seventy men of the people and fifty oxen of a man*

20 ^aMal. 3:2

21 ^{a1} Chr.
13:5, 6

CHAPTER 7

1 ^{a1} Sam. 6:21
^{b2} Sam. 6:3, 4
^cLev. 21:8

3 ^aDeut.
30:2-10 ^bGen.
35:2 ^cJudg.
2:13 ^dJob
11:13 ^eLuke
4:8 ¹Images of
Canaanite
goddesses

4 ^aJudg. 2:11;
10:16 ¹Images
of Canaanite
goddesses

5 ^aJudg. 10:17;
20:1 ^{b1} Sam.
12:17-19

6 ^{a2} Sam.
14:14 ^bNeh.
9:1, 2 ^{c1} Sam.
12:10

8 ^aIs. 37:4

9 ^aLev. 22:27
^{b1} Sam. 12:18

10 ^{a2} Sam.
22:14, 15

into the ark of the LORD. ¹He ^bstruck fifty thousand and seventy men of the people, and the people lamented because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.

The Ark at Kirjath Jearim

20 And the men of Beth Shemesh said, ^a"Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? And to whom shall it go up from us?"

21 So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of ^aKirjath Jearim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come down *and* take it up with you."

7 Then the men of ^aKirjath Jearim came and took the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of ^bAbinadab on the hill, and ^cconsecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

Samuel Judges Israel

2 So it was that the ark remained in Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you ^areturn to the LORD with all your hearts, *then* ^bput away the foreign gods and the ^cAshtoreths¹ from among you, and ^dprepare your hearts for the LORD, and ^eserve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."

4 So the children of Israel put away the ^aBaals and the ¹Ash-toreths, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, ^a"Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and ^bI will pray to the LORD for you."

6 So they gathered together at Mizpah, ^adrew water, and poured it out before the LORD. And they ^bfasted that day, and said there, ^c"We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah.

7 Now when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 So the children of Israel said to Samuel, ^a"Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines."

9 And Samuel took a ^asuckling lamb and offered it *as* a whole burnt offering to the LORD. Then ^bSamuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him.

10 Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. ^aBut the LORD thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that

day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and ¹drove them back as far as below Beth Car.

12 Then Samuel ^atook a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name ¹Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

13 ^aSo the Philistines were subdued, and they ^bdid not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 Then the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel recovered its territory from the hands of the Philistines. Also there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel ^ajudged Israel all the days of his life.

16 He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places. 17 But ^ahe always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. There he judged Israel, and there he ^bbuilt an altar to the LORD.

Israel Demands a King

8 Now it came to pass when Samuel was ^aold that he ^bmade his ^csons judges over Israel.

2 The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abiah; *they were judges in Beersheba.*

3 But his sons ^adid not walk in his ways; they turned aside ^aafter dishonest gain, ^atook bribes, and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,

5 and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now ^amake us a king to judge us like all the nations."

6 But the thing ^adispleased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel ^bprayed to the LORD.

7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for ^athey have not rejected you, but ^bthey have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

8 "According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.

9 "Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and ^ashow them the behavior of the king who will reign over them."

10 So Samuel told all the words of

11 ¹struck them down

12 ^aGen. 28:18; 35:14; Josh. 4:9; 24:26 ¹Lit. Stone of Help

13 ^aJudg. 13:1 ^b1 Sam. 13:5

15 ^a1 Sam. 12:11

17 ^a1 Sam. 8:4 ^bJudg. 21:4

CHAPTER 8

1 ^a1 Sam. 12:2 ^bDeut. 16:18, 19; 2 Chr. 19:5 ^cJudg. 10:4

3 ^aJer. 22:15–17 ^bEx. 18:21 ^cEx. 23:6–8; Deut. 16:19; 1 Sam. 12:3

5 ^aDeut. 17:14, 15; Hos. 13:10, 11; Acts 13:21

6 ^a1 Sam. 12:17 ^b1 Sam. 7:9

7 ^aEx. 16:8 ^b1 Sam. 10:19

9 ^a1 Sam. 8:11–18

11 ^aDeut. 17:14–20 ^b1 Sam. 14:52 ^c2 Sam. 15:1

12 ^a1 Sam. 22:7

14 ^a1 Kin. 21:7; [Ezek. 46:18]

16 ¹LXX cattle

18 ^aProv. 1:25–28; Is. 1:15; Mic. 3:4

19 ^aIs. 66:4; Jer. 44:16

20 ^a1 Sam. 8:5

22 ^a1 Sam. 8:7; Hos. 13:11

CHAPTER 9

1 ^a1 Sam. 14:51; 1 Chr. 8:33; 9:36–39 ¹wealth

2 ^a1 Sam. 10:23

4 ^a2 Kin. 4:42

the LORD to the people who asked him for a king.

11 And he said, ^a"This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your ^bsons and appoint *them* for his own ^cchariots and to be his horsemen, and *some* will run before his chariots.

12 "He will ^aappoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, *will set some* to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and *some* to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

13 "He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

14 "And ^ahe will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give *them* to his servants.

15 "He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants.

16 "And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest ¹young men, and your donkeys, and put *them* to his work.

17 "He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants.

18 "And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD ^a"will not hear you in that day."

19 Nevertheless the people ^arefused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us,

20 "that we also may be ^alike all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the LORD.

22 So the LORD said to Samuel, ^a"Heed their voice, and make them a king." And Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Every man go to his city."

Saul Chosen to Be King

9 There was a man of Benjamin whose name was ^aKish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of ¹power.

2 And he had a choice and handsome son whose name was Saul. *There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel.* ^a"From his shoulders upward *he* was taller than any of the people.

3 Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul, "Please take one of the servants with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys."

4 So he passed through the mountains of Ephraim and through the land of ^aShalisha, but they did not find *them*. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and *they* were not *there*. Then he passed through

the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find *them*.

5 When they had come to the land of *ʿZuph*, Saul said to his servant who was with him, “Come, let *ʿbus* return, lest my father cease *caring* about the donkeys and become worried about us.”

6 And he said to him, “Look now, *there is* in this city *ʿa* man of God, and *he is* an honorable man; *ʿall* that he says surely comes to pass. So let us go there; perhaps he can show us the way that we should go.”

7 Then Saul said to his servant, “But look, *if* we go, *ʿwhat* shall we bring the man? For the bread in our vessels is all gone, and *there is* no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?”

8 And the servant answered Saul again and said, “Look, I have here at hand one-fourth of a shekel of silver. I will give *that* to the man of God, to tell us our way.”

9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man *ʿwent* to inquire of God, he spoke thus: “Come, let us go to the seer”; for *he who is* now called a prophet was formerly called *ʿa* seer.)

10 Then Saul said to his servant, “Well said; come, let us go.” So they went to the city where the man of God was.

11 As they went up the hill to the city, *ʿthey met* some young women going out to draw water, and said to them, “Is the seer here?”

12 And they answered them and said, “Yes, there he is, just ahead of you. Hurry now; for today he came to this city, because *ʿthere is* a sacrifice of the people today *ʿon* the high place.”

13 “As soon as you come into the city, you will surely find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now therefore, go up, for about this time you will find him.”

14 So they went up to the city. As they were coming into the city, there was Samuel, coming out toward them on his way up to the high place.

15 “Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear the day before Saul came, saying,

16 “Tomorrow about this time *ʿI* will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, *ʿand* you shall anoint him *ʿcommander* over My people Israel, that he may save My people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have *ʿlooked* upon My people, because their cry has come to Me.”

17 So when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, “*ʿThere he is*, the man of whom I spoke to you. This one shall reign over My people.”

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel

5 ^{a1} Sam. 1:1
^{b1} Sam. 10:2

6 ^aDeut. 33:1
^{b1} Sam. 3:19

7 ^aJudg. 6:18; 13:17

9 ^aGen. 25:22
^{b2} Kin. 17:13
¹Lit. *to seek God*

10 ¹Lit. *Your word is good*

11 ^aEx. 2:16

12 ^aGen. 31:54
^{b1} Kin. 3:2

15 ^{a1} Sam. 15:1

16 ^aDeut. 17:15 ^{b1} Sam. 10:1
^cEx. 2:23–25; 3:7, 9
¹prince or ruler

17 ^{a1} Sam. 16:12

20 ^{a1} Sam. 9:3
^{b1} Sam. 8:5;
19: 12:13 ¹for whom

21 ^{a1} Sam. 15:17 ^bJudg. 20:46–48
^cJudg. 6:15
¹Lit. *tribes*

24 ^aLev. 7:32, 33

25 ^aDeut. 22:8
¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX omits *He spoke with Saul on the top of the house*; LXX, Vg. afterward add *And he prepared a bed for Saul on the top of the house, and he slept.*

27 ¹now

CHAPTER 10

1 ^{a2} Kin. 9:3, 6
^bPs. 2:12 ^cActs 13:21 ^dDeut. 32:9

¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX *people Israel; and you shall rule the people of the Lord*; LXX, Vg. add *And you shall deliver His people from the hands of their enemies all around them. And this shall be a sign to you, that God has anointed you to be a prince.*

2 ^aGen. 35:16–20; 48:7
^bJosh. 18:28
^{c1} Sam. 9:3–5

in the gate, and said, “Please tell me, where is the seer’s house?”

19 Samuel answered Saul and said, “*I am* the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart.”

20 “But as for *ʿyour* donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not be anxious about them, for they have been found. And *ʿon* whom *ʿbis* all the desire of Israel? *Is it* not on you and on all your father’s house?”

21 And Saul answered and said, “*ʿAm* I not a Benjamite, of the *ʿsmallest* of the tribes of Israel, and *ʿmy* family the least of all the families of the *ʿtribe* of Benjamin? Why then do you speak like this to me?”

22 Now Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and had them sit in the place of honor among those who were invited; there were about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel said to the cook, “Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, ‘Set it apart.’”

24 So the cook took up *ʿthe* thigh with its upper part and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, “Here it is, what was kept back. *It was* set apart for you. Eat; for until this time it has been kept for you, since I said I invited the people.” So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25 When they had come down from the high place into the city, *ʿSamuel* spoke with Saul on *ʿthe* top of the house.

26 They arose early; and it was about the dawning of the day that Samuel called to Saul on the top of the house, saying, “Get up, that I may send you on your way.” And Saul arose, and both of them went outside, he and Samuel.

Saul Anointed King

27 As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, “Tell the servant to go on ahead of us.” And he went on. “But you stand here *ʿawhile*, that I may announce to you the word of God.”

10 Then *ʿSamuel* took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, *ʿand* kissed him and said: “*Is it* not because *ʿthe* LORD has anointed you commander over *ʿHis* inheritance?”

2 “When you have departed from me today, you will find two men by *ʿRachel’s* tomb in the territory of Benjamin *ʿat* Zelzah; and they will say to you, ‘The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. And now your father has ceased caring about the donkeys and is worrying about *ʿyou*, saying, “What shall I do about my son?”’”

3 “Then you shall go on forward from there and come to the terebint

tree of Tabor. There three men going up ^ato God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine.

4 "And they will ¹greet you and give you two ²loaves of bread, which you shall receive from their hands.

5 "After that you shall come to the hill of God ^awhere the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down ^bfrom the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; ^cand they will be prophesying.

6 "Then ^dthe Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and ^eyou will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

7 "And let it be, when these ^asigns come to you, ^bthat you do as the occasion demands; for ^cGod is with you.

8 "You shall go down before me ^ato Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. ^bSeven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do."

9 So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God ^agave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 "When they came there to the hill, there was ^aa group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What is this ^athat has come upon the son of Kish? ^bIs Saul also among the prophets?"

12 Then a man from there answered and said, "But ^awho is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

13 And when he had finished prophesying, he went to the high place.

14 Then Saul's ^auncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" So he said, "To look for the donkeys. When we saw that ^athey were nowhere to be found, we went to Samuel."

15 And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, please, what Samuel said to you."

16 So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys had been ^afound." But about the matter of the kingdom, he did not tell him what Samuel had said.

Saul Proclaimed King

17 Then Samuel called the people together ^ato the LORD ^bat Mizpah, and said to the children of Israel, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel:

3 ^aGen. 28:22; 35:1, 3, 7

4 ^aask you about your welfare

5 ^a1 Sam. 13:2,

3 ^b1 Sam.

19:12, 20

^c2 Kin. 3:15

6 ^aNum. 11:25,

29 ^b1 Sam.

10:10; 19:23,

24

7 ^aEx. 4:8

^bJudg. 6:12

8 ^a1 Sam.

11:14, 15; 13:8

^b1 Sam.

13:8-10

9 ^achanged his heart

10 ^a1 Sam.

10:5 ^b1 Sam.

19:20

11 ^aMatt.

13:54-57

12 ^aJohn 5:30,

36

14 ^a1 Sam.

14:50

16 ^a1 Sam.

9:20

17 ^aJudg. 20:1

^b1 Sam. 7:5, 6

18 ^aJudg. 6:8, 9

19 ^a1 Sam. 8:7,

19; 12:12

^bthousands

20 ^aActs 1:24,

26

22 ^a1 Sam.

23:2, 4, 10, 11

23 ^a1 Sam. 9:2

24 ^a2 Sam.

21:6 ^b1 Kin.

1:25, 39 ^cLit.

^dMay the king live

25 ^a1 Sam.

8:11-18

26 ^aJudg. 20:14

27 ^a1 Sam.

11:12 ^bDeut.

13:13 ^c1 Kin.

4:21; 10:25

^dkept silent

CHAPTER 11

1 ^a1 Sam.

12:12 ^bJudg.

21:8 ^cGen.

26:28

^dbesieged

2 ^aGen. 34:14

3 ^adeliver

4 ^a1 Sam.

10:26; 15:34

^bJudg. 2:4;

20:23, 26; 21:2

'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians ^aand from the hand of all kingdoms and from those who oppressed you.'

19 "But you have today rejected your God, who Himself saved you from all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to Him, 'No, set a king over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your ^aclans."

20 And when Samuel had ^acaused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was chosen. And Saul the son of Kish was chosen. But when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they ^ainquired of the LORD further, "Has the man come here yet?" And the LORD answered, "There he is, hidden among the equipment."

23 So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, ^ahe was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him ^awhom the LORD has chosen, that ^athere is no one like him among all the people?" So all the people shouted and said, ^b"Long! live the king!"

25 Then Samuel explained to the people ^athe behavior of royalty, and wrote ^ait in a book and laid ^ait up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

26 And Saul also went home ^ato Gibeah; and valiant ^amen went with him, whose hearts God had touched.

27 "But some ^arebels said, "How can this man save us?" So they despised him, ^aand brought him no presents. But he ^aheld his peace.

Saul Saves Jabesh Gilead

11 Then ^aNahash the Ammonite came up and ^aencamped against ^aJabesh Gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you."

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, "On this ^acondition I will make a ^acovenant with you, that I may put out all your right eyes, and bring ^areproach on all Israel."

3 Then the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Hold off for seven days, that we may send messengers to all the territory of Israel. And then, if ^athere is no one to ^asave us, we will come out to you."

4 So the messengers came ^ato Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the hearing of the people. And ^aall

the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 Now there was Saul, coming behind the herd from the field; and Saul said, "What troubles the people, that they weep?" And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh.

6 "Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger was greatly aroused.

7 So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, ^b"Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to his oxen." And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

8 When he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said to the messengers who came, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh Gilead: 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have help.' " Then the messengers came and reported it to the men of Jabesh, and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do with us whatever seems good to you."

11 So it was, on the next day, that "Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and killed Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it happened that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

12 Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is he who said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' ^bBring the men, that we may put them to death."

13 But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today ^bthe LORD has accomplished salvation in Israel."

14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there."

15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. ^bThere they made sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

Samuel's Address at Saul's Coronation

12 Now Samuel said to all Israel: "Indeed I have heeded your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you.

2 "And now here is the king, walking before you; ^band I am old and grayheaded, and look, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my childhood to this day.

6 ^aJudg. 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6

7 ^aJudg. 19:29 ^bJudg. 21:5, 8, 10 ¹Lit. as one man

8 ^aJudg. 1:5 ^{b2} Sam. 24:9

11 ^{a1} Sam. 31:11 ^bJudg. 7:16, 20

12 ^{a1} Sam. 10:27 ^bLuke 19:27

13 ^{a2} Sam. 19:22 ^bEx. 14:13, 30

14 ^{a1} Sam. 7:16; 10:8

15 ^{a1} Sam. 10:17 ^{b1} Sam. 10:8

CHAPTER 12

1 ^{a1} Sam. 8:5, 7, 9, 20, 22

^{b1} Sam. 10:24; 11:14, 15 ¹Is-
tened to

2 ^aNum. 27:17 ^{b1} Sam. 8:1, 5

3 ^{a1} Sam. 10:1; 24:6

^bNum. 16:15 ^cEx. 23:8

^dDeut. 16:19 ⁴ Lev. 19:13

5 ^aActs 23:9; 24:20 ^bEx. 22:4

6 ^aMic. 6:4

7 ^aIs. 1:18 ^bJudg. 5:11

8 ^aGen. 46:5, 6 ^bEx. 2:23-25

^cEx. 3:10; 4:14-16 ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX

adds and the Egyptians afflicted them

9 ^aJudg. 3:7 ^bJudg. 4:2

^cJudg. 3:31; 10:7; 13:1

^dJudg. 3:12-30 ¹⁰ ^aJudg. 10:10

^bJudg. 2:13; 3:7 ¹Images of Canaanite goddesses

11 ^aJudg. 11:1 ^{b1} Sam. 7:13

¹Gideon, cf. Judg. 6:25-32; Syr. Deborah; Tg. Gideon

2LXX, Syr. Barak; Tg. Simson

3Syr. Simson

12 ^{a1} Sam. 11:1, 2

^{b1} Sam. 8:5, 19, 20 ^cJudg. 8:23

13 ^{a1} Sam. 10:24 ^{b1} Sam. 8:5; 12:17, 19

^cHos. 13:11

14 ^aJosh. 24:14

15 ^aDeut. 28:15 ^bIs. 1:20

3 "Here I am. Witness against me before the LORD and before ^aHis anointed: ^bWhose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received any ^cbribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore it to you."

4 And they said, "You have not cheated us or oppressed us, nor have you taken anything from any man's hand."

5 Then he said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything ^bin my hand." And they answered, "He is witness."

6 Then Samuel said to the people, "It is the LORD who raised up Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt.

7 "Now therefore, stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD concerning all the ^brighteous acts of the LORD which He did to you and your fathers:

8 "When Jacob had gone into ^aEgypt, and your fathers cried out to the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place.

9 "And when they forgot the LORD their God, He sold them into the hand of ^bSisera, commander of the army of Hazor, into the hand of the ^cPhilistines, and into the hand of the king of ^dMoab; and they fought against them.

10 "Then they cried out to the LORD, and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD ^band served the Baals and ¹Ashtoreths; but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.'

11 "And the LORD sent ¹Jerubbaal, ²Bedan, ^aJephthah, and ^bSamuel,³ and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you dwell in safety.

12 "And when you saw that ^aNahash king of the Ammonites came against you, ^byou said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when ^cthe LORD your God was your king.

13 "Now therefore, ^ahere is the king ^bwhom you have chosen and whom you have desired. And take note, ^cthe LORD has set a king over you.

14 "If you fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the LORD your God.

15 "However, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you, as it was against your fathers.

16 "Now therefore, stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes:

17 "Is today not the wheat harvest? ^bI will call to the LORD, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for yourselves."

18 So Samuel called to the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking a king for ourselves."

20 Then Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.

21 "And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing.

22 "For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people.

23 "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.

24 "Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.

25 "But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice

13 Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

2 Saul chose for himself three thousand men of Israel. Two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the mountains of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the people he sent away, every man to his tent.

3 And Jonathan attacked the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. Then Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!"

4 Now all Israel heard it said that Saul had attacked a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel had also become an abomination to the Philistines. And the people were called together to Saul at Gilgal.

5 Then the Philistines gathered together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand

16 ^aEx. 14:13, 31

17 ^aGen. 30:14 ^bJames

5:16-18 ^cEzra 10:9 ^d1 Sam. 8:7

18 ^aEx. 14:31

19 ^aEx. 9:28

20 ^aDeut.

11:16

21 ^a2 Chr.

25:15 ^bIs.

41:29

22 ^aDeut. 31:6

^bIs. 43:21 ^cJer.

14:21 ^dDeut.

7:6-11

23 ^aRom. 1:9

^bPs. 34:11

^c1 Kin. 8:36

24 ^aEccl. 12:13

^bIs. 5:12

^cDeut. 10:21

25 ^aJosh. 24:20

^bDeut. 28:36

CHAPTER 13

1 ^aHeb. is difficult; cf.

2 Sam. 5:4;

2 Kin. 14:2;

see also

2 Sam. 2:10;

Acts 13:21

2 ^a1 Sam.

14:5, 31

^b1 Sam. 14:1

^c1 Sam. 10:26

3 ^a1 Sam. 10:5

^b2 Sam. 5:25

4 ^aOdious

5 ^aJudg. 7:12

^bJosh. 7:2 ^c1 So

with MT.

LXX. Tg., Vg.;

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6 ^aJudg. 6:2

7 ^aNum.

32:1-42

8 ^a1 Sam. 10:8

9 ^aLit. bless

him

13 ^a2 Chr. 16:9

^b1 Sam. 15:11,

22, 28

14 ^a1 Sam.

15:28; 31:6

^b1 Sam. 16:1

^cActs 7:46;

13:22 ^d1 Sam.

15:11, 19

15 ^a1 Sam.

13:2, 6, 7; 14:2

^bSo with MT.

Tg.; LXX, Vg.

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rest of the

people went

up after Saul

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people who

fought

against them,

going from

Gilgal to

Gibeah in the

hill of Ben-

jamin.

16 ^aHeb. Geba

17 ^aJosh. 18:23

18 ^aJosh. 16:3;

18:13, 14

which is on the seashore in multitude. And they came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth Aven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people were distressed), then the people hid in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits.

7 And some of the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 "Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering.

10 Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

11 And Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash,

12 "then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."

13 And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

14 "But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

15 Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people present with him, about six hundred men.

No Weapons for the Army

16 Saul, Jonathan his son, and the people present with them remained in Gibeah of Benjamin. But the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

17 Then raiders came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies. One company turned onto the road to Ophrah, to the land of Shual.

18 another company turned to the road to Beth Horon, and another company turned to the road of the

border that overlooks the Valley of ^bZeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now ^athere was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears."

20 But all the Israelites would go down to the Philistines to sharpen each man's plowshare, his mattock, his ax, and his sickle;

21 and the charge for a sharpening was a ^pim for the plowshares, the mattocks, the forks, and the axes, and to set the points of the goads.

22 So it came about, on the day of battle, that ^athere was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who *were* with Saul and Jonathan. But they were found with Saul and Jonathan his son.

23 ^aAnd the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

Jonathan Defeats the Philistines

14 Now it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who ^bbore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side." But he did not tell his father.

2 And Saul was sitting in the outskirts of ^aGibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron. The people who *were* with him *were* about six hundred men.

3 ^aAhijah the son of Ahitub, ^bIchabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, was ^cwearing an ephod. But the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

4 Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over ^ato the Philistines' garrison, *there* was a sharp rock on one side and a sharp rock on the other side. And the name of one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The front of one faced northward opposite Michmash, and the other southward opposite Gibeah.

6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these ^auncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD ^bfrom saving by many or by few."

7 So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."

8 Then Jonathan said, "Very well, let us cross over to *these* men, and we will show ourselves to them.

9 "If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place and not go up to them.

18 ^bGen. 14:2; Neh. 11:34

19 ^aJudg. 5:8; 2 Kin. 24:14; Jer. 24:1; 29:2

21 ¹About two-thirds shekel weight

22 ^aJudg. 5:8

23 ^a1 Sam. 14:1, 4

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1 ¹carried

2 ^a1 Sam. 13:15, 16

3 ^a1 Sam. 22:9, 11, 20 ^b1 Sam. 4:21 ^c1 Sam. 2:28

4 ^a1 Sam. 13:23

6 ^a1 Sam. 17:26, 36; Jer. 9:25, 26 ^bJudg. 7:4, 7; 1 Sam. 17:46, 47; 2 Chr. 14:11; [Ps. 115:3; 135:6; Zech. 4:6; Matt. 19:26; Rom. 8:31]

10 ^aGen. 24:14; Judg. 6:36-40

11 ^a1 Sam. 13:6; 14:22

12 ¹teach

13 ^aLev. 26:8; Josh. 23:10

14 ¹Lit. *half the area plowed by a yoke of oxen in a day*

15 ^aDeut. 28:7; 2 Kin. 7:6, 7; Job 18:11 ^b1 Sam. 13:17 ^cGen. 35:5 ¹terror

16 ^a1 Sam. 14:20

18 ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX *ephod* ²See preceding note

19 ^aNum. 27:21

20 ^aJudg. 7:22; 2 Chr. 20:23

22 ^a1 Sam. 13:6

23 ^aEx. 14:30; 2 Chr. 32:22; Hos. 1:7 ^b1 Sam. 13:5

10 "But if they say thus, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up. For the LORD has delivered them into our hand, and ^athis *will* be a sign to us."

11 So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have ^ahidden."

12 Then the men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will ^ashow you something." Jonathan said to his armorbearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel."

13 And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and knees with his armorbearer after him; and they ^afell before Jonathan. And as he came after him, his armorbearer killed them.

14 That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men within about ^ahalf an acre of land.

15 And ^athere was ¹trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and ^bthe raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was ^aa very great trembling.

16 Now the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and *there* was the multitude, melting away; and they ^awent here and there.

17 Then Saul said to the people who *were* with him, "Now call the roll and see who has gone from us." And when they had called the roll, surprisingly, Jonathan and his armorbearer *were* not *there*.

18 And Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ¹ark of God here" (for at that time the ²ark of God was with the children of Israel).

19 Now it happened, while Saul ^atalked to the priest, that the noise which *was* in the camp of the Philistines continued to increase; so Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."

20 Then Saul and all the people who *were* with him assembled, and they went to the battle; and indeed ^aevery man's sword was against his neighbor, and *there* was very great confusion.

21 Moreover the Hebrews *who* were with the Philistines before that time, who went up with them into the camp *from* the surrounding country, they also joined the Israelites who *were* with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel who ^ahad hidden in the mountains of Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, they also followed hard after them in the battle.

23 ^aSo the LORD saved Israel that day, and the battle shifted ^bto Beth Aven.

Saul's Rash Oath

24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day, for Saul had ^aplaced the people under oath, saying, "Cursed is the man who eats *any* food until evening, before I have taken vengeance on my enemies." So none of the people tasted food.

25 ^aNow all *the* people of the land came to a forest; and there was ^bhoney on the ground.

26 And when the people had come into the woods, there was the honey, dripping; but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath; therefore he stretched out the end of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his ¹countenance brightened.

28 Then one of the people said, "Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed is the man who eats food this day.' " And the people were faint.

29 But Jonathan said, "My father has troubled the land. Look now, how my countenance has brightened because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 "How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now would there not have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?"

31 Now they had ¹driven back the Philistines that day from Michmash to Ajalon. So the people were very faint.

32 And the people rushed on the ¹spoil, and took sheep, oxen, and calves, and slaughtered *them* on the ground; and the people ate *them* ^awith the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Look, the people are sinning against the LORD by eating with the blood!" So he said, "You have dealt treacherously; roll a large stone to me this day."

34 Then Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people, and say to them, 'Bring me here every man's ox and every man's sheep, slaughter *them* here, and eat; and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.' " So every one of the people brought his ox with him that night, and slaughtered *it* there.

35 Then Saul ^abuilt an altar to the LORD. This was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

36 Now Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and plunder them until the morning light; and let us not leave a man of them." And they said, "Do whatever seems good to you." Then the priest said, "Let us draw near to God here."

24 ^aJosh. 6:26

25 ^aDeut. 9:28; Matt. 3:5 ^bEx. 3:8; Num. 13:27; Matt. 3:4

27 ¹Lit. eyes

31 ¹Lit. struck

32 ^aGen. 9:4; Lev. 3:17; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deut. 12:16, 23, 24; Acts 15:20 ¹plunder

35 ^a1 Sam. 7:12, 17; 2 Sam. 24:25

37 ^aJudg. 20:18 ¹1 Sam. 28:6

38 ^aJosh. 7:14; 1 Sam. 10:19

39 ^a1 Sam. 14:24, 44; 2 Sam. 12:5

41 ^aProv. 16:33; Acts 1:24-26 ^bJosh. 7:16; 1 Sam. 10:20, 21 ¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Vg. *Why do You not answer Your servant today? If the injustice is with me or Jonathan my son, O LORD God of Israel, give proof; and if You say it is with Your people Israel, give holiness.*

43 ^aJosh. 7:19 ¹1 Sam. 14:27

44 ^aRuth 1:17; 1 Sam. 25:22 ¹1 Sam. 14:39

45 ^a2 Sam. 14:11; 1 Kin. 1:52; Luke 21:18; Acts 27:34 ^b2 Cor. 6:1; Phil. 2:12, 13

47 ^a1 Sam. 11:1-13 ^b2 Sam. 10:6 ¹LXX, Vg. prospered

48 ^aEx. 17:16; 1 Sam. 15:3-7 ¹Lit. struck

49 ^a1 Sam. 31:2; 1 Chr. 8:33 ¹1 Sam. 18:17-20, 27; 19:12 ¹Abinadab, 1 Chr. 8:33; 9:39

50 ^a1 Sam. 10:14

51 ^a1 Sam. 9:1, 21

37 So Saul ^aasked counsel of God, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will You deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But ^bHe did not answer him that day.

38 And Saul said, ^a"Come over here, all you chiefs of the people, and know and see what this sin was today.

39 "For ^aas the LORD lives, who saves Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But not a man among all the people answered him.

40 Then he said to all Israel, "You be on one side, and my son Jonathan and I will be on the other side." And the people said to Saul, "Do what seems good to you."

41 Therefore Saul said to the LORD God of Israel, ^a"Give¹ a perfect lot." ^bSo Saul and Jonathan were taken, but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, "Cast lots between my son Jonathan and me." So Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, ^a"Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him, and said, ^b"I only tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand. So now I must die!"

44 Saul answered, ^a"God do so and more also; ^bfor you shall surely die, Jonathan."

45 But the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great deliverance in Israel? Certainly not! ^aAs the LORD lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground, for he has worked ^bwith God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die.

46 Then Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

Saul's Continuing Wars

47 So Saul established his sovereignty over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, against the people of ^aAmmon, against Edom, against the kings of ^bZobah, and against the Philistines. Wherever he turned, he ¹harassed *them*.

48 And he gathered an army and ^aattacked¹ the Amalekites, and delivered Israel from the hands of those who plundered them.

49 ^aThe sons of Saul were Jonathan, ¹Jishui, and Malchishua. And the names of his two daughters were *these*: the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger ^bMichal.

50 The name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the commander of his army was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's ^auncle.

51 ^aKish was the father of Saul, and

Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 Now there was fierce war with the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any strong man or any valiant man, ^ahe took him for himself.

Saul Spares King Agag

15 Samuel also said to Saul, ^a"The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, ^ahow he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt.

3 'Now go and ^aattack! Amalek, and ^butterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"

4 So Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley.

6 Then Saul said to ^athe Kenites, ^b"Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For ^cyou showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 ^a"And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from ^bHavilah all the way to ^cShur, which is east of Egypt.

8 ^aHe also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and ^butterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people ^aspared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that* was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

Saul Rejected as King

10 Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying,

11 ^a"I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has ^bturned back from following Me, ^cand has not performed My commandments." And it ^agrieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night.

12 So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to ^aCarmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal."

13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, ^a"Blessed are you

52 ^a1 Sam. 8:11

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1 ^a1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1

2 ^aDeut. 25:17-19

3 ^aDeut. 25:19
^bNum. 24:20
¹Lit. *strike*

6 ^aNum. 24:21
^bGen. 18:25;
19:12, 14 ^cEx. 18:10, 19

7 ^a1 Sam. 14:48 ^bGen. 2:11; 25:17, 18
^cGen. 16:7

8 ^a1 Sam. 15:32, 33
^b1 Sam. 27:8, 9

9 ^a1 Sam. 15:3, 15, 19

11 ^aGen. 6:6, 7
^b1 Kin. 9:6
^c1 Sam. 13:13;
15:3, 9
^d1 Sam. 15:35;
16:1

12 ^aJosh. 15:55

13 ^aJudg. 17:2

15 ^a[Gen. 3:12, 13]; 1 Sam. 15:9, 21

17 ^a1 Sam. 9:21; 10:22

18 ¹*exterminated*

19 ¹*plunder*

20 ^a1 Sam. 15:13

21 ^a1 Sam. 15:15

22 ^a[Is. 1:11-17]
^b[Hos. 6:6]

23 ^a1 Sam. 13:14; 16:1
¹*divination*

24 ^aJosh. 7:20
^b[Is. 51:12, 13]

26 ^a1 Sam. 2:30

of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD."

14 But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; ^afor the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on."

17 So Samuel said, ^a"When you were little in your own eyes, *were* you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?"

18 "Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are ¹consumed.'

19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the ¹spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?"

20 And Saul said to Samuel, ^a"But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 ^a"But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

22 So Samuel said:

^a"Has the LORD as *great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
As in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, ^bto obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of ¹witchcraft,
And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
^a"He also has rejected you from *being* king."

24 ^aThen Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I ^bfeared the people and obeyed their voice.

25 "Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, ^afor you have rejected the word of the LORD, and

the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

27 And as Samuel turned around to go away, "Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore.

28 So Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, *who is better than you.*

29 "And also the Strength of Israel *"will not lie nor relent. For He is not a man, that He should relent."*

30 Then he said, "I have sinned; yet *honor me now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God."*

31 So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.

32 Then Samuel said, "Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me." So Agag came to him cautiously. And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

33 But Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to "Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at *b*Gibeah of Saul.

35 And "Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

David Anointed King

16 Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? *b*Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to "Jesse the Bethlehemite. For *"I have 'provided Myself a king among his sons."*

2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me." But the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, *"I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."*

3 "Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."

4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town "trembled at his coming, and said, *"Do you come peaceably?"*

5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. "Sanctify¹ yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at "Eliab and *b*said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!"

27 ^{a1} Kin. 11:30, 31

28 ^{a1} Kin. 11:31

29 ^aNum. 23:19

30 ^a[John 5:44; 12:43]

33 ^a[Gen. 9:6]

34 ^{a1} Sam. 7:17 ^{b1} Sam. 11:4

35 ^{a1} Sam. 19:24

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1 ^{a1} Sam. 15:23, 35
^{b1} Sam. 9:16;
10:1 ^cRuth
4:18-22 ^aActs
13:22 ¹Lit.
seen

2 ^{a1} Sam. 9:12

4 ^{a1} Sam. 21:1
^{b1} Kin. 2:13

5 ^aEx. 19:10
¹Consecrate

6 ^{a1} Sam. 17:13, 28
^{b1} Kin. 12:26

7 ^aPs. 147:10
^bIs. 55:8, 9

^{c2} Cor. 10:7

^{a1} Kin. 8:39

¹rejected

²LXX For God

does not see

as man sees;

Tg. It is not

by the

appearance of

a man; Vg.

Nor do I

judge accord-

ing to the

looks of a

man

11 ^{a2} Sam. 7:8

¹So with

LXX, Vg.; MT

turn around;

Tg., Syr. turn

away

12 ^{a1} Sam. 17:42 ^bGen. 39:6 ^{c1} Sam. 9:17 ¹Lit.

beautiful

13 ^aNum. 27:18

14 ^aJudg. 16:20

^bJudg. 9:23

16 ^{a1} Sam. 18:10; 19:9

¹Lit. evil

17 ¹Lit. Look

now for a

man for me

18 ^{a1} Sam. 3:19; 18:12, 14

20 ^{a1} Sam. 10:4, 27

21 ^aGen. 41:46

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have ¹refused him. ^bFor² *the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ^aruddy, ^bwith ¹bright eyes, and good-looking. ^cAnd the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and ^athe Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

A Distressing Spirit Troubles Saul

14 "But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and ^aa distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.

15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you.

16 "Let our master now command your servants, *who are before you*, to seek out a man *who is* a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will ^aplay it with his hand when the ¹distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."

17 So Saul said to his servants, ¹"Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me."

18 Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *who is* skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and ^athe LORD is with him."

19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, *who is with the sheep.*"

20 And Jesse ^atook a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent *them* by his son David to Saul.

21 So David came to Saul and ^astood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer.

22 Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying,

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"Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." 23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

David and Goliath

17 Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered at "Sochoh, which belongs to Judah; they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines.

3 The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

4 And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named "Goliath, from ^bGath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5 He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

6 And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders.

7 Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.

8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the "servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

9 "If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and "serve us."

10 And the Philistine said, "I "defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

12 Now David was "the son of that ^bEphrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse, and who had eight sons. And the man was old, advanced in years, in the days of Saul.

13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. The "names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

1 ^aJosh. 15:35;
2 Chr. 28:18

4 ^a2 Sam.
21:19 ^bJosh.
11:21, 22

5 ⁱclothed
with scaled
body armor

8 ^a1 Sam. 8:17

9 ^a1 Sam. 11:1

10 ^a1 Sam.
17:26, 36, 45;
2 Sam. 21:21

12 ^aRuth 4:22;
1 Sam. 16:1,
18; 17:58
^bGen. 35:19
^c1 Sam. 16:10,
11; 1 Chr.
2:13-15

13 ^a1 Sam.
16:6, 8, 9;
1 Chr. 2:13

15 ^a1 Sam.
16:11, 19;
2 Sam. 7:8

18 ^aGen. 37:13,
14

23 ^a1 Sam.
17:8-10

25 ^aJosh. 15:16

26 ^a1 Sam.
11:2 ^b1 Sam.
14:6; 17:36;
Jer. 9:25, 26
^c1 Sam. 17:10
^dDeut. 5:26;
2 Kin. 19:4;
Jer. 10:10

27 ^a1 Sam.
17:25

28 ^aGen. 37:4,
8-36; [Prov.
18:19; Matt.
10:36]

14 David was the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul.

15 But David occasionally went and returned from Saul "to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening.

17 Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp.

18 "And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of *their* thousand, and "see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them."

19 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took *the things* and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army.

22 And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers.

23 Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke "according to the same words. So David heard *them*.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.

25 So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be *that* the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, "will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption *from taxes* in Israel."

26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away "the reproach from Israel? For who is this "uncircumcised Philistine, that he should "defy the armies of "the living God?"

27 And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him."

28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's "anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

29 And David said, "What have I

done now? ^a*Is there not a cause?*"

30 Then he turned from him toward another and ^asaid the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones *did*.

31 Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported *them* to Saul; and he sent for him.

32 Then David said to Saul, ^a"Let no man's heart fail because of him; ^byour servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

33 And Saul said to David, ^a"You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you *are* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a ^alion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,

35 "I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the* lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.

36 "Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

37 Moreover David said, ^a"The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, ^b"Go, and the LORD be with you!"

38 So Saul clothed David with his ^aarmor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail.

39 David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested *them*. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested *them*." So David took them off.

40 Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

41 So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield *went* before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he ^adisdained¹ him; for he was *only* a youth, ^bruddy and good-looking.

43 So the Philistine ^asaid to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine ^asaid to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

45 Then David said to the Philistine,

29 ^a1 Sam. 17:17 ¹Lit. *Is it not a word or matter?*

30 ^a1 Sam. 17:26, 27

32 ^aDeut. 20:1-4 ^b1 Sam. 16:18

33 ^aNum. 13:31; Deut. 9:2

34 ^aJudg. 14:5

37 ^a[2 Cor. 1:10; 2 Tim. 4:17, 18] ^b1 Sam. 20:13; 1 Chr. 22:11, 16

38 ¹Lit. *clothes*

42 ^a[Ps. 123:4; Prov. 16:18; 1 Cor. 1:27, 28] ^b1 Sam. 16:12 ¹bellitt-*tted*

43 ^a1 Sam. 24:14; 2 Sam. 3:8; 9:8; 16:9; 2 Kin. 8:13

44 ^a1 Sam. 17:46; 1 Kin. 20:10, 11

45 ^a2 Sam. 22:33, 35; 2 Chr. 32:8; Ps. 124:8; [2 Cor. 10:4]; Heb. 11:33, 34 ^b1 Sam. 17:10

46 ^aDeut. 28:26 ¹Josh. 4:24; 1 Kin. 8:43; 18:36; 2 Kin. 19:19; Is. 52:10

47 ^a1 Sam. 14:6; 2 Chr. 14:11; 20:15; Ps. 44:6; Hos. 1:7; Zech. 4:6 ^b2 Chr. 20:15

48 ^aPs. 27:3

50 ^aJudg. 3:31; 15:15; 20:16

51 ^a1 Sam. 21:9; 2 Sam. 23:21 ^bHeb. 11:34

52 ^aJosh. 15:36 ¹So with MT, Syr., Tg., Vg.; LXX *Gath*

55 ^a1 Sam. 14:50 ^b1 Sam. 16:21, 22

57 ^a1 Sam. 17:54

58 ^a1 Sam. 17:12

"You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. ^aBut I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have ^adefied.

46 "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give ^athe carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, ^bthat all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 "Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD ^adoes not save with sword and spear; for ^athe battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands."

48 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ^aran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a ^asling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there* was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his ^asword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, ^bthey fled.

52 Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of ^athe valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to ^aShaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron.

53 Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

55 When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to ^aAbner, the commander of the army, "Abner, ^bwhose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know."

56 So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is."

57 Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul ^awith the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son *are* you, young man?" So David answered, ^a"I *am* the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemitite."

Saul Resents David

18 Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, ^athe soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, ^band Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 Saul took him that day, ^aand would not let him go home to his father's house anymore.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a ^acovenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, ^aand behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 Now it had happened as they were coming *home*, when David was returning from the slaughter of the ^aPhilistine, that ^athe women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments.

7 So the women ^asang as they danced, and said:

^b"Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands."

8 Then Saul was very angry, and the saying ^adispleased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *only* thousands. Now *what* more can he have but ^bthe kingdom?"

9 So Saul ^aeyed David from that day forward.

10 And it happened on the next day that ^athe distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, ^band he prophesied inside the house. So David ^aplayed music with his hand, as at other times; ^abut *there was* a spear in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul ^acast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.

12 Now Saul was ^aafraid of David, because ^bthe LORD was with him, but had ^adeparted from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from ^ahis presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and ^ahe went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and ^athe LORD was with him.

15 Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But ^aall Israel and Judah loved

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1 ^aGen. 44:30
^b1 Sam. 20:17
life of Jonathan was bound up with the life of

2 ^a1 Sam. 17:15

3 ^a1 Sam. 20:8-17

5 ^aOr prospered

6 ^aEx. 15:20,
21 ^aPhilistines

7 ^aEx. 15:21
^b1 Sam. 21:11;
29:5

8 ^aEcc. 4:4
^b1 Sam. 15:28

9 ^aViewed with suspicion

10 ^a1 Sam. 16:14 ^b1 Sam. 19:24 ^c1 Sam. 16:23 ^d1 Sam. 19:9, 10

11 ^a1 Sam. 19:10; 20:33

12 ^a1 Sam. 18:15, 29
^b1 Sam. 16:13,
18 ^c1 Sam. 16:14; 28:15

13 ^aNum. 27:17 ^bLit. himself

14 ^aJosh. 6:27

16 ^a1 Sam. 18:5

17 ^a1 Sam. 14:49; 17:25
^bNum. 32:20,
27, 29 ^c1 Sam. 18:21, 25

18 ^a2 Sam. 7:18

19 ^a2 Sam. 21:8 ^bJudg. 7:22

20 ^a1 Sam. 18:28

21 ^a1 Sam. 18:17 ^b1 Sam. 18:26 ^bbe bait for

24 ^aLit. According to these words

25 ^aEx. 22:17
^b1 Sam. 14:24
^c1 Sam. 18:17

26 ^a1 Sam. 18:21

27 ^a1 Sam. 18:13 ^b2 Sam. 3:14

29 ^aall the days

30 ^a2 Sam. 11:1

David, because he went out and came in before them.

David Marries Michal

17 Then Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab; ^aI will give her to you as a wife. Only be valiant for me, and fight ^bthe LORD's battles." For Saul thought, "^aLet my hand not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him."

18 So David said to Saul, "^aWho am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?"

19 But it happened at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to ^aAdriel the ^bMeholathite as a wife.

20 ^aNow Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 So Saul said, "I will give her to him, that she may ^bbe a snare to him, and that ^athe hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, ^b"You shall be my son-in-law today."

22 And Saul commanded his servants, "Communicate with David secretly, and say, 'Look, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you. Now therefore, become the king's son-in-law.'"

23 So Saul's servants spoke those words in the hearing of David. And David said, "Does it seem to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son-in-law, seeing I *am* a poor and lightly esteemed man?"

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, "^aIn this manner David spoke."

25 Then Saul said, "Thus you shall say to David: 'The king does not desire any ^adowry but one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take ^bvengeance on the king's enemies.'"

But Saul ^athought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 So when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to become the king's son-in-law. Now ^athe days had not expired;

27 therefore David arose and went, he and ^ahis men, and killed two hundred men of the Philistines. And ^aDavid brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full count to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him Michal his daughter as a wife.

28 Thus Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and *that* Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him; 29 and Saul was still more afraid of David. So Saul became David's enemy ^acontinually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines ^awent out to war. And so it was, whenever they went out, *that* David

^bbehaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed.

Saul Persecutes David

19 Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill ^aDavid; but Jonathan, Saul's son, ^bdelighted greatly in David.

2 So Jonathan told David, saying, "My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret place and hide.

3 "And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you. Then what I observe, I will tell ^ayou."

4 Thus Jonathan ^aspoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not the king ^bsin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works *have been* very good toward you.

5 "For he took his ^alife in his hands and ^bkilled the Philistine, and ^cthe LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. ^aWhy then will you ^csin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?"

6 So Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be killed."

7 Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. So Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence ^aas in times past.

8 And there was war again; and David went out and fought with the Philistines, ^aand struck them with a mighty blow, and they fled from him.

9 Now ^athe distressing spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing *music* with his hand.

10 Then Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's presence; and he drove the spear into the wall. So David fled and escaped that night.

11 ^aSaul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed."

12 So Michal ^alet David down through a window. And he went and fled and escaped.

13 And Michal took ¹an image and laid it in the bed, put a cover of goats' *hair* for his head, and covered it with clothes.

14 So when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."

15 Then Saul sent the messengers back to see David, saying, "Bring

³⁰ ^{b1} Sam. 18:5

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¹ ^{a1} Sam. 8:8, 9 ^{b1} Sam. 18:1

³ ^{a1} Sam. 20:8-13

⁴ ^{a1} Sam. 20:32; [Prov. 31:8, 9] ^bGen. 42:22; [Prov. 17:13]; Jer. 18:20

⁵ ^aJudg. 9:17; 12:3 ^{b1} Sam. 17:49, 50 ^{c1} Sam. 11:13; 1 Chr. 11:14 ^{a1} Sam. 20:32 ^c[Deut. 19:10-13]

⁷ ^{a1} Sam. 16:21; 18:2, 10, 13

⁸ ^{a1} Sam. 18:27; 23:5

⁹ ^{a1} Sam. 16:14; 18:10, 11

¹¹ ^aJudg. 16:2; Ps. 59:title

¹² ^aJosh. 2:15; Acts 9:25; 2 Cor. 11:33

¹³ ¹household idols, Heb. *teraphim*

¹⁷ ^{a2} Sam. 2:22

¹⁸ ^{a1} Sam. 16:13 ^{b1} Sam. 7:17

²⁰ ^{a1} Sam. 19:11, 14; John 7:32 ^{b1} Sam. 10:5, 6, 10; [1 Cor. 14:3, 24, 25] ^cNum. 11:25; Joel 2:28

²³ ^{a1} Sam. 10:10

²⁴ ^a[Is. 20:2] ^bMic. 1:8 ^{c1} Sam. 10:10-12

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³ ^{a1} Sam. 27:1; 2 Kin. 2:6

him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him."

16 And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed, with a cover of goats' *hair* for his head.

17 Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he has escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! ^aWhy should I kill you?'"

18 So David fled and escaped, and went to ^aSamuel at ^bRamah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

19 Now it was told Saul, saying, "Take note, David is at Naioth in Ramah!"

20 Then ^aSaul sent messengers to take David. ^bAnd when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also ^aprophesied.

21 And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is at Sechu. So he asked, and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And someone said, "Indeed they are at Naioth in Ramah."

23 So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then ^athe Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 ^aAnd he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down ^bnaked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "^cIs Saul also among the prophets?"

Jonathan's Loyalty to David

20 Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and went and said to Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity, and what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?"

2 So Jonathan said to him, "By no means! You shall not die! Indeed, my father will do nothing either great or small without first telling me. And why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so!"

3 Then David took an oath again, and said, "Your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But ^atruly, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, *there is* but a step between me and death."

4 So Jonathan said to David,

"Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it for you."

5 And David said to Jonathan, "Indeed tomorrow is the ^aNew Moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king to eat. But let me go, that I may ^bhide in the field until the third day at evening.

6 "If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked *permission* of me that he might run over ^ato Bethlehem, his city, for *there* is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.'

7 "^aIf he says thus: '*It is well*,' your servant will be safe. But if he is very angry, be sure that ^bevil is determined by him.

8 "Therefore you shall ^adeal kindly with your servant, for ^byou have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. Nevertheless, ^cif there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?"

9 But Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I knew certainly that evil was determined by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you?"

10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me, or what if your father answers you roughly?"

11 And Jonathan said to David, "Come, let us go out into the field." So both of them went out into the field.

12 Then Jonathan said to David: "The LORD God of Israel is witness! When I have ¹sounded out my father sometime tomorrow, or the third day, and indeed *there* is good toward David, and I do not send to you and tell you,

13 "may ^athe LORD do so and much more to Jonathan. But if it pleases my father to do you evil, then I will report it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And ^bthe LORD be with you as He has ^cbeen with my father.

14 "And you shall not only show me the kindness of the LORD while I still live, that I may not die;

15 "but ^ayou shall not ¹cut off your kindness from my ²house forever, no, not when the LORD has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

16 So Jonathan made a *covenant* with the ^ahouse of David, *saying*, "Let the LORD require it at the hand of David's enemies."

17 Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; "for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, "*Tomorrow* is the New Moon; and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty.

19 "And *when* you have stayed three days, go down quickly and

5 ^aNum. 10:10; 28:11-15
^{b1} Sam. 19:2, 3

6 ^{a1} Sam. 16:4; 17:12; John 7:42

7 ^aDeut. 1:23; 2 Sam. 17:4
^{b1} Sam. 25:17; Esth. 7:7

8 ^aJosh. 2:14
^{b1} Sam. 18:3; 20:16; 23:18
^{c2} Sam. 14:32

12 ¹*sounded out*

13 ^aRuth 1:17; 1 Sam. 3:17
^bJosh. 1:5; 1 Sam. 17:37; 18:12; 1 Chr. 22:11, 16
^{c1} Sam. 10:7

15 ^{a1} Sam. 24:21; 2 Sam. 9:1, 3, 7; 21:7
¹*stop being kind* ²*family*

16 ^aDeut. 23:21; 1 Sam. 25:22; 31:2; 2 Sam. 4:7; 21:8 ¹*family*

17 ^{a1} Sam. 18:1

18 ^{a1} Sam. 20:5, 24

19 ^{a1} Sam. 19:2

21 ^aJer. 4:2

23 ^{a1} Sam. 20:14, 15

25 ¹So with MT, Syr., Tg., Vg.; LXX *he sat across from Jonathan*

26 ^aLev. 7:20; 21:15:5

28 ^{a1} Sam. 20:6

31 ¹Lit. *is a son of death*

32 ^aGen. 31:36; 1 Sam. 19:5; [Prov. 31:9]; Matt. 27:23; Luke 23:22

33 ^{a1} Sam. 18:11; 19:10
^{b1} Sam. 20:7
¹*strike him down*

come to ^athe place where you hid on the day of the deed; and remain by the stone Ezel.

20 "Then I will shoot three arrows to the side, as though I shot at a target;

21 "and there I will send a lad, *saying*, 'Go, find the arrows.' If I expressly say to the lad, 'Look, the arrows *are* on this side of you; get them and come'—then, ^aas the LORD lives, *there* is safety for you and no harm.

22 "But if I say thus to the young man, 'Look, the arrows *are* beyond you'—go your way, for the LORD has sent you away.

23 "And as for ^athe matter which you and I have spoken of, indeed the LORD *be* between you and me forever."

24 Then David hid in the field. And when the New Moon had come, the king sat down to eat the feast.

25 Now the king sat on his seat, as at other times, on a seat by the wall. And Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, but David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul did not say anything that day, for he thought, "Something has happened to him; he is unclean, surely he is ^aunclean."

27 And it happened the next day, the second day of the month, that David's place was empty. And Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to eat, either yesterday or today?"

28 So Jonathan ^aanswered Saul, "David earnestly asked *permission* of me to go to Bethlehem.

29 "And he said, 'Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to *be there*. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me get away and see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the king's table."

30 Then Saul's anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

31 "For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Now therefore, send and bring him to me, for he ^ashall surely die."

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "^aWhy should he be killed? What has he done?"

33 Then Saul ^acast a spear at him to ^bkill him, ^bby which Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was

grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully.

35 And so it was, in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad was with him.

36 Then he said to his lad, "Now run, find the arrows which I shoot." As the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 When the lad had come to the place where the arrow was which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried out after the lad and said, "Is not the arrow beyond you?"

38 And Jonathan cried out after the lad, "Make haste, hurry, do not delay!" So Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows and came back to his master.

39 But the lad did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew of the matter.

40 Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad, and said to him, "Go, carry them to the city."

41 As soon as the lad had gone, David arose from a place toward the south, fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down three times. And they kissed one another; and they wept together, but David more so.

42 Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, 'May the LORD be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.'" So he arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

David and the Holy Bread

21 Now David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech was afraid when he met David, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one is with you?"

2 So David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has ordered me on some business, and said to me, 'Do not let anyone know anything about the business on which I send you, or what I have commanded you.' And I have directed my young men to such and such a place."

3 "Now therefore, what have you on hand? Give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatever can be found."

4 And the priest answered David and said, "There is no common bread on hand; but there is holy bread, if the young men have at least kept themselves from women."

5 Then David answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly, women have been kept from us about three days since I came out. And the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in effect common, even though it was consecrated in the vessel this day."

6 So the priest gave him holy

40 ¹equipment

42 ^{a1} Sam. 1:17

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1 ^{a1} Sam. 14:3; Mark 2:26
^{b1} Sam. 16:4

4 ^aEx. 25:30; Lev. 24:5-9; Matt. 12:4
^bEx. 19:15
¹ordinary
²consecrated

5 ^aEx. 19:14, 15; 1 Thess. 4:4
^bLev. 8:26
¹The young men are ceremonially undefiled

6 ^aMatt. 12:3, 4; Mark 2:25, 26; Luke 6:3, 4
^bLev. 24:8, 9

7 ^{a1} Sam. 14:47; 22:9; Ps. 52:title

9 ^{a1} Sam. 17:2, 50
^{b1} Sam. 31:10

11 ^aPs. 56:title
^{b1} Sam. 18:6-8; 29:5

12 ^aLuke 2:19
¹Lit. in his heart

13 ^aPs. 34:title
¹insanity
²scribbled

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1 ^aPs. 57:title; 142:title
^bJosh. 12:15; 15:35; 2 Sam. 23:13

2 ^aJudg. 11:3
^{b1} Sam. 25:13
¹Lit. bitter of soul

3 ^{a2} Sam. 8:2

bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD. And his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul.

8 And David said to Ahimelech, "Is there not here on hand a spear or a sword? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste."

9 So the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, there it is, wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it. For there is no other except that one here." And David said, "There is none like it; give it to me."

David Flees to Gath

10 Then David arose and fled that day from before Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

11 And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing of him to one another in dances, saying:

^b"Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands?"

12 Now David took these words to heart, and was very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 So he changed his behavior before them, pretended madness in their hands, scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva fall down on his beard.

14 Then Achish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is insane. Why have you brought him to me?"

15 "Have I need of madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

David's Four Hundred Men

22 David therefore departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. So when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.

2 And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.

3 Then David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me."

4 So he brought them before the

king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

5 Now the prophet ^aGad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go to the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

Saul Murders the Priests

6 When Saul heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered—now Saul was staying in ^aGibeah under a tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants standing about him—

7 then Saul said to his servants who stood about him, "Hear now, you Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse ^agive every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds?"

8 "All of you have conspired against me, and *there is no one who reveals to me that my son has made a covenant with the son of Jesse; and there is not one of you who is sorry for me or reveals to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day.*"

9 Then answered ^aDoeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, "I saw the son of Jesse going to Nob, to ^bAhimelech the son of ^cAhitub.

10 "^aAnd he inquired of the LORD for him, ^bgave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

11 So the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who were in Nob. And they all came to the king.

12 And Saul said, "Hear now, son of Ahitub!" He answered, "Here I am, my lord."

13 Then Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day?"

14 So Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants is as ^afaithful as David, who is the king's son-in-law, who goes at your bidding, and is honorable in your house?"

15 "Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? Far be it from me! Let not the king impute anything to his servant, or to any in the house of my father. For your servant knew nothing of all this, little or much."

16 And the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all ^ayour father's house!"

17 Then the king said to the guards who stood about him, "Turn and kill

5 ^{a2} Sam. 24:11; 1 Chr. 21:9; 29:29; 2 Chr. 29:25

6 ^{a1} Sam. 15:34

7 ^{a1} Sam. 8:14

8 ^{a1} Sam. 18:3; 20:16, 30

9 ^{a1} Sam. 21:7; 22:22; Ps. 52: title
^{b1} Sam. 21:1
^{c1} Sam. 14:3

10 ^a Num. 27:21; 1 Sam. 10:22 ^{b1} Sam. 21:6, 9

14 ^{a1} Sam. 19:4, 5; 20:32; 24:11

16 ^a Deut. 24:16

17 ^a Ex. 1:17

18 ^{a1} Sam. 2:31
¹ attacked

19 ^a Josh. 21:1-45;
1 Sam. 22:9, 11

20 ^{a1} Sam. 23:6, 9; 30:7;
1 Kin. 2:26, 27
^{b1} Sam. 2:33

22 ¹ family

23 ^{a1} Kin. 2:26

CHAPTER 23

1 ^a Josh. 15:44; Neh. 3:17, 18

2 ^{a1} Sam. 22:10; 23:4, 6, 9; 28:6; 30:8;
2 Sam. 5:19,
23 ¹ Lit. strike

5 ^{a1} Sam. 19:8;
2 Sam. 5:20

6 ^{a1} Sam. 22:20

the priests of the LORD, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled and did not tell it to me." But the servants of the king "would not lift their hands to strike the priests of the LORD."

18 And the king said to Doeg, "You turn and kill the priests!" So Doeg the Edomite turned and ¹struck the priests, and "killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod."

19 ^aAlso Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep—with the edge of the sword.

20 ^aNow one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, ^bescaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the LORD's priests.

22 So David said to Abiathar, "I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused *the death* of all the persons of your father's ¹house."

23 "Stay with me; do not fear. ^aFor he who seeks my life seeks your life, but with me you *shall be safe.*"

David Saves the City of Keilah

23 Then they told David, saying, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against ^aKeilah, and they are robbing the threshing floors."

2 Therefore David ^ainquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and ^aattack these Philistines?" And the LORD said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines, and save Keilah."

3 But David's men said to him, "Look, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?"

4 Then David inquired of the LORD once again. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand."

5 And David and his men went to Keilah and ^afought with the Philistines, struck them with a mighty blow, and took away their livestock. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 Now it happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech ^afled to David at Keilah, *that he went down with an ephod in his hand.*

7 And Saul was told that David had gone to Keilah. So Saul said, "God has delivered him into my hand, for he has shut himself in by entering a town that has gates and bars."

8 Then Saul called all the people together for war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

9 When David knew that Saul

plotted evil against him, ^ahe said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod here."

10 Then David said, "O LORD God of Israel, Your servant has certainly heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah ^ato destroy the city for my sake.

11 "Will the men of Keilah deliver me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as Your servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I pray, tell Your servant." And the LORD said, "He will come down."

12 Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah ¹deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the LORD said, "They will deliver you."

13 So David and his men, ^aabout six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah and went wherever they could go. Then it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah; so he halted the expedition.

David in Wilderness Strongholds

14 And David stayed in strongholds in the wilderness, and remained in ^athe mountains in the Wilderness of ^bZiph. Saul ^csought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.

15 So David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. And David was in the Wilderness of Ziph ¹in a forest.

16 Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the woods and ¹strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said to him, ^a"Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. ^bEven my father Saul knows that."

18 So the two of them ^amade a covenant before the LORD. And David stayed in the woods, and Jonathan went to his own house.

19 Then the Ziphites ^acame up to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with us in strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?"

20 "Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to come down; and ^aour part *shall be* to deliver him into the king's hand."

21 And Saul said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, for you have compassion on me.

22 "Please go and find out for sure, and see the place where his hideout is, and who has seen him there. For I am told he is very crafty.

23 "See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hides; and come back to me with certainty, and I will go with you. And it shall be, if he is in the land, that I will search for him throughout all the ¹clans of Judah."

⁹ ^aNum. 27:21;
¹ Sam. 23:6;
30:7

¹⁰ ^a1 Sam.
22:19

¹² ¹Lit. *shut up*

¹³ ^a1 Sam.
22:2; 25:13

¹⁴ ^aPs. 11:1
^bJosh. 15:55;
2 Chr. 11:8
^cPs. 32:7; 54:3,
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¹⁵ ¹Or *in Horesh*

¹⁶ ¹*encouraged him*

¹⁷ ^a[Ps. 27:1-3;
Heb. 13:6]
^b1 Sam. 20:31;
24:20

¹⁸ ^a1 Sam.
18:3; 20:12-17,
42; 2 Sam. 9:1;
21:7

¹⁹ ^a1 Sam.
26:1; Ps.
54:1title

²⁰ ^aPs. 54:3

²³ ¹*thousands*

²⁴ ^aJosh.
15:55; 1 Sam.
25:2

²⁵ ¹Or *from the rock*

²⁶ ^aPs. 31:22
^bPs. 17:9

²⁷ ^a2 Kin. 19:9

²⁸ ¹Heb. *Sela Hammahle-koth*

²⁹ ^aJosh.
15:62; 2 Chr.
20:2

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¹ ^a1 Sam.
23:19, 28, 29

² ^a1 Sam. 26:2;
Ps. 38:12

³ ^a1 Sam.
24:10 ^bJudg.
3:24 ^cPs.
57:1title;
142:1title

⁴ ^a1 Sam.
26:8-11

⁵ ^a2 Sam.
24:10

⁶ ^a1 Sam.
26:11

⁷ ^aPs. 7:4;
[Matt. 5:44;
Rom. 12:17,
19]

24 So they arose and went to Ziph before Saul. But David and his men were in the Wilderness ^aof Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

25 When Saul and his men went to seek *him*, they told David. Therefore he went down ¹to the rock, and stayed in the Wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that*, he pursued David in the Wilderness of Maon.

26 Then Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain. ^aSo David made haste to get away from Saul, for Saul and his men ^bwere encircling David and his men to take them.

27 ^aBut a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have invaded the land!"

28 Therefore Saul returned from pursuing David, and went against the Philistines; so they called that place ¹the Rock of Escape.

29 Then David went up from there and dwelt in strongholds at ^aEn Gedi.

David Spares Saul

24 Now it happened, ^awhen Saul had returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, "Take note! David is in the Wilderness of En Gedi."

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and ^awent to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

3 So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there was a cave; and ^aSaul went in to ^battend to his needs. (^cDavid and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.)

4 "Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.' " And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

5 Now it happened afterward that ^aDavid's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe.

6 And he said to his men, ^a"The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

7 So David ^arestrained his servants with *these* words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on *his way*.

8 David also arose afterward, went out of the cave, and called out to Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed down.

9 And David said to Saul: "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Indeed David seeks your harm'?"

10 "Look, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.'"

11 "Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that *there is* 'neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you *hunt* my life to take it.'

12 "Let the LORD judge between you and me, and let the LORD avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you.

13 "As the proverb of the ancients says, "Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.' But my hand shall not be against you.

14 "After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? *"A dead dog? bA flea?"*

15 *"Therefore let the LORD be judge, and judge between you and me, and bsee and cplead my case, and deliver me out of your hand."*

16 So it was, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, *"Is this your voice, my son David?"* And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

17 *"Then he said to David: "You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil."*

18 "And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; for when the LORD delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me.

19 "For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away safely? Therefore may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day.

20 "And now I know indeed that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21 *"Therefore swear now to me by the LORD bthat you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's house."*

22 So David swore to Saul. And Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Death of Samuel

25 Then Samuel died; and the Israelites gathered together and blamented for him, and buried him at his home in Ramah. And David arose and went down to the Wilderness of Paran.

9 aPs. 141:6; [Prov. 16:28; 17:9]

11 aJudg. 11:27; Ps. 7:3; 35:7 b1 Sam. 26:20

12 aGen. 16:5; Judg. 11:27; 1 Sam. 26:10-23; Job 5:8

13 a[Matt. 7:16-20]

14 a1 Sam. 17:43; 2 Sam. 9:8 b1 Sam. 26:20

15 a1 Sam. 24:12 b2 Chr. 24:22 cPs. 35:1; 43:1; 119:154; Mic. 7:9

16 a1 Sam. 26:17

17 a1 Sam. 26:21 bGen. 38:26 c[Matt. 5:44]

18 a1 Sam. 26:23

20 a1 Sam. 23:17

21 aGen. 21:23; 1 Sam. 20:14-17 b2 Sam. 21:6-8

22 a1 Sam. 23:29

CHAPTER 25

1 a1 Sam. 28:3 bNum. 20:29; Deut. 34:8 cGen. 21:21; Num. 10:12; 13:3 dSo with MT, Syr., Tg., Vg.; LXX Maon

2 a1 Sam. 23:24 bJosh. 15:55

3 aJosh. 15:13; 1 Sam. 30:14

4 aGen. 38:13; 2 Sam. 13:23

6 aJudg. 19:20; 1 Chr. 12:18; Ps. 122:7; Luke 10:5

7 a1 Sam. 25:15, 21

8 aNeh. 8:10-12; Esth. 8:17; 9:19, 22 bbe gracious to the young men

10 aJudg. 9:28

11 aJudg. 8:6, 15 bLit. slaughter

13 a1 Sam. 30:24

14 bscolded or scorned at

15 a1 Sam. 25:7, 21

David and the Wife of Nabal

2 Now there was a man in Maon whose business was in Carmel, and the man was very rich. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 The name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. And she was a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but the man was harsh and evil in his doings. He was of the house of Caleb.

4 When David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep,

5 David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in my name.

6 "And thus you shall say to him who lives in prosperity: "Peace be to you, peace to your house, and peace to all that you have!"

7 "Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel.

8 "Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a feast day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David."

9 So when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David, and waited.

10 Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master.

11 "Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they are from?"

12 So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words.

13 Then David said to his men, "Every man gird on his sword." So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred stayed with the supplies.

14 Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he reviled them.

15 "But the men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything as long as we accompanied them, when we were in the fields.

16 "They were *a* wall to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 "Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for *a* harm is determined against our master and against all his household. For he is *such a* *b*scoundrel¹ that *one* cannot speak to him."

18 Then Abigail made haste and *a*took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded *them* on donkeys.

19 And she said to her servants, *a*"Go on before me; see, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20 So it was, as she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill; and there were David and his men, coming down toward her, and she met them.

21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected all that this *fel-*low has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *belongs* to him. And he has *a*repaid me evil for good.

22 *a*"May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I *b*leave *a*one male of all who *belong* to him by morning light."

23 Now when Abigail saw David, she *a*dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground.

24 So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, *on me* let this iniquity *be*! And please let your maidservant *b*speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant.

25 "Please, let not my lord *b*regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: *b*Nabal is his name, and folly is with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

26 "Now therefore, my lord, *a*as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, since the LORD has *b*held you back from coming to bloodshed and from *a*avenging¹ yourself with your own hand, now then, *a*let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal.

27 "And now *a*this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord.

28 "Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For *a*the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord *b*fights the battles of the LORD, *a*and evil is not found in you throughout your days.

29 "Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be *a*bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD

16 ^aEx. 14:22

17 ^a1 Sam. 20:7 ^bDeut. 13:13 ¹Lit. son of Belial

18 ^aGen. 32:13

19 ^aGen. 32:16, 20

21 ^aPs. 109:5

22 ^a1 Sam. 3:17; 20:13, 16 ^b1 Sam. 25:34 ^c1 Kin. 14:10; 21:21

23 ^aJudg. 1:14

24 ¹speak to you

25 ¹pay attention to ²Lit. Fool

26 ^a2 Kin. 2:2 ^bGen. 20:6 ^c[Rom. 12:19] ^d2 Sam. 18:32 ¹Lit. saving yourself

27 ^aGen. 33:11

28 ^a2 Sam. 7:11-16, 27 ^b1 Sam. 18:17 ^c1 Sam. 24:11

29 ^a[Col. 3:3] ^bJer. 10:18

30 ^a1 Sam. 13:14; 15:28

32 ^aLuke 1:68

33 ^a1 Sam. 25:26

34 ^a1 Sam. 25:26 ^b1 Sam. 25:22

35 ^a2 Kin. 5:19 ^bGen. 19:21

36 ^a2 Sam. 13:28

38 ^a1 Sam. 26:10

39 ^a1 Sam. 25:32 ^bProv. 22:23 ^c1 Sam. 25:26, 34 ^d1 Kin. 2:44

41 ^aLuke 7:38, 44

42 ¹Lit. with five of her maidens at her feet

43 ^aJosh. 15:56

your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall *b*sling out, as from the pocket of a sling.

30 "And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you *a*ruler over Israel,

31 "that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

32 Then David said to Abigail: *a*"Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!

33 "And blessed is your advice and blessed *are* you, because you have *a*kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand.

34 "For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has *a*kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely *b*by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!"

35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, *a*"Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and *b*respected your person."

36 Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there he was, *a*holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; therefore she told him nothing, little or much, until morning light.

37 So it was, in the morning, when the wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *like* a stone.

38 Then it happened, *after* about ten days, that the LORD *a*struck Nabal, and he died.

39 So when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, *a*"Blessed be the LORD, who has *b*pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has *a*kept His servant from evil! For the LORD has *a*returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head." And David sent and proposed to Abigail, to take her as his wife.

40 When the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, "David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife."

41 Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, "Here is your maidservant, a servant to *a*wash the feet of the servants of my lord."

42 So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a donkey, *a*tended by five of her maidens; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam *a*of

Jezreel, ^band so both of them were his wives.

44 But Saul had given ^aMichal his daughter, David's wife, to ¹Palti the son of Laish, who was from ^bGallim.

David Spares Saul a Second Time

26 Now the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding in the hill of Hachilah, opposite Jeshimon?"

2 Then Saul arose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, having ^athree thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon, by the road. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had indeed come.

5 So David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and ^aAbner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Now Saul lay within the camp, with the people encamped all around him.

6 Then David answered, and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai ^athe son of Zeruiah, brother of ^bJoab, saying, "Who will ^cgo down with me to Saul in the camp?" And ^aAbishai said, "I will go down with you."

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and there Saul lay sleeping within the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. And Abner and the people lay all around him.

8 Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please, let me strike him ¹at once with the spear, right to the earth; and I will not *have to strike* him a second time!"

9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; ^afor who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?"

10 David said furthermore, "As the LORD lives, ^athe LORD shall strike him, or ^bthis day shall come to die, or he shall ^cgo out to battle and perish.

11 "The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that *are* by his head, and let us go."

12 So David took the spear and the jug of water by Saul's head, and they got away; and no man saw or knew *it* or awoke. For they were all asleep, because ^aa deep sleep from the LORD had fallen on them.

43 ^{b1} Sam. 27:3; 30:5

44 ^{a1} Sam. 18:20; 2 Sam. 3:14 ^{b1s} Is. 10:30 ¹Paltiel, 2 Sam. 3:15

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1 ^{a1} Sam. 23:19; Ps. 54:title

2 ^{a1} Sam. 13:2; 24:2

5 ^{a1} Sam. 14:50, 51; 17:55

6 ^{a1} Chr. 2:16 ^{b2} Sam. 2:13 ^cJudg. 7:10, 11 ^{d2} Sam. 2:18, 24

8 ^{a1} Sam. 24:4 ¹Or *one time*

9 ^{a1} Sam. 24:6, 7; 2 Sam. 1:14, 16

10 ^a[Deut. 32:35]; 1 Sam. 25:26, 38; [Luke 18:7; Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30] ^bGen. 47:29; Deut. 31:14; [Job 7:1; 14:5]; Ps. 37:13 ^{c1} Sam. 31:6

11 ^{a1} Sam. 24:6-12; [Rom. 12:17, 19]

12 ^aGen. 2:21; 15:12; Is. 29:10

17 ^{a1} Sam. 24:16

18 ^{a1} Sam. 24:9, 11-14

19 ^{a2} Sam. 16:11; 24:1 ^bDeut. 4:27, 28 ^{c2} Sam. 14:16; 20:19

20 ^{a1} Sam. 24:14

21 ^aEx. 9:27; 1 Sam. 15:24, 30; 24:17; 2 Sam. 12:13

23 ^{a1} Sam. 24:19; Ps. 7:8; 18:20; 62:12 ^{b2} Sam. 22:21

25 ^aGen. 32:28; 1 Sam. 24:20

13 Now David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill afar off, a great distance *being* between them.

14 And David called out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Do you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered and said, "Who *are* you, calling out to the king?"

15 So David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who *is* like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy your lord the king.

16 "This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, you deserve to die, because you have not guarded your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the jug of water that was by his head."

17 Then Saul knew David's voice, and said, "^aIs that your voice, my son David?" David said, "*It is* my voice, my lord, O king."

18 And he said, "^aWhy does my lord thus pursue his servant? For what have I done, or what evil *is* in my hand?"

19 "Now therefore, please, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant: If the LORD has ^astirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering. But if *it is* the children of men, *may* they be cursed before the LORD, ^bfor they have driven me out this day from sharing in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'

20 "So now, do not let my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD. For the king of Israel has come out to seek ^aa flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21 Then Saul said, "^aI have sinned. Return, my son David. For I will harm you no more, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Indeed I have played the fool and erred exceedingly."

22 And David answered and said, "Here is the king's spear. Let one of the young men come over and get it.

23 "^aMay the LORD ^brepay every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into my hand today, but I would not stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 "And indeed, as your life was valued much this day in my eyes, so let my life be valued much in the eyes of the LORD, and let Him deliver me out of all tribulation."

25 Then Saul said to David, "*May* you be blessed, my son David! You shall both do great things and also still ^aprevail." So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

David Allied with the Philistines

27 And David said in his heart, "Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul. *There is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape to the land of the Philistines; and Saul will* ¹*despair of me, to seek me anymore in any part of Israel. So I shall escape out of his hand.*"

2 Then David arose ^aand went over with the six hundred men who were with him ^bto Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath.

3 So David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, each man with his household, *and David* ^c*with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's widow.*

4 And it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath; so he sought him no more.

5 Then David said to Achish, "If I have now found favor in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?"

6 So Achish gave him Ziklag that day. Therefore ^aZiklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day.

7 Now ¹the time that David ^adwelt in the country of the Philistines was one full year and four months.

8 And David and his men went up and raided ^athe Geshurites, ^bthe ¹Girzites, and the ^aAmalekites. For those *nations* were the inhabitants of the land from ²of old, ^aas you go to Shur, even as far as the land of Egypt.

9 Whenever David ¹attacked the land, he left neither man nor woman alive, but took away the sheep, the oxen, the donkeys, the camels, and the apparel, and returned and came to Achish.

10 Then Achish would say, "Where have you made a raid today?" And David would say, "Against the southern *area* of Judah, or against the southern *area* of the Jerahmeelites, or against the southern *area* of ^bthe Kenites."

11 David would save neither man nor woman alive, to bring *news* to Gath, saying, "Lest they should inform on us, saying, 'Thus David did.' " And thus was his behavior all the time he dwelt in the country of the Philistines.

12 So Achish believed David, saying, "He has made his people Israel utterly *abhor* him; therefore he will be my servant forever."

28 Now ^ait happened in those days that the Philistines gathered their armies together for war, to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, "You assuredly know that

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¹ *despair of searching for*

² ^a1 Sam. 25:13 ^b1 Sam. 21:10; 1 Kin. 2:39

³ ^a1 Sam. 25:42, 43

⁶ ^aJosh. 15:31; 19:5; 1 Chr. 12:1; Neh. 11:28

⁷ ^a1 Sam. 29:3 ¹*Lit. the number of days*

⁸ ^aJosh. 13:2, 13 ^bJosh. 16:10; Judg. 1:29 ^cEx. 17:8, 16; 1 Sam. 15:7, 8 ^aGen. 25:18; Ex. 15:22 ¹Or

²*Gezrites* ^a*ancient times*

⁹ ¹*Lit. struck*

¹⁰ ^a1 Chr. 2:9, 25 ^bJudg. 1:16

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¹ ^a1 Sam. 29:1, 2

³ ^a1 Sam. 25:1 ^b1 Sam. 1:19 ^cEx. 22:18; Lev. 19:31; 20:27; Deut. 18:10, 11; 1 Sam. 15:23; 28:9

⁴ ^aJosh. 19:18; 1 Sam. 28:4; 1 Kin. 1:3; 2 Kin. 4:8 ^b1 Sam. 31:1

⁵ ^aJob 18:11; [Is. 57:20]

⁶ ^a1 Sam. 14:37; Prov. 1:28; Lam. 2:9 ^bNum. 12:6; Joel 2:28 ^cEx. 28:30; Num. 27:21; Deut. 33:8

⁷ ^a1 Chr. 10:13

⁸ ^aDeut. 18:10, 11; 1 Chr. 10:13; Is. 8:19

⁹ ^a1 Sam. 28:3

¹³ ^aEx. 22:28; Ps. 138:1 ¹*Heb. elohim*

¹⁴ ^a1 Sam. 15:27; 2 Kin. 2:8, 13

¹⁵ ^aIs. 14:9 ^b1 Sam. 16:14; 18:12

you will go out with me to battle, you and your men."

2 So David said to Achish, "Surely you know what your servant can do." And Achish said to David, "Therefore I will make you one of my chief guardians forever."

Saul Consults a Medium

3 Now ^aSamuel had died, and all Israel had lamented for him and buried him in ^bRamah, in his own city. And Saul had put ^cthe mediums and the spiritists out of the land.

4 Then the Philistines gathered together, and came and encamped at ^aShunem. So Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped at ^bGilboa.

5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was ^aafraid, and his heart trembled greatly.

6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, ^athe LORD did not answer him, either by ^bdreams or ^cby Urim or by the prophets.

7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, ^athat I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "In fact, *there is* a woman who is a medium at En Dor."

8 So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes, and he went, and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And ^ahe said, "Please conduct a séance for me, and bring up for me the one I shall name to you."

9 Then the woman said to him, "Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has ^acut off the mediums and the spiritists from the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?"

10 And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing."

11 Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me."

12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you *are* Saul!"

13 And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What did you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I saw ^aa spirit ascending out of the earth."

14 So he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is covered with ^aa mantle." And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down.

15 Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you ^adisturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, "I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and ^bGod has

departed from me and ^cdoes not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do."

16 Then Samuel said: "So why do you ask me, seeing the LORD has departed from you and has become your enemy?"

17 "And the LORD has done for ¹Himself ^aas He spoke by me. For the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David.

18 "Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD nor execute His fierce wrath upon ^aAmalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day.

19 "Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with ^ame. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines."

20 Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, and was dreadfully afraid because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day or all night.

21 And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was severely troubled, and said to him, "Look, your maidservant has obeyed your voice, and I have ^aput my life in my hands and heeded the words which you spoke to me.

22 "Now therefore, please, heed also the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a piece of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way."

23 But he refused and said, "I will not eat." So his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he heeded their voice. Then he arose from the ground and sat on the bed.

24 Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she hastened to kill it. And she took flour and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread from it.

25 So she brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

The Philistines Reject David

29 Then ^athe Philistines gathered together all their armies ^bat Aphek, and the Israelites encamped by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

2 And the ^alords of the Philistines ¹passed in review by hundreds and by thousands, but ^bDavid and his men passed in review at the rear with Achish.

3 Then the princes of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews doing here?" And Achish said to the

15 ^{c1} Sam. 28:6

17 ^{a1} Sam. 15:28 ¹Or him, i.e., David

18 ^{a1} Sam. 13:9-13; 15:1-26; 1 Kin. 20:42; 1 Chr. 10:13; Jer. 48:10 ^{b1} Sam. 15:3-9

19 ^{a1} Sam. 31:1-6; Job 3:17-19

21 ^aJudg. 12:3; 1 Sam. 19:5; Job 13:14

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1 ^{a1} Sam. 28:1 ^bJosh. 12:18; 19:30; 1 Sam. 4:1; 1 Kin. 20:30

2 ^{a1} Sam. 6:4; 7:7 ^{b1} Sam. 28:1, 2 ¹passed on in the rear

3 ^{a1} Sam. 27:7 ^{b1} Sam. 27:1-6; 1 Chr. 12:19, 20; Dan. 6:5

4 ^{a1} Sam. 27:6 ^{b1} Sam. 14:21 ^{c1} Sam. 29:9 ^{d1} Chr. 12:19, 20

5 ^{a1} Sam. 21:11 ^{b1} Sam. 18:7

6 ^{a2} Sam. 3:25; 2 Kin. 19:27 ^{b1} Sam. 29:3

9 ^{a2} Sam. 14:17, 20; 19:27 ^{b1} Sam. 29:4

10 ^{a1} Chr. 12:19, 22 ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX adds and go to the place which I have selected for you there; and set no bothersome word in your heart, for you are good before me. And rise on your way

11 ^{a2} Sam. 4:4

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1 ^{a1} Sam. 27:6 ^{b1} Sam. 15:7; 27:8

2 ^{a1} Sam. 27:2, 3

princes of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul king of Israel, who has been with me ^athese days, or these years? And to this day I have ^bfound no fault in him since he defected to me."

4 But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; so the princes of the Philistines said to him, ^a"Make this fellow return, that he may go back to the place which you have appointed for him, and do not let him go down with us to ^bbattle, lest ^cin the battle he become our adversary. For with what could he reconcile himself to his master, if not with the heads of these ^amen?"

5 "Is this not David, ^aof whom they sang to one another in dances, saying:

^b"Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands?"

6 Then Achish called David and said to him, "Surely, as the LORD lives, you have been upright, and ^ayour going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight. For to this day ^{b1}I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me. Nevertheless the lords do not favor you.

7 "Therefore return now, and go in peace, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines."

8 So David said to Achish, "But what have I done? And to this day what have you found in your servant as long as I have been with you, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

9 Then Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you ^aare as good in my sight ^aas an angel of God; nevertheless ^bthe princes of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.'

10 "Now therefore, rise early in the morning with your master's servants ^awho have come with ^ayou. And as soon as you are up early in the morning and have light, depart."

11 So David and his men rose early to depart in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. ^aAnd the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

David's Conflict with the Amalekites

30 Now it happened, when David and his men came to ^aZiklag, on the third day, that the ^bAmalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire,

2 and had taken captive the ^awomen and those who ^awere there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried ^athem away and went their way.

3 So David and his men came to

the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive.

4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive.

6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was ¹grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. ^bBut David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

7 "Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the ephod here to me." And ^bAbiathar brought the ephod to David.

8 "So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake *them* and without fail recover *all*."

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed *behind*, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

11 Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water.

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So ^bwhen he had eaten, his strength came back to him; for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights.

13 Then David said to him, "To whom do you *belong*, and where are you from?" And he said, "I *am* a young man from Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick.

14 "We made an invasion of the southern area of the Cherethites, in the territory which *belongs* to Judah, and of the southern area ^bof Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire."

15 And David said to him, "Can you take me down to this troop?" So he said, "Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop."

16 And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil which they had taken

5 ^{a1} Sam. 25:42, 43

6 ^aEx. 17:4; John 8:59
^{b1} Sam. 23:16; Is. 25:4; Hab. 3:17-19 ¹Lit. bitter

7 ^{a1} Sam. 23:2-9
^{b1} Sam. 23:6

8 ^{a1} Sam. 23:2, 4; Ps. 50:15; 91:15

10 ^{a1} Sam. 30:9, 21

12 ^{a1} Sam. 25:18; 1 Kin. 20:7 ^bJudg. 15:19; 1 Sam. 14:27

14 ^{a2} Sam. 8:18; 1 Kin. 1:38, 44; Ezek. 25:16; Zeph. 2:5 ^bJosh. 14:13; 15:13

15 ^aDeut. 23:15

16 ^{a1} Thess. 5:3

19 ^{a1} Sam. 30:8

21 ^{a1} Sam. 30:10 ¹asked them concerning their welfare

22 ^aDeut. 13:13; Judg. 19:22 ¹Lit. men of Bethel

24 ^aNum. 31:27; Josh. 22:8

26 ¹booty

27 ^aJosh. 19:8 ^bJosh. 15:48; 21:14

28 ^aJosh. 13:16 ^{b1} Chr. 27:27 ^cJosh. 15:50

29 ^{a1} Sam. 27:10 ^bJudg. 1:16; 1 Sam. 15:6; 27:10

30 ^aNum. 14:45; 21:3; Josh. 12:14; 15:30; 19:4; Judg. 1:17 ¹Or Borashan

31 ^aNum. 13:22; Josh. 14:13-15; 21:11-13; 2 Sam. 2:1 ^{b1} Sam. 23:22

from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.

17 Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.

18 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives.

19 And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.

20 Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those *other* livestock, and said, "This is David's spoil."

21 Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near the people, he ¹greeted them.

22 Then all the wicked and "worthless" men of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them *any* of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man's wife and children, that they may lead *them* away and depart."

23 But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what the LORD has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us.

24 "For who will heed you in this matter? But ^aas his part is who goes down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike."

25 So it was, from that day forward; he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

26 Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent *some* of the ¹spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD"

27 to those who were in Bethel, those who were in Ramoth of the South, those who were in Jattir,

28 those who were in Aroer, those who were in Siphmoth, those who were in Eshtemoa,

29 those who were in Rachal, those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, those who were in the cities of the Kenites,

30 those who were in Hormah, those who were in Chorashan, those who were in Athach,

31 those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to ^bprove.

him said, "As I happened by chance to be on Mount Gilboa, there was Saul, leaning on his spear; and indeed the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

7 "Now when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I answered, 'Here I am.'

8 "And he said to me, 'Who are you?' So I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'

9 "He said to me again, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, but my life still remains in me.'

10 "So I stood over him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord."

11 Therefore David took hold of his own clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him.

12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son, for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

13 Then David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" And he answered, "I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite."

14 So David said to him, "How was it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?"

15 Then David called one of the young men and said, "Go near, and execute him!" And he struck him so that he died.

16 So David said to him, "Your blood is on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD's anointed.'"

The Song of the Bow

17 Then David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son,

18 "and he told them to teach the children of Judah the Song of the Bow; indeed it is written in the Book of Jasher:

19 "The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places!

"How the mighty have fallen!

20 "Tell it not in Gath,

Proclaim it not in the streets of

Ashkelon—

Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,

Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 "O mountains of Gilboa,

Let there be no dew nor rain

upon you,

Nor fields of offerings.

6^a 1 Sam. 31:1

^b 1 Sam.

31:2-4

9 ^aagony

10 ^aJudg. 9:54;

2 Kin. 11:12

11 ^a2 Sam.

3:31; 13:31

12 ^a2 Sam.

3:31 ^b 1 Sam.

31:13 ^c 2 Sam.

6:21

14 ^aNum. 12:8

^b 1 Sam. 31:4

^c 1 Sam. 24:6;

26:9

15 ^a2 Sam.

4:10, 12

16 ^a1 Sam.

26:9; 2 Sam.

3:28; 1 Kin.

2:32-37

^b 2 Sam. 1:10;

Luke 19:22

18 ^a1 Sam.

31:3 ^bJosh.

10:13 ^cLit. of

the Upright

19 ^a2 Sam.

1:27

20 ^a1 Sam.

27:2; 31:8-13;

Mic. 1:10

^b 1 Sam. 6:17;

Jer. 25:20

^cEx. 15:20;

Judg. 11:34;

1 Sam. 18:6

^d 1 Sam. 31:4

21 ^a1 Sam.

31:1 ^bEzek.

31:15 ^c1 Sam.

10:1 ^dLit. de-

filed

22 ^aDeut.

32:42; 1 Sam.

18:4

23 ^a1 Sam.

31:2-4 ^bJudg.

14:18

26 ^a1 Sam.

18:1-4; 19:2;

20:17

27 ^a2 Sam.

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1 ^aJudg. 1:1;

1 Sam. 23:2;

4, 9; 30:7, 8

^b 1 Sam.

30:31; 2 Sam.

2:11; 5:1-3;

1 Kin. 2:11

2 ^a1 Sam.

25:42, 43;

30:5

3 ^a1 Sam.

27:2, 3; 30:1;

1 Chr. 12:1

4 ^a1 Sam.

30:26; 2 Sam.

2:11; 5:5;

19:14, 41-43

^b 1 Sam.

16:13; 2 Sam.

5:3 ^c1 Sam.

31:11-13

5 ^aRuth 2:20;

3:10

6 ^aEx. 34:6;

2 Tim. 1:16;

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For the shield of the mighty is
cast away there!

The shield of Saul, not
anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain,

From the fat of the mighty,

The bow of Jonathan did not

turn back,

And the sword of Saul did not
return empty.

23 "Saul and Jonathan were
beloved and pleasant in their
lives,

And in their death they were
not divided;

They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.

24 "O daughters of Israel, weep
over Saul,

Who clothed you in scarlet,
with luxury;

Who put ornaments of gold on
your apparel.

25 "How the mighty have fallen in
the midst of the battle!
Jonathan was slain in your
high places.

26 I am distressed for you, my
brother Jonathan;

You have been very pleasant to
me;

Your love to me was wonderful,
Surpassing the love of women.

27 "How the mighty have fallen,
And the weapons of war
perished!"

David Anointed King of Judah

2 It happened after this that David
inquired of the LORD, saying,
"Shall I go up to any of the cities of
Judah?" And the LORD said to him,
"Go up." David said, "Where shall I
go up?" And He said, "To Hebron."

2 So David went up there, and his
two wives also, Ahinoam the
Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow
of Nabal the Carmelite.

3 And David brought up the men
who were with him, every man with
his household. So they dwelt in the
cities of Hebron.

4 Then the men of Judah came,
and there they anointed David king
over the house of Judah. And they
told David, saying, "The men of
Jabesh Gilead were the ones who
buried Saul."

5 So David sent messengers to
the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said
to them, "You are blessed of the
LORD, for you have shown this kind-
ness to your lord, to Saul, and have
buried him.

6 "And now may the LORD show
kindness and truth to you. I also will
repay you this kindness, because
you have done this thing.

7 "Now therefore, let your hands be strengthened, and be valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

Ishbosheth Made King of Israel

8 But ^aAbner the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, took ¹Ishbosheth the son of Saul and brought him over to ^bMahanaim;

9 and he made him king over ^aGilead, over the ^bAshurites, over ^cJezreel, over Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Ishbosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. Only the house of Judah followed David.

11 And ^athe ¹time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

Israel and Judah at War

12 Now Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to ^aGibeon.

13 And ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out and met them by ^bthe pool of Gibeon. So they sat down, one on one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool.

14 Then Abner said to Joab, "Let the young men now arise and compete before us." And Joab said, "Let them arise."

15 So they arose and went over by number, twelve from Benjamin, followers of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve from the servants of David.

16 And each one grasped his opponent by the head and *thrust* his sword in his opponent's side; so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called ¹the Field of Sharp Swords, which is in Gibeon.

17 So there was a very fierce battle that day, and Abner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

18 Now the ^athree sons of Zeruiah were there: Joab and Abishai and Asahel. And Asahel was ^bas fleet of foot ^aas a wild gazelle.

19 So Asahel pursued Abner, and in going he did not turn to the right hand or to the left from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, "Are you Asahel?" He answered, "I am."

21 And Abner said to him, "Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay hold on one of the young men and take his armor for yourself." But Asahel would not turn aside from following him.

22 So Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn aside from following me. Why

8 ^{a1} Sam. 14:50; 2 Sam. 3:6 ^b Gen. 32:2; Josh. 21:38; 2 Sam. 17:24 ¹ *Esh-Baal*, 1 Chr. 8:33; 9:39

9 ^a Josh. 22:9 ^b Judg. 1:32 ^{c1} Sam. 29:1

11 ^{a2} Sam. 5:5; 1 Kin. 2:11 ¹ *Lit. number of days*

12 ^a Josh. 10:2-12; 18:25

13 ^{a1} Sam. 26:6; 2 Sam. 8:16; 1 Chr. 2:16; 11:6 ^b Jer. 41:12

16 ¹ *Heb. Helkath Hazzurim*

18 ^{a1} Chr. 2:16 ^{b1} Chr. 12:8; Hab. 3:19 ^c Ps. 18:33

23 ^{a2} Sam. 3:27; 4:6; 20:10 ^{b2} Sam. 20:12

25 ¹ *one band*

27 ^{a2} Sam. 2:14 ¹ *If you had not spoken*

32 ^{a1} Sam. 20:6

CHAPTER 3

1 ^{a1} Kin. 14:30; [Ps. 46:9]

2 ^{a1} Chr. 3:1-4 ^{b1} Sam. 25:42, 43

3 ^{a2} Sam. 15:1-10 ^b Josh. 13:13; 1 Sam. 27:8; 2 Sam. 13:37; 14:32; 15:8 ¹ *Daniel*, 1 Chr. 3:1

4 ^{a1} Kin. 1:5

should I strike you to the ground? How then could I face your brother Joab?"

23 However, he refused to turn aside. Therefore Abner struck him ^ain the stomach with the blunt end of the spear, so that the spear came out of his back; and he fell down there and died on the spot. So it was *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died, stood ^bstill.

24 Joab and Abishai also pursued Abner. And the sun was going down when they came to the hill of Ammah, which is before Giah by the road to the Wilderness of Gibeon.

25 Now the children of Benjamin gathered together behind Abner and became ¹a unit, and took their stand on top of a hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab and said, "Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the latter end? How long will it be then until you tell the people to return from pursuing their brethren?"

27 And Joab said, "As God lives, ¹unless ^ayou had spoken, surely then by morning all the people would have given up pursuing their brethren."

28 So Joab blew a trumpet; and all the people stood still and did not pursue Israel anymore, nor did they fight anymore.

29 Then Abner and his men went on all that night through the plain, crossed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron; and they came to Mahanaim.

30 So Joab returned from pursuing Abner. And when he had gathered all the people together, there were missing of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.

31 But the servants of David had struck down, of Benjamin and Abner's men, three hundred and sixty men who died.

32 Then they took up Asahel and buried him in his father's tomb, which was in ^aBethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at daybreak.

3 Now there was a long ^awar between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

Sons of David

2 Sons were born ^ato David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon ^bby Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

3 his second, ¹Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite; the third, ^aAbalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmi, king ^bof Geshur;

4 the fourth, ^aAdonijah the son of

Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;
5 and the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron.

Abner Joins Forces with David

6 Now it was so, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner was strengthening *his hold* on the house of Saul.

7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was ^aRizpah, the daughter of Aiah. So *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, "Why have you ^bgone in to my father's concubine?"

8 Then Abner became very angry at the words of Ishbosheth, and said, "Am I ^aa dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show loyalty to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David; and you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman?"

9 "May God do so to Abner, and more also, if I do not do for David ^bas the LORD has sworn to him—

10 "to transfer the kingdom from the ¹house of Saul, and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, "from Dan to Beersheba."

11 And he could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him.

12 Then Abner sent messengers on his behalf to David, saying, "Whose is the land?" saying also, "Make your covenant with me, and indeed my hand *shall* be with you to bring all Israel to you."

13 And David said, "Good, I will make a covenant with you. But one thing I require of you: ^ayou shall not see my face unless you first bring ^bMichal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face."

14 So David sent messengers to ^aIshbosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself ^bfor a hundred foreskins of the Philistines."

15 And Ishbosheth sent and took her from *her* husband, from ¹Paltiel the son of Laish.

16 Then her husband went along with her to ^aBahurim, ¹weeping behind her. So Abner said to him, "Go, return!" And he returned.

17 Now Abner had communicated with the elders of Israel, saying, "In time past you were seeking for David to be king over you.

18 "Now then, do *it!* ^aFor the LORD has spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of My servant David, ¹I will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and the hand of all their enemies.' "

19 And Abner also spoke in the hearing of ^aBenjamin. Then Abner also went to speak in the hearing of

7 ^{a2} Sam.
21:8–11
^{b2} Sam. 16:21

8 ^aDeut.
23:18; 1 Sam.
24:14; 2 Sam.
9:8; 16:9

9 ^aRuth 1:17;
1 Kin. 19:2
^{b1} Sam.
15:28; 16:1,
12; 28:17;
1 Chr. 12:23

10 ^aJudg. 20:1;
1 Sam. 3:20;
2 Sam. 17:11;
1 Kin. 4:25
¹family

13 ^aGen. 43:3
^{b1} Sam.
18:20; 19:11;
25:44; 2 Sam.
6:16

14 ^{a2} Sam.
2:10 ^{b1} Sam.
18:25–27

15 ¹Palti,
1 Sam. 25:44

16 ^{a2} Sam.
16:5; 19:16
¹Lit. *going*
and weeping

18 ^{a2} Sam. 3:9
¹So with
many Heb.
mss., LXX,
Syr., Tg.; MT
he

19 ^{a1} Sam.
10:20, 21;
1 Chr. 12:29

21 ^{a2} Sam.
3:10, 12
^{b1} Kin. 11:37

22 ¹booty

25 ^aDeut. 28:6;
1 Sam. 29:6;
Is. 37:28

27 ^{a2} Sam.
20:9, 10;
1 Kin. 2:5
^{b2} Sam. 4:6
^{c2} Sam. 2:23
¹Lit. *struck*

28 ¹innocent

29 ^aDeut.
21:6–9; 1 Kin.
2:32; 33 ^bLev.
15:2 ¹family

30 ^{a2} Sam.
2:23

31 ^aJosh. 7:6;
2 Sam. 1:2,
11 ^bGen.
37:34

David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner and twenty men with him came to David at Hebron. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who *were* with him.

21 Then Abner said to David, "I will arise and go, and ^agather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may ^breign over all that your heart desires." So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

Joab Murders Abner

22 At that moment the servants of David and Joab came from a raid and brought much ¹spoil with them. But Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the troops that *were* with him had come, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he sent him away, and he has gone in peace."

24 Then Joab came to the king and said, "What have you done? Look, Abner came to you; why is it *that* you sent him away, and he has already gone?"

25 "Surely you realize that Abner the son of Ner came to deceive you, to know ^ayour going out and your coming in, and to know all that you are doing."

26 And when Joab had gone from David's presence, he sent messengers after Abner, who brought him back from the well of Sirah. But David did not know *it*.

27 Now when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab ^atook him aside in the gate to speak with him privately, and there ¹stabbed him ^bin the stomach, so that he died for the blood of ^cAsahel his brother.

28 Afterward, when David heard *it*, he said, "My kingdom and I *are* ¹guiltless before the LORD forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner.

29 "^aLet it rest on the head of Joab and on all his father's house; and let there never fail to be in the ¹house of Joab one ^bwho has a discharge or is a leper, who leans on a staff or falls by the sword, or who lacks bread."

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother ^aAsahel at Gibeon in the battle.

David's Mourning for Abner

31 Then David said to Joab and to all the people who *were* with him, ^a"Tear your clothes, ^bgird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn for Abner." And King David followed the coffin.

32 So they buried Abner in Hebron;

and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.

33 And the king sang a lament over Abner and said:

“Should Abner die as a ‘fool dies?’

34 Your hands were not bound
Nor your feet put into fetters;
As a man falls before wicked
men, so you fell.”

Then all the people wept over him again.

35 And when all the people came “to persuade David to eat food while it was still day, David took an oath, saying, ^b“God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else ‘till the sun goes down!’”

36 Now all the people took note of it, and it pleased them, since whatever the king did pleased all the people.

37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been the king’s *intent* to kill Abner the son of Ner.

38 Then the king said to his servants, “Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?”

39 “And I am weak today, though anointed king; and these men, the sons of Zeruiah, *are* too harsh for me. ^bThe LORD shall repay the evil-doer according to his wickedness.”

Ishbosheth Is Murdered

4 When Saul’s ¹son heard that Abner had died in Hebron, ^{he}² lost heart, and all Israel was ^{troubled}.

2 Now Saul’s son had two men who were captains of troops. The name of one was Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin. (For ^aBeeroth also was ¹part of Benjamin.

3 because the Beerothites fled to ^aGittaim and have been sojourners there until this day.)

4 ^aJonathan, Saul’s son, had a son who was lame in *his* feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came ^bfrom Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was ^cMephibosheth.¹

5 Then the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, set out and came at about the heat of the day to the ^ahouse of Ishbosheth, who was lying on his bed at noon.

6 And they came there, all the way into the house, *as though* to get wheat, and they ¹stabbed him ^ain the stomach. Then Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the

33 ^a2 Sam. 13:12, 13

35 ^a2 Sam. 12:17; Jer. 16:7, 8 ^bRuth 1:17 ^cJudg. 20:26; 2 Sam. 1:12

39 ^a2 Sam. 19:5–7 ^b1 Kin. 2:5, 6, 32–34; 2 Tim. 4:14

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aEzra 4:4; Is. 13:7 ^bMatt. 2:3 ¹Ishbosheth ¹Lit. *his hands dropped*

2 ^aJosh. 18:25 ¹considered part of

3 ^aNeh. 11:33

4 ^a2 Sam. 9:3 ^b1 Sam. 29:1, 11 ^c2 Sam. 9:6

¹Merib-Baal, 1 Chr. 8:34; 9:40

5 ^a2 Sam. 2:8, 9

6 ^a2 Sam. 2:23; 20:10 ¹Lit. *struck*

8 ^a1 Sam. 19:2, 10, 11; 23:15; 25:29

9 ^aGen. 48:16; 1 Kin. 1:29; Ps. 31:7

10 ^a2 Sam. 1:2–16

11 ^a[Gen. 9:5; 6; Ps. 9:12]

¹Or *blood-shed* ²Lit. *consume you*

12 ^a2 Sam. 1:15 ^b2 Sam. 3:32

CHAPTER 5

1 ^a1 Chr. 11:1–3 ^bGen. 29:14; Judg. 9:2; 2 Sam. 19:12, 13

2 ^a1 Sam. 18:5, 13, 16 ^b1 Sam. 16:1

3 ^a2 Sam. 3:17; 1 Chr. 11:3 ^b2 Sam. 2:4; 3:21; 2 Kin. 11:17

^cJudg. 11:11; 1 Sam. 23:18

4 ^aGen. 41:46; Num. 4:3; Luke 3:23

^b1 Kin. 2:11; 1 Chr. 26:31; 29:27

5 ^a2 Sam. 2:11; 1 Chr. 3:4; 29:27

6 ^aJudg. 1:21 ^bJosh. 15:63; Judg. 1:8; 19:11, 12

house, he was lying on his bed in his bedroom; then they struck him and killed him, beheaded him and took his head, and were all night escaping through the plain.

8 And they brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron, and said to the king, “Here is the head of Ishbosheth, the son of Saul your enemy, ^awho sought your life; and the LORD has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul and his descendants.”

9 But David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, “As the LORD lives, ^awho has redeemed my life from all adversity,

10 “when ^asomeone told me, saying, ‘Look, Saul is dead,’ thinking to have brought good news, I arrested him and had him executed in Ziklag—the one who *thought* I would give him a reward for *his* news.”

11 “How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous person in his own house on his bed? Therefore, shall I not now ^arequire his ¹blood at your hand and ²remove you from the earth?”

12 So David ^acommanded his young men, and they executed them, cut off their hands and feet, and hanged *them* by the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried *it* in the ^btomb of Abner in Hebron.

David Reigns over All Israel

5 Then all the tribes of Israel ^acame to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, “Indeed ^bwe *are* your bone and your flesh.

2 “Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, ^ayou were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, ^b‘You shall shepherd my people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.’”

3 “Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, ^aand King David made a covenant with them at Hebron ^abefore the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was ^athirty years old when he began to reign, *and* ^bhe reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah ^aseven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

The Conquest of Jerusalem

6 “And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against ^bthe Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, “You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you,” thinking, “David cannot come in here.”

7 Nevertheless David took the

stronghold of Zion ^a(that is, the City of David).

8 Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by way of the web shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, *who are hated by David's soul*), ^a*he shall be chief and captain.*" Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house."

9 Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it ^a"the City of David." And David built all around from ¹the Millo and inward.

10 So David went on and became great, and ^athe LORD God of hosts was with ^hhim.

11 Then ^aHiram ^bking of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house.

12 So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had ^aexalted His kingdom ^bfor the sake of His people Israel.

13 And ^aDavid took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron. Also more sons and daughters were born to David.

14 Now ^athese are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: ¹Shammua, ²Shobab, ³Nathan, ⁴Solomon,

15 ¹Ibhar, ²Elishua, ³Nepheg, ⁴Japhia, ⁵Elishama, ⁶Eliada, and ⁷Eliphelet.

The Philistines Defeated

17 ^aNow when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it ^aand went down to the stronghold.

18 The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in ^a"the Valley of Rephaim."

19 So David ^ainquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

20 So David went to ^aBaal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place ¹Baal Perazim.

21 And they left their ¹images there, and David and his men ^acarried them away.

22 ^aThen the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.

23 Therefore ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.

7 ^{a1} Kin. 2:10; 8:1; 9:24
8 ^{a1} Chr. 11:6-9
9 ^{a2} Sam. 5:7
¹Lit. *The Landfill*

10 ^{a1} Sam. 17:45 ^{b1} Sam. 18:12, 28
11 ^{a1} Kin. 5:1-18 ^{b1} Chr. 14:1

12 ^aNum. 24:7 ^{b1s} 45:4
13 ^{a1} [Deut. 17:17]

14 ^{a1} Chr. 3:5-8 ^{b2} Sam. 12:24
¹Shimea,

1 Chr. 3:5
15 ¹Elishama, 1 Chr. 3:6
17 ^{a1} Chr. 11:16 ^{b2} Sam. 23:14

18 ^{a1} Chr. 11:15
19 ^{a1} Sam. 23:2
20 ^aIs. 28:21
¹Lit. *Master of Breakthroughs*

21 ^aDeut. 7:5, 25 ¹idols
22 ^{a1} Chr. 14:13

23 ^{a2} Sam. 5:19
24 ^{a1} Chr. 14:15 ^bJudg. 4:14

25 ^{a1} Chr. 14:16 ^bJosh. 16:10 ¹So with MT. Tg., Vg.: LXX
Gibeon

CHAPTER 6

2 ^{a1} Chr. 13:5, 6 ^bPs. 80:1
¹Baalath, *Kirjath Jearim*, Josh. 15:9;
1 Chr. 13:6
²LXX, Tg., Vg. omit by the Name; many Heb. mss., Syr. there

3 ^{a1} Sam. 26:1
¹LXX adds with the ark
4 ^{a1} Sam. 7:1
5 ^{a1} Sam. 18:6, 7

6 ^{a1} Chr. 13:9
^bNum. 4:15, 19, 20 ¹held it
7 ¹Or *irreverence*

8 ¹Lit. *Outburst Against Uz-zah*
9 ^aPs. 119:120
10 ^{a2} Sam. 5:7
^{b1} Chr. 13:13; 26:4-8

11 ^{a1} Chr. 13:14 ^bGen. 30:27; 39:5
12 ^{a1} Chr. 15:25-16:3
13 ^aJosh. 3:3

24 "And it shall be, when you ^ahear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then ^bthe LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

25 And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from ^aGeba¹ as far as ^bGezer.

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

6 Again David gathered all the choice *men* of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And ^aDavid arose and went with all the people who were with him from ¹Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called ²by the Name, the LORD of Hosts, ^bwho dwells between the cherubim.

3 So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on ^athe hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new ¹cart.

4 And they brought it out of ^athe house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

5 Then David and all the house of Israel ^aplayed music before the LORD on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to ^aNachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out ^bhis hand to the ark of God and ¹took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.

7 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for ^bhis error; and he died there by the ark of God.

8 And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place ¹Perez Uzzah to this day.

9 ^a"David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, 'How can the ark of the LORD come to me?'"

10 So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the ^aCity of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the ^bGittite.

11 ^a"The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD ^bblessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." ^aSo David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.

13 And so it was, when ^athose bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six

paces, that he sacrificed ^boxen and fatted sheep.

14 Then David ^adanced¹ before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing ^alinen ephod.

15 ^aSo David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, ^aMichal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 So ^athey brought the ark of the LORD, and set it in ^bits place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David ^affered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, ^ahe blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 ^aThen he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of ^ameat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.

20 ^aThen David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, ^buncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the ^bbase fellows ¹shamelessly uncovers himself!"

21 So David said to Michal, "^aIt was before the LORD, ^awho chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the ^bpeople of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play ^amusic before the LORD.

22 "And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children ^ato the day of her death.

God's Covenant with David

7 Now it came to pass ^awhen the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, 2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in ^aa house of cedar, ^bbut the ark of God dwells inside tent ^acurtains."

3 Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that ^ais in your ^aheart, for the LORD is with you."

4 But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,

5 "Go and tell My servant David,

13 ^{b1} Kin. 8:5

14 ^aPs. 30:11; 149:3 ^{b1} Sam.

2:18, 28

¹whirled

about

15 ^{a1} Chr.

15:28

16 ^{a2} Sam.

3:14

17 ^{a1} Chr. 16:1

^{b1} Chr. 15:1

^{c1} Kin. 8:5,

62, 63

18 ^{a1} Kin.

8:14, 15, 55

19 ^{a1} Chr. 16:3

20 ^aPs. 30:title

^{b2} Sam. 6:14,

16 ^cJudg. 9:4

¹openly

21 ^{a1} Sam.

13:14; 15:28

^{b2} Kin. 11:17

23 ^aIs. 22:14

CHAPTER 7

1 ^{a1} Chr.

17:1-27

2 ^{a2} Sam. 5:11

^bActs 7:46

^cEx. 26:1

3 ^{a1} Kin. 8:17,

18

5 ^{a1} Kin. 5:3,

4; 8:19

6 ^{a1} Kin. 8:16

^bEx. 40:18, 34

7 ^aLev. 26:11,

12 ^{b2} Sam.

5:2

8 ^{a1} Sam.

16:11, 12

9 ^{a2} Sam. 5:10

^{b1} Sam. 31:6

¹destroyed

10 ^aPs. 44:2;

80:8 ^bPs.

89:22, 23

11 ^aJudg.

2:14-16

^{b2} Sam. 7:27

¹declares to

you ²Royal

dynasty

12 ^{a1} Kin. 2:1

^bDeut. 31:16

^cPs. 132:11

13 ^{a1} Kin. 5:5;

8:19 ^bIs. 9:7;

49:8]

14 ^a[Heb. 1:5]

^b[Ps. 2:7;

89:26, 27, 30]

¹strokes

15 ^{a1} Sam.

15:23, 28;

16:14

16 ^{a2} Sam.

7:13 ¹LXX Me

18 ^aEx. 3:11

19 ^aIs.

55:8, 9]

'Thus says the LORD: ^a"Would you build a house for Me to dwell in?"

6 "For I have not dwelt in a house ^asince the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in ^aba tent and in a tabernacle.

7 "Wherever I have ^amoved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded ^bto shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' " "

8 "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: ^a"I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.

9 "And ^aI have been with you wherever you have gone, ^band have ^ccut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who ^aare on the earth.

10 "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will ^aplant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; ^bnor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,

11 ^asince the time that I commanded judges to ^abe over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD ^atells you ^bthat He will make you a ²house.

12 ^a"When your days are fulfilled and you ^brest with your fathers, ^aI will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 ^a"He shall build a house for My name, and I will ^bestablish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 ^a"I will be his Father, and he shall be ^bMy son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the ^bblows of the sons of men.

15 "But My mercy shall not depart from him, ^aas I took ^ait from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 "And ^ayour house and your kingdom shall be established forever before ^byou. Your throne shall be established forever." " "

17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

David's Thanksgiving to God

18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: ^a"Who ^aam I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?"

19 "And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, ^aIs this the manner of man, O Lord God?"

20 "Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, ^aknow Your servant.

21 "For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make You servant know *them*.

22 "Therefore ^aYou are great, ¹⁰ Lord GOD. For ^bthere is none like You, nor is *there any* God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 "And who is like Your people, like Israel, ^athe one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name—and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—before ^bYour people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods?

24 "For ^aYou have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; ^band You, LORD, have become their God.

25 "Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish *it* forever and do as You have said.

26 "So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.

27 "For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed *this* to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.

28 "And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and ^aYour words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant.

29 "Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You, O Lord GOD, have spoken *it*, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed ^a'forever.'

David's Further Conquests

8 After this it came to pass that David ¹attacked the Philistines and subdued them. And David took ²Metheg Ammah from the hand of the Philistines.

2 Then ^ahe defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So the Moabites became David's ^bservants, and ^cbrought tribute.

3 David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of ^aZobah, as he went to recover ^bhis territory at the River Euphrates.

4 David took from him one thou-

20 ^aJohn 21:17

22 ^aDeut.

10:17 ^bEx.

15:11 ^cEx.

10:2 ¹Tg.,

Syr. O LORD

God

23 ^aPs. 147:20

^bDeut. 9:26;

33:29

24 ^a[Deut.

26:18] ^bPs.

48:14

28 ^aJohn 17:17

29 ^{a2} Sam.

22:51

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1 ¹Lit. *struck*

2 ¹Lit. *The Bride*

of the

Mother City

2 ^aNum. 24:17

^{b2} Sam. 12:31

^{c1} Kin. 4:21

3 ^{a1} Sam.

14:47 ^{b2} Sam.

10:15-19

4 ^aJosh. 11:6,

9 ¹seven

thousand,

1 Chr. 18:4

5 ^{a1} Kin.

11:23-25

6 ^{a2} Sam. 7:9;

8:14

7 ^{a1} Kin. 10:16

8 ^aEzek. 47:16

¹Tibhath,

1 Chr. 18:8

²Chun,

1 Chr. 18:8

9 ^{a1} Kin. 8:65

¹Tou, 1 Chr.

18:9

10 ¹Hadoram,

1 Chr. 18:10

²Lit. *ask him*

of his welfare

11 ^{a1} Kin. 7:51

12 ^{a2} Sam.

5:17-25

¹LXX, Syr.,

Heb. mss.

Edom

13 ^{a2} Sam. 7:9

^{b2} Kin. 14:7

^{c1} Chr. 18:12

¹LXX, Syr.,

Heb. mss.

Edomites

and 1 Chr.

18:12

14 ^aGen.

27:29, 37-40

16 ^{a2} Sam.

19:13; 20:23

^{b1} Kin. 4:3

17 ^{a1} Chr.

6:4-8; 24:3

¹Shavsha,

1 Chr. 18:16

²secretary

18 ^{a1} Chr.

18:17 ^{b1} Sam.

30:14 ¹Lit.

priests

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1 ^{a1} Sam.

18:3;

20:14-16

¹covenant

¹faithfulness

sand *chariots*, ¹seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David ^ahamstrung all the chariot *horses*, except that he spared *enough* of them for one hundred chariots.

5 ^aWhen the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, *and* brought tribute. So ^athe LORD preserved David wherever he went.

7 And David took ^athe shields of gold that had belonged to the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Also from ¹Betah and from ^aBerothai, ²cities of Hadadezer, King David took a large amount of bronze.

9 When ¹Toi king of ^aHamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

10 then Toi sent ¹Joram his son to King David, to ²greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi); and *Joram* brought with him articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze.

11 King David also ^adedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued—

12 from ¹Syria, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the ^aPhilistines, from Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David made *himself* a ^aname when he returned from killing ^beighteen thousand ¹Syrians in ^cthe Valley of Salt.

14 He also put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and ^aall the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

David's Administration

15 So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people.

16 ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; ^bJehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

17 ^aZadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were the priests; ¹Seraiah was the ²scribe; 18 ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the ^bCherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were ¹chief ministers.

David's Kindness to Mephibosheth

9 Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may ^ashow him ¹kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2 And there was a servant of the

house of Saul whose name was ^aZiba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "At your service!"

3 Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show ^athe kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is ^blame in his feet."

4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of ^aMachir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar."

5 Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar.

6 Now when ^aMephibosheth¹ the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"

7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

8 Then he bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such ^aa dead dog as I?"

9 And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "^aI have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house.

10 "You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in *the harvest*, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son ^ashall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had ^bfifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at ¹my table like one of the king's sons."

12 Mephibosheth had a young son ^awhose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, ^afor he ate continually at the king's table. And he ^bwas lame in both his feet.

The Ammonites and Syrians Defeated

10 It happened after this that the ^aking of the people of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place.

2 Then David said, "I will show

2 ^{a2} Sam. 16:1-4; 19:17, 29

3 ^{a1} Sam. 20:14 ^{b2} Sam. 4:4

4 ^{a2} Sam. 17:27-29

6 ^{a2} Sam. 16:4; 19:24-30 ¹Or Merib-Baal

8 ^{a2} Sam. 16:9

9 ^{a2} Sam. 16:4; 19:29

10 ^{a2} Sam. 9:7, 11, 13; 19:28 ^{b2} Sam. 19:17

11 ¹LXX David's table

12 ^{a1} Chr. 8:34

13 ^{a2} Sam. 9:7, 10, 11; 1 Kin. 2:7; 2 Kin. 25:29 ^{b2} Sam. 9:3

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1 ^{a2} Sam. 11:1; 1 Chr. 19:1

2 ^{a2} Sam. 9:1; 1 Kin. 2:7 ^{b1} Sam. 11:1

4 ¹Is. 20:4; 47:2

5 ¹humiliated

6 ^aGen. 34:30; Ex. 5:21 ^{b2} Sam. 8:3, 5 ^cJudg. 18:28 ^dDeut. 3:14; Josh. 13:11, 13 ^eJudg. 11:3, 5

7 ^{a2} Sam. 23:8

8 ^{a2} Sam. 10:6

10 ^{a1} Sam. 26:6; 2 Sam. 3:30

12 ^aDeut. 31:6; Josh. 1:6, 7, 9; Neh. 4:14 ^{b1} Sam. 4:9; 1 Cor. 16:13 ^{c1} Sam. 3:18

14 ^{a2} Sam. 11:1

^akindness to Hanun the son of ^bNahash, as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? Has David not *rather* sent his servants to you to search the city, to spy it out, and to overthrow it?"

4 Therefore Hanun took David's servants, shaved off half of their beards, cut off their garments in the middle, ^aat their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 When they told David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ¹ashamed. And the king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and *then* return."

6 When the people of Ammon saw that they ^ahad made themselves repulsive to David, the people of Ammon sent and hired ^bthe Syrians of ^cBeth Rehob and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand foot soldiers; and from the king of ^dMaacah one thousand men, and from ^eIsh-Tob twelve thousand men.

7 Now when David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of ^athe mighty men.

8 Then the people of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array at the entrance of the gate. And ^athe Syrians of Zoba, Beth Rehob, Ish-Tob, and Maacah were by themselves in the field.

9 When Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best and put *them* in battle array against the Syrians.

10 And the rest of the people he put under the command of ^aAbishai his brother, that he might set *them* in battle array against the people of Ammon.

11 Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you.

12 ^a"Be of good courage, and let us ^bbe strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may ^cthe LORD do *what is good* in His sight."

13 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near for the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him.

14 When the people of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled before Abishai, and entered the city. So Joab returned from the people of Ammon and went to ^aJerusalem.

15 When the Syrians saw that they

had been defeated by Israel, they gathered together.

16 Then ¹Hadadezer sent and brought out the Syrians who were beyond ²the River, and they came to Helam. And ³Shobach the commander of Hadadezer's army went before them.

17 When it was told David, he gathered all Israel, crossed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in battle array against David and fought with him.

18 Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven hundred charioteers and forty thousand ^ahorsemen of the Syrians, and struck Shobach the commander of their army, who died there.

19 And when all the kings who were servants to ¹Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and ^aserved them. So the Syrians were afraid to help the people of Ammon anymore.

David, Bathsheba, and Uriah

11 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that ^bDavid sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged ^cRabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed ^aand walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he ^bsaw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, "Is this not ¹Bathsheba, the daughter of ²Eliam, the wife ^aof Uriah the ^bHittite?"

4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and ^ahe lay with her, for she was ^bcleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.

5 And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

6 Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered.

8 And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and ^awash your feet." So Uriah departed from the king's house, and a gift of food from the king followed him.

9 But Uriah slept at the ^adoor of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

10 So when they told David, saying,

¹⁶ ¹Heb. Hadarezer
²The Euphrates
³Shophach.
1 Chr. 19:16

¹⁸ ^{a1} Chr. 19:18

¹⁹ ^{a2} Sam. 8:6
¹Heb. Hadarezer

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¹ ^{a1} Kin. 20:22-26
^{b1} Chr. 20:1
^{c2} Sam. 12:26;
Jer. 49:2, 3;
Amos 1:14

² ^aDeut. 22:8;
1 Sam. 9:25;
Matt. 24:17;
Acts 10:9
^bGen. 34:2;
[Ex. 20:17];
Job 31:1;
[Matt. 5:28]

³ ^{a2} Sam. 23:39
^{b1} Sam. 26:6
¹Bathshua,
1 Chr. 3:5
¹Ammiel,
1 Chr. 3:5

⁴ ^a[Lev. 20:10;
Deut. 22:22];
Ps. 51:title;
[James 1:14,
15] ^bLev. 15:19, 28

⁸ ^aGen. 18:4;
19:2

⁹ ^{a1} Kin. 14:27, 28

¹¹ ^{a2} Sam. 7:2,
⁶ ^{b2} Sam. 20:6-22

¹³ ^aGen. 19:33,
³⁵ ^{b2} Sam. 11:9

¹⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 21:8, 9

¹⁵ ^{a2} Sam. 12:9 ¹fiercest

²¹ ^aJudg. 9:50-54
¹Gideon;
Jerubbaal
Judg. 6:32ff

²⁵ ¹Lit. *be evil in your sight*

"Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

11 And Uriah said to David, ^a"The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and ^bmy lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing."

12 Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

13 Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him ^adrunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed ^bwith the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

14 In the morning it happened that David ^awrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the ¹hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may ^bbe struck down and die."

16 So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there were valiant men.

17 Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And *some* of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war,

19 and charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling the matters of the war to the king,

20 "if it happens that the king's wrath rises, and he says to you: 'Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?'"

21 "Who struck ^aAbimelech the son of ¹Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who cast a piece of a millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you go near the wall?"—then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'

22 So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent by him.

23 And the messenger said to David, "Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in the field; then we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate.

24 "The archers shot from the wall at your servants; and *some* of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

25 Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab: 'Do not let this thing ¹displease you, for

the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.^a So encourage him.”

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she ^abecame his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done ^bdispleased¹ the LORD.

Nathan's Parable and David's Confession

12 Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And ^ahe came to him, and ^bsaid to him: “There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor.

2 “The rich *man* had exceedingly many flocks and herds.

3 “But the poor *man* had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him.

4 “And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.”

5 So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this ¹shall surely die!

6 “And he shall restore ^afourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”

7 Then Nathan said to David, “You *are* the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘I ^aanointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

8 ‘I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if *that had been* too little, I also would have given you much more!

9 “Why have you ^bdespised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? ^cYou have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to *be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.

10 ‘Now therefore, ^athe sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to *be* your wife.’

11 “Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will ^atake your wives before your eyes

27 ^a2 Sam. 12:9 ^b1 Chr. 21:7; [Heb. 13:4] ¹Lit. *was evil in the eyes of*

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1 ^aPs. 51:1; title ^b1 Kin. 20:35–41

5 ¹*deserves to die, lit. is a son of death*

6 ^a[Ex. 22:1]; Luke 19:8

7 ^a1 Sam. 16:13; 2 Sam. 5:3

9 ^a1 Sam. 15:19 ^bNum. 15:31 ^c2 Sam. 11:14–17, 27

10 ^a2 Sam. 13:28; 18:14; 1 Kin. 2:25; [Amos 7:9]

11 ^aDeut. 28:30; 2 Sam. 16:21, 22

12 ^a2 Sam. 16:22

13 ^a1 Sam. 15:24 ^b2 Sam. 24:10; Job 7:20; Ps. 51; Luke 18:13; ^c2 Sam. 24:10; Job 7:21; [Ps. 32:1–5; Prov. 28:13; Mic. 7:18]; Zech. 3:4

14 ^aIs. 52:5; [Ezek. 36:20, 23]; Rom. 2:24

15 ^a1 Sam. 25:38

16 ^a2 Sam. 13:31

20 ^aRuth 3:3; Matt. 6:17 ^bJob 1:20

22 ^aIs. 38:1–5; Joel 2:14; Jon. 3:9 ¹Heb. mss., Syr. *God*

23 ^aGen. 37:35 ^bJob 7:8–10

24 ^aMatt. 1:6

and give *them* to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

12 “For you did it secretly, ^abut I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.”

13 “So David said to Nathan, ^b“I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has ^cput away your sin; you shall not die.

14 “However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD ^ato blaspheme, the child also *who* is born to you shall surely die.”

15 Then Nathan departed to his house.

The Death of David's Son

And the ^aLORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became ill.

16 David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and ^alay all night on the ground.

17 So the elders of his house arose *and went* to him, to raise him up from the ground. But he would not, nor did he eat food with them.

18 Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, “Indeed, while the child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!”

19 When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, “Is the child dead?” And they said, “He is dead.”

20 So David arose from the ground, washed and ^aanointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and ^bworshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate.

21 Then his servants said to him, “What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child *while he was* alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food.”

22 And he said, “While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; ^afor I said, ‘Who can tell *whether* ¹the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’

23 “But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go ^ato him, but ^bhe shall not return to me.”

Solomon Is Born

24 Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So ^ashe bore

a son, and ^bhe¹ called his name Solomon. Now the LORD loved him. 25 and He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So ^{he} called his name ²Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

Rabbah Is Captured

26 Now ^aJoab fought against ^bRabbah of the people of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and I have taken the city's water supply.

28 "Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called after my name."

29 So David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah, fought against it, and took it.

30 "Then he took their king's crown from his head. Its weight was a talent of gold, with precious stones. And it was set on David's head. Also he brought out the ¹spoils of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws and iron picks and iron axes, and made them cross over to the brick works. So he did to all the cities of the people of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

Amnon and Tamar

13 After this ^aAbsalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name was ^bTamar; and ^cAmnon the son of David loved her.

2 Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick; for she was a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab "the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab was a very crafty man.

4 And he said to him, "Why are you, the king's son, becoming thinner day after day? Will you not tell me?" Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."

5 So Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.'"

6 Then Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let Tamar my sister come and make a couple of cakes for me in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

7 And David sent home to Tamar,

24 ^{b1} Chr. 22:9
¹So with Kt., LXX, Vg.; Or., a few Heb. mss., Syr., Tg. she

25 ¹Or., some Heb. mss., Syr., Tg. she
²Lit. Beloved of the LORD

26 ^{a1} Chr. 20:1
^bDeut. 3:11;
2 Sam. 11:1

30 ^{a1} Chr. 20:2
¹plunder

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1 ^{a2} Sam. 3:2,
3; 1 Chr. 3:2
^{b1} Chr. 3:9
^{c2} Sam. 3:2

3 ^{a1} Sam. 16:9

6 ^aGen. 18:6

9 ^aGen. 45:1

11 ^aGen. 39:12;
[Deut. 27:22];
Ezek. 22:11

12 ^a[Lev. 18:9-11;
20:17] ^bGen. 34:7; Judg. 19:23; 20:6
¹Lit. humble me

13 ^aGen. 20:12

14 ^aLev. 18:9;
[Deut. 22:25;
27:22]; 2 Sam. 12:11

15 ¹with a very great hatred

18 ^aGen. 37:3;
Judg. 5:30;
Ps. 45:13, 14

19 ^aJosh. 7:6;
2 Sam. 1:2;
Job 2:12; 42:6
^bJer. 2:37

22 ^aGen. 24:50; 31:24
^b[Lev. 19:17;
18; 1 John 2:9, 11; 3:10, 12, 15]

saying, "Now go to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him."

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. Then she took flour and kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.

9 And she took the pan and placed them out before him, but he refused to eat. Then Amnon said, "Have everyone go out from me."

And they all went out from him.

10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them to Amnon her brother in the bedroom.

11 Now when she had brought them to him to eat, ^{he} took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

12 But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not ¹force me, for ^{no} such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this ^bdisgraceful thing!

13 "And I, where could I take my shame? And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; ^{for} he will not withhold me from you."

14 However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger than she, he ¹forced her and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her ¹exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!"

16 So she said to him, "No, indeed! This evil of sending me away is worse than the other that you did to me." But he would not listen to her.

17 Then he called his servant who attended him, and said, "Here! Put this woman out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her."

18 Now she had on a robe of many colors, for the king's virgin daughters wore such apparel. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her.

19 Then Tamar put ^aashes on her head, and tore her robe of many colors that was on her, and ^blaid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly.

20 And Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this thing to heart." So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

21 But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

22 And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon ^aneither good nor bad. For Absalom ^bhated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

Absalom Murders Amnon

23 And it came to pass, after two full years, that Absalom ^ahad sheep-shearers in Baal Hazor, which is near Ephraim; so Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 Then Absalom came to the king and said, "Kindly note, your servant has sheepshearers; please, let the king and his servants go with your servant."

25 But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, let us not all go now, lest we be a burden to you." Then he urged him, but he would not go; and he blessed him.

26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"

27 But Absalom urged him; so he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, "Watch now, when Amnon's ^aheart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon!' then kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and ^avaliant."

29 So the servants of Absalom ^adid to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each one got on ^bhis mule and fled.

30 And it came to pass, while they were on the way, that news came to David, saying, "Absalom has killed all the king's sons, and not one of them is left!"

31 So the king arose and ^atore his garments and ^blay on the ground, and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.

32 Then ^aJonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my lord suppose they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for only Amnon is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar."

33 "Now therefore, ^alet not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead. For only Amnon is dead."

Absalom Flees to Geshur

34 ^aThen Absalom fled. And the young man who was keeping watch lifted his eyes and looked, and there, many people were coming from the road on the hillside behind ¹him.

35 And Jonadab said to the king, "Look, the king's sons are coming; as your servant said, so it is."

36 So it was, as soon as he had finished speaking, that the king's sons indeed came, and they lifted up their voice and wept. Also the king and

23 ^aGen. 38:12, 13; 1 Sam. 25:4

28 ^aJudg. 19:6, 9, 22; Ruth 3:7; 1 Sam. 25:36; Esth. 1:10 ¹Lit. sons of valor

29 ^a2 Sam. 12:10 ^b2 Sam. 18:9; 1 Kin. 1:33, 38

31 ^a2 Sam. 1:11 ^b2 Sam. 12:16

32 ^a2 Sam. 13:3-5

33 ^a2 Sam. 19:19

34 ^a2 Sam. 13:37, 38 ¹LXX adds

And the watchman went and told the king, and said, "I see

men from the way of Horonaim, from the regions of the mountains."

37 ^a2 Sam. 3:3; 1 Chr. 3:2

38 ^a2 Sam. 14:23, 32; 15:8

39 ^aGen. 38:12; 2 Sam. 12:19, 23 ¹So with

MT, Syr., Vg.; LXX the

spirit of the king; Tg. the soul of King David ²So

with MT, Tg.; LXX, Vg. ceased to pursue after

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1 ^a2 Sam. 13:39

2 ^a2 Sam. 23:26; 2 Chr. 11:6; Amos 1:1 ^bRuth 3:3

3 ^aEx. 4:15; 2 Sam. 14:19

4 ^a1 Sam. 20:41; 25:23; 2 Sam. 1:2

^b2 Kin. 6:26, 28 ¹Many

Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Vg. came

5 ^a[Zech. 7:10]

7 ^aNum. 35:19; Deut. 19:12, 13

9 ^aGen. 27:13; 43:9; 1 Sam. 25:24; Matt. 27:25 ^b2 Sam. 3:28, 29;

1 Kin. 2:33 ¹guilt

11 ^aNum. 35:19, 21; [Deut. 19:4-10]

^b1 Sam. 14:45; 1 Kin. 1:52; Matt. 10:30; Acts 27:34

all his servants wept very bitterly. 37 But Absalom fled and went to ^aTalmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

38 So Absalom fled and went to ^aGeshur, and was there three years.

39 And ¹King David ²longed to go to Absalom. For he had been ^acomforted concerning Amnon, because he was dead.

Absalom Returns to Jerusalem

14 So Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was concerned ^aabout Absalom.

2 And Joab sent to ^aTekoa and brought from there a wise woman, and said to her, "Please pretend to be a mourner, ^band put on mourning apparel; do not anoint yourself with oil, but act like a woman who has been mourning a long time for the dead.

3 "Go to the king and speak to him in this manner." So Joab ^aput the words in her mouth.

4 And when the woman of Tekoa ¹spoke to the king, she ^afell on her face to the ground and prostrated herself, and said, ^b"Help, O king!"

5 Then the king said to her, "What troubles you?" And she answered, "^aIndeed I am a widow, my husband is dead.

6 "Now your maidservant had two sons; and the two fought with each other in the field, and ^athere was no one to part them, but the one struck the other and killed him.

7 "And now the whole family has risen up against your maidservant, and they said, 'Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may execute him ^afor the life of his brother whom he killed; and we will destroy the heir also.' So they would extinguish my ember that is left, and leave to my husband ^aneither name nor remnant on the earth."

8 Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you."

9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My lord, O king, ^alet ^bthe ^ciniquity be on me and on my father's house, ^dand the king and his throne be guiltless."

10 So the king said, "Whoever says ^aanything to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you anymore."

11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember the LORD your God, and do not permit ^athe avenger of blood to destroy anymore, lest they destroy my son." And he said, ^b"As the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

12 Therefore the woman said, "Please, let your maidservant speak

another word to my lord the king.” And he said, “Say on.”

13 So the woman said: “Why then have you schemed such a thing against ‘the people of God? For the king speaks this thing as one who is guilty, *in that* the king does not bring ^bthis banished one home again.

14 “For we ‘will surely die and *become* like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not ‘take away a life; but He ‘devises means, so that His banished ones are not ‘expelled from Him.

15 “Now therefore, I have come to speak of this thing to my lord the king because the people have made me afraid. And your maidservant said, ‘I will now speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his maidservant.

16 ‘For the king will hear and deliver his maidservant from the hand of the man *who would* destroy me and my son together from the ‘inheritance of God.’

17 “Your maidservant said, ‘The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for ‘as the angel of God, so *is* my lord the king in ^bdiscerning good and evil. And may the LORD your God be with you.’”

18 Then the king answered and said to the woman, “Please do not hide from me anything that I ask you.” And the woman said, “Please, let my lord the king speak.”

19 So the king said, “Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?” And the woman answered and said, “As you live, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken. For your servant Joab commanded me, and ‘he put all these words in the mouth of your maidservant.

20 “To bring about this change of affairs your servant Joab has done this thing; but my lord is wise, ‘according to the wisdom of the angel of God, to know everything that is in the earth.”

21 And the king said to Joab, “All right, I have granted this thing. Go therefore, bring back the young man Absalom.”

22 Then Joab fell to the ground on his face and bowed himself, and ‘thanked the king. And Joab said, “Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has fulfilled the request of his servant.”

23 So Joab arose ‘and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, “Let him return to his own house, but ‘do not let him see my face.” So Absalom returned to his own house, but did not see the king’s face.

13 ^aJudg. 20:2
^b2 Sam. 13:37, 38

14 ^aJob 30:23; 34:15;
[Heb. 9:27]
^bJob 34:19;
Matt. 22:16;
Acts 10:34;
Rom. 2:11
^cNum. 35:15
¹cast out

16 ^aDeut. 32:9;
1 Sam. 26:19;
2 Sam. 20:19

17 ^a1 Sam. 29:9; 2 Sam. 19:27 ^b1 Kin. 3:9

19 ^a2 Sam. 14:3

20 ^a2 Sam. 14:17; 19:27

22 ¹Lit. *blessed*

23 ^a2 Sam. 13:37, 38

24 ^aGen. 43:3;
2 Sam. 3:13

25 ^aDeut. 28:35; Job 2:7;
Is. 1:6

27 ^a2 Sam. 13:1; 18:18

28 ^a2 Sam. 14:24

32 ^a1 Sam. 20:8; [Prov. 28:13]

33 ^aGen. 33:4;
45:15; Luke 15:20

CHAPTER 15

1 ^a2 Sam. 12:11 ^b1 Kin. 1:5

2 ^aDeut. 19:17
¹Lit. *controversy*

3 ¹Lit. *words*
²Lit. *listener*

4 ^aJudg. 9:29

David Forgives Absalom

25 Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. ‘From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he cut the hair of his head—at the end of every year he cut it because it was heavy on him—when he cut it, he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels according to the king’s standard.

27 ‘To Absalom were born three sons, and one daughter whose name was Tamar. She was a woman of beautiful appearance.

28 And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, ‘but did not see the king’s face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. And when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 So he said to his servants, “See, Joab’s field is near mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire.” And Absalom’s servants set the field on fire.

31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom’s house, and said to him, “Why have your servants set my field on fire?”

32 And Absalom answered Joab, “Look, I sent to you, saying, ‘Come here, so that I may send you to the king, to say, ‘Why have I come from Geshur? *It would be better for me to be there still.*’” Now therefore, let me see the king’s face; but ‘if there is iniquity in me, let him execute me.”

33 So Joab went to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. Then the king ‘kissed Absalom.

Absalom’s Treason

15 After this ‘it happened that Absalom ^bprovided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a ‘lawsuit¹ came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, “What city *are* you from?” And he would say, “Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel.”

3 Then Absalom would say to him, “Look, your ¹case is good and right; but *there is* no ²deputy of the king to hear you.”

4 Moreover Absalom would say, ‘“Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice.”

5 And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and ^akiss him.

6 In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. ^aSo Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 Now it came to pass ^aafter ¹forty years that Absalom said to the king, "Please, let me go to ^bHebron and pay the vow which I made to the LORD.

8 ^a"For your servant ^btook a vow ^awhile I dwell at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'If the LORD indeed brings me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.' "

9 And the king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

10 Then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom ^areigns in Hebron!'"

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men ^ainvited from Jerusalem, and they ^bwent along innocently and did not know anything.

12 Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, ^aDavid's counselor, from his city—from ^bGiloh—while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy grew strong, for the people with Absalom ^acontinually increased in number.

David Escapes from Jerusalem

13 Now a messenger came to David, saying, ^a"The hearts of the men of Israel are ¹with Absalom."

14 So David said to all his servants who *were* with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us ^aflee, or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring disaster upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

15 And the king's servants said to the king, "We *are* your servants, *ready to do whatever* my lord the king commands."

16 Then ^athe king went out with all his household after him. But the king left ^bten women, concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went out with all the people after him, and stopped at the outskirts.

18 Then all his servants passed ¹before him: ^aand all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, ^bsix hundred men who had followed him from Gath, passed before the king.

19 Then the king said to ¹Ithai the Gittite, "Why are you also going with us? Return and remain with the king. For you *are* a foreigner and also an exile from your own place.

20 "In fact, you came *only* yester-

5 ^{a2} Sam.

14:33; 20:9

6 ^a[Rom.

16:18]

7 ^a[Deut.

23:21] ^{b2} Sam.

3:2, 3 ¹LXX

mss., Syr.,

Josephus *four*

8 ^{a1} Sam. 16:2

^bGen. 28:20;

21 ^{c2} Sam.

13:38

10 ^{a1} Kin. 1:34;

2 Kin. 9:13

11 ^{a1} Sam.

16:3, 5 ^bGen.

20:5

12 ^{a2} Sam.

16:15; 1 Chr.

27:33; Ps.

41:9; 55:12-14

^bJosh. 15:51

^cPs. 3:1

13 ^aJudg. 9:3;

2 Sam. 15:6

¹Lit. *after*

14 ^{a2} Sam.

12:11; Ps.

3:1

16 ^aPs. 3:1

^{b2} Sam. 12:11;

16:21, 22

18 ^{a2} Sam.

8:18 ^{b1} Sam.

23:13; 25:13;

30:1, 9 ¹Lit. *by*

his hand

19 ^{a2} Sam.

18:2

20 ^{a1} Sam.

23:13

21 ^aRuth 1:16;

17; [Prov.

17:17]

23 ^{a2} Sam.

15:28; 16:2

24 ^{a2} Sam.

8:17 ^bNum.

4:15; 1 Sam.

4:4 ^{c1} Sam.

22:20

25 ^a[Ps. 43:3]

^bEx. 15:13;

Jer. 25:30

26 ^aNum. 14:8;

2 Sam. 22:20;

1 Kin. 10:9;

2 Chr. 9:8; Is.

62:4 ^{b1} Sam.

3:18

27 ^{a1} Sam.

9:6-9 ^{b2} Sam.

17:17-20

¹prophet

28 ^aJosh. 5:10;

2 Sam. 17:16

30 ^{a2} Sam.

19:4; Esth.

6:12; Ezek.

24:17, 23 ^{b1s}.

20:2-4 ^cJer.

14:3, 4 ^d[Ps.

126:6]

31 ^aPs. 3:1, 2;

55:12 ^{b2} Sam.

16:23; 17:14;

23

32 ^aJosh. 16:2

^{b2} Sam. 1:2

33 ^{a2} Sam.

19:35

34 ^{a2} Sam.

16:19

day. Should I make you wander up and down with us today, since I go ^{a1} know not where? Return, and take your brethren back. Mercy and truth *be* with you."

21 But Ithai answered the king and said, ^a"As the LORD lives, and *as* my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also your servant will be."

22 So David said to Ithai, "Go, and cross over." Then Ithai the Gittite and all his men and all the little ones who *were* with him crossed over.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people crossed over. The king himself also crossed over the Brook Kidron, and all the people crossed over toward the way of the ^awilderness.

24 There was ^aZadok also, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ^bark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God, and ^aAbiathar went up until all the people had finished crossing over from the city.

25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He ^awill bring me back and show me *both* it and ^bHis dwelling place.

26 "But if He says thus: 'I have no ^adelight in you,' here I am, ^blet Him do to me as seems good to Him."

27 The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you *not* a ^aseer?" ¹Return to the city in peace, and ^byour two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

28 "See, ^aI will wait in the plains of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me."

29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem. And they remained there.

30 So David went up by the Ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he ^ahad his head covered and went ^bbarefoot. And all the people who *were* with him ^acovered their heads and went up, ^bweeping as they went up.

31 Then *someone* told David, saying, ^a"Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, I pray, ^bturn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!"

32 Now it happened when David had come to the top of the *mountain*, where he worshiped God—there was Hushai the ^aArchite coming to meet him ^bwith his robe torn and dust on his head.

33 David said to him, "If you go on with me, then you will become ^aa burden to me.

34 "But if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, ^a"I will be your servant, O king; as I was your father's servant previously, so I will now also

be your servant,' then you may defeat the counsel of Ahithophel for me.

35 "And do you not have Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? Therefore it will be *that* whatever you hear from the king's house, you shall tell to "Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 "Indeed *they have* there "with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and by them you shall send me everything you hear."

37 So Hushai, "David's friend, went into the city. ^bAnd Absalom came into Jerusalem.

Mephibosheth's Servant

16 When "David was a little past the top of the mountain, there was ^bZiba the servant of Mephibosheth, who met him with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them two hundred loaves of bread, one hundred clusters of raisins, one hundred summer fruits, and a skin of wine.

2 And the king said to Ziba, "What do you mean to do with these?" So Ziba said, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine for "those who are faint in the wilderness to drink."

3 Then the king said, "And where is your 'master's son?' " ^bAnd Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.'"

4 So the king said to Ziba, "Here, all that *belongs* to Mephibosheth is yours." And Ziba said, "I humbly bow before you, *that* I may find favor in your sight, my lord, O king!"

Shimei Curses David

5 Now when King David came to "Bahurim, there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name was ^bShimei the son of Gera, coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came.

6 And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David. And all the people and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand and on his left.

7 Also Shimei said thus when he cursed: "Come out! Come out! You 'bloodthirsty man, 'you 'rogue!"

8 "The LORD has "brought upon you all ^bthe blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So now you are caught in your own evil, because you are a 'bloodthirsty man!"

9 Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this

35 ^a2 Sam.

17:15, 16

36 ^a2 Sam.

15:27

37 ^a2 Sam.

16:16; 1 Chr.

27:33 ^b2 Sam.

16:15

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1 ^a2 Sam.

15:30, 32

^b2 Sam. 9:2;

19:17, 29

2 ^a2 Sam.

15:23; 17:29

3 ^a2 Sam. 9:9,

10 ^b2 Sam.

19:27

5 ^a2 Sam. 3:16

^b2 Sam. 19:21;

1 Kin. 2:8, 9,

44-46

7 "Deut. 13:13

¹Lit. *man of*

bloodshed

²worthless

man

8 ^aJudg. 9:24,

56, 57; 1 Kin.

2:32, 33

^b2 Sam. 1:16;

3:28, 29; 4:11,

12 ¹Lit. *man of bloodshed*

9 ^a1 Sam.

24:14; 2 Sam.

9:8 ^bEx. 22:28

10 ^a2 Sam.

3:39; 19:22;

[1 Pet. 2:23]

^b2 Kin. 18:25;

[Lam. 3:38]

[^cRom. 9:20]

11 ^a2 Sam.

12:11 ^bGen.

15:4

12 ^aDeut. 23:5;

Neh. 13:2;

Prov. 20:22

^bDeut. 23:5;

[Rom. 8:28;

Heb. 12:10,

11] ¹So with

Kt., LXX,

Syr., Vg.; Or.

my eyes; Tg.

tears of my

eyes

13 ¹Lit. *dusted*

him with dust

15 ^a2 Sam.

15:12, 37

16 ^a2 Sam.

15:37 ^b2 Sam.

15:34

17 ^a2 Sam.

19:25; [Prov.

17:17]

19 ^a2 Sam.

15:34

20 ^a2 Sam.

15:12

21 ^a2 Sam.

15:16; 20:3

^bGen. 34:30;

1 Sam. 13:4

^c2 Sam. 2:7;

Zech. 8:13

22 ^a2 Sam.

12:11, 12

23 ^a2 Sam.

15:12

"dead dog ^bcurse my lord the king? Please, let me go over and take off his head!"

10 But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because ^bthe LORD has said to him, 'Curse David.' "Who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?' "

11 And David said to Abishai and all his servants, "See how "my son who ^bcame from my own body seeks my life. How much more now *may this* Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him.

12 "It may be that the LORD will look on ¹my affliction, and that the LORD will "repay me with ^bgood for his cursing this day."

13 And as David and his men went along the road, Shimei went along the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, threw stones at him and ¹kicked up dust.

14 Now the king and all the people who *were* with him became weary; so they refreshed themselves there.

The Advice of Ahithophel

15 Meanwhile "Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem; and Ahithophel was with him.

16 And so it was, when Hushai the Archite, "David's friend, came to Absalom, that ^bHushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"

17 So Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your friend? "Why did you not go with your friend?"

18 And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his I will be, and with him I will remain.

19 "Furthermore, "whom should I serve? *Should I* not *serve* in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so will I be in your presence."

20 Then Absalom said to "Ahithophel, "Give advice as to what we should do."

21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's "concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you ^bare abhorred by your father. Then "the hands of all who are with you *will be* strong."

22 So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines "in the sight of all Israel.

23 Now the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if one had inquired at the oracle of God. So was all the advice of Ahithophel "both with David and with Absalom.

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Hushai Warns David to Escape

17 Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight.

2 "I will come upon him while he is weary and weak, and make him afraid. And all the people who are with him will flee, and I will strike only the king.

3 "Then I will bring back all the people to you. When all return except the man whom you seek, all the people will be at peace."

4 And the saying pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

The Advice of Hushai

5 Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says too."

6 And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, "Ahithophel has spoken in this manner. Shall we do as he says? If not, speak up."

7 So Hushai said to Absalom: "The advice that Ahithophel has given is not good at this time.

8 "For," said Hushai, "you know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are enraged in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field; and your father is a man of war, and will not camp with the people.

9 "Surely by now he is hidden in some pit, or in some other place. And it will be, when some of them are overthrown at the first, that whoever hears it will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.'

10 "And even he who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt completely. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men.

11 "Therefore I advise that all Israel be fully gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, like the sand that is by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person.

12 "So we will come upon him in some place where he may be found, and we will fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And of him and all the men who are with him there shall not be left so much as one.

13 "Moreover, if he has withdrawn into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city; and we will pull it into the river, until there is not one small stone found there."

14 So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel." For the LORD had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring disaster on Absalom.

2 ^aDeut. 25:18;

2 Sam. 16:14

^bZech. 13:7

¹tremble with

fear

4 ^{a2} Sam. 5:3;

19:11

5 ^{a2} Sam.

15:32-34

8 ^aHos. 13:8

10 ^aJosh. 2:11

11 ^aJudg. 20:1;

2 Sam. 3:10

^bGen. 22:17;

Josh. 11:4;

1 Kin. 20:10

13 ^aMic. 1:6

14 ^{a2} Sam.

15:31, 34

15 ^{a2} Sam.

15:35, 36

16 ^{a2} Sam.

15:28

17 ^{a2} Sam.

15:27, 36;

1 Kin. 1:42, 43

^bJosh. 2:4-6

^cJosh. 15:7;

18:16

18 ^{a2} Sam.

3:16; 16:5

19 ^aJosh.

2:4-6

20 ^aEx. 1:19;

[Lev. 19:11];

Josh. 2:3-5

21 ^{a2} Sam.

17:15, 16

23 ^{a2} Sam.

15:12 ^{b2} Kin.

20:1 ^cMatt.

27:5 ¹Lit. *give*

charge concerning his

house

24 ^aGen. 32:2;

Josh. 13:26;

2 Sam. 2:8;

19:32

25 ^{a2} Sam.

19:13; 20:9-12;

1 Kin. 2:5, 32

^{b1} Chr. 2:16

¹Jether,

¹ Chr. 2:17

²So with MT,

some LXX

mss., Tg.

some LXX

mss. *Ish-*

maelite (cf.

1 Chr. 2:17);

Vg. of *Jezebel*

27 ^{a1} Sam.

11:1; 2 Sam.

10:1; 12:29

^{b2} Sam. 9:4

15 "Then Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, "Thus and so Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so I have advised.

16 "Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, 'Do not spend this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily cross over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.'

17 "Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed at En Rogel, for they dared not be seen coming into the city; so a female servant would come and tell them, and they would go and tell King David.

18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom. But both of them went away quickly and came to a man's house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down into it.

19 "Then the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground grain on it; and the thing was not known.

20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house, they said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" So the woman said to them, "They have gone over the water brook." And when they had searched and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 Now it came to pass, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well and went and told King David, and said to David, "Arise and cross over the water quickly. For thus has Ahithophel advised against you."

22 So David and all the people who were with him arose and crossed over the Jordan. By morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan.

23 Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and changed himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb.

24 Then David went to Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Ithra, an Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother.

26 So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.

27 Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the

son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and ^aBarzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

28 brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour, parched grain and beans, lentils and parched seeds,

29 honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who were with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

Absalom's Defeat and Death

18 And David ¹numbered the people who were with him, and ^aset captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2 Then David sent out one third of the people under the hand of Joab, ^aone third under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one third under the hand of ^bIttai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, "I also will surely go out with you myself."

3 ^aBut the people answered, "You shall not go out! For if we flee away, they will not care about us; nor if half of us die, will they care about us. But you are worth ten thousand of us now. For you are now more help to us in the city."

4 Then the king said to them, "Whatever seems best to you I will do." So the king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." ^aAnd all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning Absalom.

6 So the people went out into the field of battle against Israel. And the battle was in the ^awoods of Ephraim.

7 The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a great slaughter of twenty thousand took place there that day.

8 For the battle there was scattered over the face of the whole countryside, and the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 Then Absalom met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth tree, and ^ahis head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and earth. And the mule which was under him went on.

10 Now a certain man saw it and told Joab, and said, "I just saw Absalom hanging in a terebinth tree!"

11 So Joab said to the man who told him, "You just saw him! And why did you not strike him there to the

27 ^{c2} Sam. 19:31, 32; 1 Kin. 2:7

29 ^{a2} Sam. 16:2, 14

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1 ^aEx. 18:25; Num. 31:14; 1 Sam. 22:7
¹Lit. attended to

2 ^aJudg. 7:16; 1 Sam. 11:11
^{b2} Sam. 15:19-22

3 ^{a2} Sam. 21:17

5 ^{a2} Sam. 18:12

6 ^aJosh. 17:15, 18; 2 Sam. 17:26

9 ^{a2} Sam. 14:26

12 ^{a2} Sam. 18:5 ¹Vss. ¹Protect the young man Absalom for me!

17 ^aDeut. 21:20, 21; Josh. 7:26; 8:29 ^{b2} Sam. 19:8; 20:1, 22

18 ^aGen. 14:17
^{b2} Sam. 14:27
¹monument

19 ^{a2} Sam. 15:36; 17:17
¹vindicated

22 ¹Lit. be what may

24 ^aJudg. 5:11; 2 Sam. 13:34; 2 Kin. 9:17

ground? I would have given you ten *shekels* of silver and a belt."

12 But the man said to Joab, "Though I were to receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in my hand, I would not raise my hand against the king's son. ^aFor in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, ¹'Beware lest anyone touch the young man Absalom!'" 13 "Otherwise I would have dealt falsely against my own life. For there is nothing hidden from the king, and you yourself would have set yourself against me."

14 Then Joab said, "I cannot linger with you." And he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom's heart, while he was *still* alive in the midst of the terebinth tree.

15 And ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded Absalom, and struck and killed him.

16 So Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel. For Joab held back the people.

17 And they took Absalom and cast him into a large pit in the woods, and ^alaid a very large heap of stones over him. Then all Israel ^bfled, everyone to his tent.

18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a ¹pillar for himself, which is in ^athe King's Valley. For he said, ^b"I have no son to keep my name in remembrance." He called the pillar after his own name. And to this day it is called Absalom's Monument.

David Hears of Absalom's Death

19 Then ^aAhimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me run now and take the news to the king, how the LORD has ¹avenged him of his enemies."

20 And Joab said to him, "You shall not take the news this day, for you shall take the news another day. But today you shall take no news, because the king's son is dead."

21 Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." So the Cushite bowed himself to Joab and ran.

22 And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said again to Joab, "But ¹whatever happens, please let me also run after the Cushite." So Joab said, "Why will you run, my son, since you have no news ready?"

23 "But whatever happens," *he said*, "let me run." So he said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain, and outran the Cushite.

24 Now David was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate, to the wall, lifted his eyes and looked, and there was a man, running alone. 25 Then the watchman cried out and told the king. And the king said,

"If he is alone, *there is* news in his mouth." And he came rapidly and drew near.

26 Then the watchman saw *another* man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, "There is *another* man, running alone!" And the king said, "He also brings news."

27 So the watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "He is a good man, and comes with 'good news.'"

28 So Ahimaaz called out and said to the king, "All is well!" Then he bowed down with his face to the earth before the king, and said, "Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king!"

29 The king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant and *me* your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what *it was about*."

30 And the king said, "Turn aside and stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

31 Just then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "There is good news, my lord the king! For the LORD has avenged you this day of all those who rose against you."

32 And the king said to the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" So the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do harm, be like *that* young man!"

David's Mourning for Absalom

33 Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: "O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, 'my son!'"

19 And Joab was told, "Behold, the king is weeping and 'mourning for Absalom.'"

2 So the victory that day was turned into 'mourning for all the people. For the people heard it said that day, "The king is grieved for his son."

3 And the people 'stole back 'into the city that day, as people who are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

4 But the king 'covered his face, and the king cried out with a loud voice, "O my son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my son!"

5 Then "Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Today you have disgraced all your servants who today have saved your life, the lives of your sons and daughters, the

27 ^{a1} Kin. 1:42
¹Lit. *I see the running*

28 ^{a2} Sam.
16:12 ¹Peace be to you

33 ^{a2} Sam.
12:10 ^{b2} Sam.
19:4

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1 ^aJer. 14:2

2 ^aEsth. 4:3

3 ^{a2} Sam.
17:24, 27;
19:32 ¹went by stealth

4 ^{a2} Sam.
15:30 ^{b2} Sam.
18:33

5 ^{a2} Sam.
18:14

6 ¹have no respect for

7 ¹Lit. *to the heart of*

8 ^{a2} Sam. 15:2;
18:24 ^{b2} Sam.
18:17

9 ^{a2} Sam.
8:1–14
^{b2} Sam. 3:18
^{c2} Sam. 15:14

11 ^{a2} Sam.
15:24

12 ^{a2} Sam. 5:1;
1 Chr. 11:1

13 ^{a2} Sam.
17:25; 1 Chr.
2:17 ¹Ruth
1:17 ¹permanently

14 ^aJudg. 20:1

15 ^aJosh. 5:9;
1 Sam. 11:14;
15 ^{b2} Sam.
17:22

16 ^{a2} Sam.
16:5; 1 Kin.
2:8

17 ^{a2} Sam.
3:19; 1 Kin.
12:21 ^{b2} Sam.
9:2, 10; 16:1, 2

lives of your wives and the lives of your concubines,

6 "in that you love your enemies and hate your friends. For you have declared today that you 'regard neither princes nor servants; for today I perceive that if Absalom had lived and all of us had died today, then it would have pleased you well.

7 "Now therefore, arise, go out and speak 'comfort to your servants. For I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, not one will stay with you this night. And that will be worse for you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now."

8 Then the king arose and sat in the 'gate. And they told all the people, saying, "There is the king, sitting in the gate." So all the people came before the king. For everyone of Israel had 'fled to his tent.

David Returns to Jerusalem

9 Now all the people were in a dispute throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king saved us from the hand of our 'enemies, he delivered us from the hand of the 'Philistines, and now he has 'fled from the land because of Absalom.

10 "But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. Now therefore, why do you say nothing about bringing back the king?"

11 So King David sent to 'Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the words of all Israel have come to the king, to his very house?"

12 'You are my brethren, you are 'my bone and my flesh. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?"

13 "And say to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? 'God do so to me, and more also, if you are not commander of the army before me 'continually in place of Joab.' "

14 So he swayed the hearts of all the men of Judah, 'just as *the heart* of one man, so that they sent *this word* to the king: "Return, you and all your servants!"

15 Then the king returned and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to 'Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to escort the king 'across the Jordan.

16 And 'Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, who was from Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

17 *There were a thousand men of 'Benjamin with him, and 'Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over the Jordan before the king.*

18 Then a ferryboat went across to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good.

David's Mercy to Shimei

Now Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king when he had crossed the Jordan.

19 Then he said to the king, ^a"Do not let my lord ¹impute iniquity to me, or remember what ^bwrong your servant did on the day that my lord the king left Jerusalem, that the king should ^ctake it to heart.

20 "For I, your servant, know that I have sinned. Therefore here I am, the first to come today of all ^athe house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, ^abecause he ^bcursed the LORD's anointed?"

22 And David said, ^a"What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be adversaries to me today? ^bShall any man be put to death today in Israel? For do I not know that today I *am* king over Israel?"

23 Therefore ^athe king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king swore to him.

David and Mephibosheth Meet

24 Now ^aMephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. And he had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he returned in peace.

25 So it was, when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, ^a"Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?"

26 And he answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go to the king,' because your servant is lame.

27 "And ^ahe has slandered your servant to my lord the king, ^bbut my lord the king is like the angel of God. Therefore do *what is good* in your eyes.

28 "For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king. ^aYet you set your servant among those who eat at your own table. Therefore what right have I still to ^ccry out anymore to the king?"

29 So the king said to him, "Why do you speak anymore of your matters? I have said, 'You and Ziba divide the land.'"

30 Then Mephibosheth said to the king, "Rather, let him take it all, inasmuch as my lord the king has come back in peace to his own house."

David's Kindness to Barzillai

31 And ^aBarzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim and went

19 ^a1 Sam. 22:15 ^b2 Sam. 16:5, 6
^c2 Sam. 13:33
¹charge me with iniquity

20 ^aJudg. 1:22; 1 Kin. 11:28

21 ^a[Ex. 22:28] ^b[1 Sam. 26:9]

22 ^a2 Sam. 3:39; 16:10
^b1 Sam. 11:13

23 ^a1 Kin. 2:8, 9, 37, 46

24 ^a2 Sam. 9:6; 21:7

25 ^a2 Sam. 16:17

27 ^a2 Sam. 16:3, 4
^b2 Sam. 14:17, 20

28 ^a2 Sam. 9:7-13 ¹complain

31 ^a2 Sam. 17:27-29; 1 Kin. 2:7

32 ^a2 Sam. 17:27-29

35 ^aPs. 90:10

37 ^a2 Sam. 19:40; Jer. 41:17

39 ^aGen. 31:55; Ruth 1:14; 2 Sam. 14:33

40 ¹MT Chimhan

41 ^a2 Sam. 19:15

42 ^a2 Sam. 19:12

43 ^a1 Kin. 11:30, 31
^bJudg. 8:1; 12:1

across the Jordan with the king, to escort him across the Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. And ^ahe had provided the king with supplies while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man.

33 And the king said to Barzillai, "Come across with me, and I will provide for you while you are with me in Jerusalem."

34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"

35 "I *am* today ^aeighty years old. Can I discern between the good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any longer the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be a further burden to my lord the king?"

36 "Your servant will go a little way across the Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me *with* such a reward?"

37 "Please let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own city, near the grave of my father and mother. But here is your servant ^aChimham; let him cross over with my lord the king, and do for him what seems good to you."

38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him what seems good to you. Now whatever you request of me, I will do for you."

39 Then all the people went over the Jordan. And when the king had crossed over, the king ^akissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own place.

The Quarrel About the King

40 Now the king went on to Gilgal, and ¹Chimham went on with him. And all the people of Judah escorted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

41 Just then all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, "Why have our brethren, the men of Judah, stolen you away and ^abrought the king, his household, and all David's men with him across the Jordan?"

42 So all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is ^aa close relative of ours. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we ever eaten at the king's *expense*? Or has he given us any gift?"

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, "We have ^aten shares in the king; therefore we also have more *right* to David than you. Why then do you despise us—were we not the first to advise bringing back our king?" Yet ^bthe words of the men of Judah were

¹fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

The Rebellion of Sheba

20 And there happened to be there a ¹rebel, whose name was Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite. And he blew a trumpet, and said:

“We have no share in David,
Nor do we have inheritance in
the son of Jesse;
^bEvery man to his tents,
O Israel!”

2 So every man of Israel deserted David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the ^amen of Judah, from the Jordan as far as Jerusalem, remained loyal to their king.

3 Now David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten women, ^ahis concubines whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in seclusion and supported them, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 And the king said to Amasa, “Assemble the men of Judah for me within three days, and be present here yourself.”

5 So Amasa went to assemble the ^amen of Judah. But he delayed longer than the set time which David had appointed him.

6 And David said to ^aAbishai, “Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom. Take ^byour lord’s servants and pursue him, lest he find for himself fortified cities, and escape us.”

7 So Joab’s men, with the ^aCherethites, the Pelethites, and ^aall the mighty men, went out after him. And they went out of Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the large stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came before them. Now Joab was dressed in battle armor; on it was a belt with a sword fastened in its sheath at his hips; and as he was going forward, it fell out.

9 Then Joab said to Amasa, “Are you in health, my brother?” “And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa did not notice the sword that was in Joab’s hand. And ^ahe struck him with it ^ain the stomach, and his entrails poured out on the ground; and he did not strike him again. Thus he died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 Meanwhile one of Joab’s men stood near Amasa, and said, “Whoever favors Joab and whoever is for David—follow Joab!”

12 But Amasa wallowed in his blood in the middle of the highway.

⁴³ ¹harsher

CHAPTER 20

¹ ^{a2} Sam.
19:43; ¹ Kin.
12:16 ^{b1} Sam.
13:2; ² Sam.
18:17; ² Chr.
10:16 ¹ Lit.
man of Bethai

² ^{a2} Sam.
19:14

³ ^{a2} Sam.
15:16; 16:21,
22

⁴ ^{a2} Sam.
17:25; 19:13

⁶ ^{a2} Sam.
21:17 ^{b2} Sam.
11:11; ¹ Kin.
1:33

⁷ ^{a2} Sam. 8:18;
¹ Kin. 1:38, 44
^{b2} Sam. 15:18

⁹ ^a Matt. 26:49;
Luke 22:47

¹⁰ ^{a2} Sam.
3:27; ¹ Kin.
2:5 ^{b2} Sam.
2:23

¹⁴ ^{a1} Kin.
15:20; ² Kin.
15:29; ² Chr.
16:4 ¹ Lit. him

¹⁵ ^{a2} Kin.
19:32; Ezek.
4:2

¹⁹ ^{a1} Sam.
26:19; ² Sam.
14:16; 21:3

²² ^{a2} Sam.
20:16; [Ecc.
9:13–16]

²³ ^{a2} Sam.
8:16–18;
¹ Kin. 4:3–6

²⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 4:6;
^{b2} Sam. 8:16;
¹ Kin. 4:3

²⁵ ^{a2} Sam.
8:17; ¹ Kin.
4:4

And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he moved Amasa from the highway to the field and threw a garment over him, when he saw that everyone who came upon him halted.

13 When he was removed from the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel to ^aAbel and Beth Maachah and all the Berites. So they were gathered together and also went after ¹Sheba.

15 Then they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth Maachah; and they ^acast up a siege mound against the city, and it stood by the rampart. And all the people who were with Joab battered the wall to throw it down.

16 Then a wise woman cried out from the city, “Hear, hear! Please say to Joab, ‘Come nearby, that I may speak with you.’”

17 When he had come near to her, the woman said, “Are you Joab?” He answered, “I am.” Then she said to him, “Hear the words of your maid-servant.” And he answered, “I am listening.”

18 So she spoke, saying, “They used to talk in former times, saying, ‘They shall surely seek guidance at Abel,’ and so they would end disputes.

19 “I am among the peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why would you swallow up ^athe inheritance of the LORD?”

20 And Joab answered and said, “Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy!

21 “That is not so. But a man from the mountains of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has raised his hand against the king, against David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city.” So the woman said to Joab, “Watch, his head will be thrown to you over the wall.”

22 Then the woman ^ain her wisdom went to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. Then he blew a trumpet, and they withdrew from the city, every man to his tent. So Joab returned to the king at Jerusalem.

David’s Government Officers

23 And ^aJoab was over all the army of Israel; Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites;

24 Adoram was ^ain charge of revenue; ^bJehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

25 Sheva was scribe; ^aZadok and Abiathar were the priests;

26 ^aand Ira the Jairite was ^{1a} a chief minister under David.

David Avenges the Gibeonites

21 Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David ^ainquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his ¹bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites."

2 So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but ^aof the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them ¹in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.

3 Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless ^athe inheritance of the LORD?"

4 And the Gibeonites said to him, "We will have no silver or gold from Saul or from his house, nor shall you kill any man in Israel for us." So he said, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

5 Then they answered the king, "As for the man who consumed us and plotted against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the territories of Israel,

6 "let seven men of his descendants be delivered ^ato us, and we will hang them before the LORD ¹in Gibeah of Saul, ^awhom the LORD chose." And the king said, "I will give them."

7 But the king spared ^aMephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of ^athe LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 So the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of ^aRizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, and the five sons of ¹Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she ²brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite;

9 and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the hill ^abefore the LORD. So they fell, *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 Now ^aRizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, ^afrom the beginning of harvest until the late rains poured on them from heaven. And she did not allow the birds of the air to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12 Then David went and took the

26 ^{a2} Sam.
8:18 ^{1Or}
David's priest

CHAPTER 21

1 ^aNum. 27:21;
2 Sam. 5:19

¹Lit. house of bloodshed

2 ^aJosh. 9:3,
15-20 ¹[Ex.
34:11-16]

3 ^{a1} Sam.
26:19; 2 Sam.
20:19

6 ^aNum. 25:4
¹1 Sam. 10:26
^{c1} 1 Sam. 10:24;
[Hos. 13:11]

7 ^{a2} Sam. 4:4;
9:10 ¹1 Sam.
18:3; 20:12-17;
23:18; 2 Sam.
9:1-7

8 ^{a2} Sam. 3:7
¹Merab.

1 Sam. 18:19;
25:44; 2 Sam.
3:14; 6:23 ²Lit.
bore to Adriel

9 ^{a2} Sam. 6:17

10 ^{a2} Sam. 3:7;
21:8 ¹Deut.
21:23

12 ^{a1} Sam.
31:11-13
¹1 Sam. 31:8
¹Beth Shean,
Josh. 17:11

14 ^aJosh. 18:28
¹Josh. 7:26;
2 Sam. 24:25

16 ^aNum.
13:22, 28;
Josh. 15:14;
2 Sam.
21:18-22 ^{1Or}
Rapha

17 ^{a2} Sam.
20:6-10
¹2 Sam. 18:3
²2 Sam. 22:29;
1 Kin. 11:36

18 ^{a1} Chr.
20:4-8 ¹1 Chr.
11:29; 27:11
¹Sippai, 1 Chr.
20:4 ^{2Or}
Rapha

19 ^{a2} Sam.
23:24 ¹1 Chr.
17:4; 1 Chr.
20:5 ¹Jair,
1 Chr. 20:5

20 ^{a1} Chr. 20:6
^{1Or} Rapha

21 ^{a1} Sam.
17:10
¹Shammah,
1 Sam. 16:9
and else-
where

22 ^{a1} Chr. 20:8
^{1Or} Rapha

CHAPTER 22

1 ^aEx. 15:1;
Deut. 31:30;
Judg. 5:1 ¹Pss.
18:title; 34:19
2 ^aPss. 18

bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of ^aJabesh Gilead who had stolen them from the street of ¹Beth Shan, where the ¹Philistines had hung them up, after the Philistines had struck down Saul in Gilboa.

13 So he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there; and they gathered the bones of those who had been hanged.

14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in ^aZelah, in the tomb of Kish his father. So they performed all that the king commanded. And after that ¹God heeded the prayer for the land.

Philistine Giants Destroyed

15 When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint.

16 Then Ishbi-Benob, who was one of the sons of ¹the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear was three hundred *shekels*, who was bearing a new sword, thought he could kill David.

17 But ^aAbishai the son of Zeruiah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, ¹"You shall go out no more with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."

18 ^aNow it happened afterward that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then ¹Sibbechai the Hushathite killed ¹Saph, who was one of the sons of ²the giant.

19 Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where ^aElhanan the son of ¹Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed ¹the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 Yet again ^athere was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to ¹the giant.

21 So when he ^adefied Israel, Jonathan the son of ¹Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

22 ^aThese four were born to ¹the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

Praise for God's Deliverance

22 Then David ^aspoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had ¹delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

2 And he ^asaid:

- ^b"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
 3 The God of my strength, ^ain whom I will trust;
 My ^bshield and the ^chorn¹ of my salvation,
 My ^astronghold and my ^arefuge;
 My Savior, You save me from violence.
 4 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised;
 So shall I be saved from my enemies.
 5 "When the waves of death surrounded me,
 The floods of ungodliness ¹made me afraid.
 6 The ^asorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
 The snares of death confronted me.
 7 In my distress ^aI called upon the LORD,
 And cried out to my God;
 He ^bheard my voice from His temple,
 And my cry *entered* His ears.
 8 "Then ^athe earth shook and trembled;
^bThe foundations of ¹heaven quaked and were shaken,
 Because He was angry.
 9 Smoke went up from His nostrils,
 And devouring ^afire from His mouth;
 Coals were kindled by it.
 10 He ^abowed the heavens also, and came down
 With ^bdarkness under His feet.
 11 He rode upon a cherub, and flew;
 And He ¹was seen ^aupon the wings of the wind.
 12 He made ^adarkness canopies around Him,
 Dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.
 13 From the brightness before Him
 Coals of fire were kindled.
 14 "The LORD ^athundered from heaven,
 And the Most High uttered His voice.
 15 He sent out ^aarrows and scattered them;
 Lightning bolts, and He vanquished them.
 16 Then the channels of the sea ^awere seen,
 The foundations of the world ^awere uncovered,
 At the ^brebuke of the LORD,
 At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

2 ^bDeut. 32:4
^cPs. 91:2
 3 ^aHeb. 2:13
^bGen. 15:1
^cLuke 1:69
^dProv. 18:10
^ePs. 9:9; 46:1, 7, 11
¹Strength
 5 ¹Or *overwhelmed*
 6 ^aPs. 116:3
 7 ^aPs. 116:4;
 120:1 ^bEx. 3:7
 8 ^aJudg. 5:4
^bJob 26:11
¹So with MT, LXX, Tg.; Syr., Vg. *hills* (cf. Ps. 18:7)
 9 ^aHeb. 12:29
 10 ^aIs. 64:1
^bEx. 20:21
 11 ^aPs. 104:3
¹So with MT, LXX; many Heb. mss., Syr., Vg. *flew* (cf. Ps. 18:10); Tg. *spoke with power*
 12 ^aJob 36:29
 14 ^aJob 37:2-5
 15 ^aDeut. 32:23
 16 ^aNah. 1:4
^bEx. 15:8
 17 ^aPs. 144:7
 19 ^aIs. 10:20
 20 ^aPs. 31:8;
 118:5 ^{b2} Sam. 15:26
 21 ^{a1} Sam. 26:23 ^bPs. 24:4
 22 ^aPs. 119:3
 23 ^a[Deut. 6:6-9; 7:12]
 24 ^a[Eph. 1:4]
 25 ^{a2} Sam. 22:21
¹*rewarded*
²LXX, Syr., Vg. *the cleanness of my hands in His sight* (cf. Ps. 18:24); Tg. *my cleanness before His word*
 26 ^a[Matt. 5:7]
 27 ^a[Lev. 26:23, 24]
 28 ^aPs. 72:12
^bJob 40:11
¹*afflicted*
 29 ^aPs. 119:105;
 132:17
 30 ^{a2} Sam. 5:6-8
 31 ^a[Matt. 5:48] ^bPs. 12:6
 32 ^aIs. 45:5, 6

- 17 "He^a sent from above, He took me,
 He drew me out of many waters.
 18 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
 From those who hated me;
 For they were too strong for me.
 19 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
 But the LORD was my ^asupport.
 20 "He also brought me out into a broad place;
 He delivered me because He ^bdelighted in me.
 21 "The^a LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;
 According to the ^bcleanness of my hands
 He has recompensed me.
 22 For I have ^akept the ways of the LORD,
 And have not wickedly departed from my God.
 23 For all His ^ajudgments *were* before me;
 And *as for* His statutes, I did not depart from them.
 24 I was also ^ablameless before Him,
 And I kept myself from my iniquity.
 25 Therefore ^athe LORD has ¹recompensed me according to my righteousness,
 According to ²my cleanness in His eyes.
 26 "With ^athe merciful You will show Yourself merciful;
 With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;
 27 With the pure You will show Yourself pure;
 And ^awith the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.
 28 You will save the ^ahumble¹ people;
 But Your eyes *are on* ^bthe haughty, *that* You may bring *them* down.
 29 "For You *are* my ^alamp,
 O LORD;
 The LORD shall enlighten my darkness.
 30 For by You I can run against a troop;
 By my God I can leap over a ^awall.
 31 As for God, ^aHis way is perfect;
^bThe word of the LORD is proven;
 He is a shield to all who trust in Him.
 32 "For ^awho is God, except the LORD?

- And who is a rock, except our God?
- 33 ¹God is my ^astrength *and* power,
And He ^bmakes ²my way ^cperfect.
- 34 He makes ¹my feet ^alike the feet of deer,
And ^bsets me on my high places.
- 35 He teaches my hands ¹to make war,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- 36 "You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;
Your gentleness has made me great.
- 37 You ^aenlarged my path under me;
So my feet did not slip.
- 38 "I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them;
Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.
- 39 And I have destroyed them and wounded them,
So that they could not rise;
They have fallen ^aunder my feet.
- 40 For You have ^aarmed me with strength for the battle;
You have ¹subdued under me ^bthose who rose against me.
- 41 You have also ¹given me the ^anecks of my enemies,
So that I destroyed those who hated me.
- 42 They looked, but *there* was none to save;
Even ^ato the LORD, but He did not answer them.
- 43 Then I beat them as fine ^aas the dust of the earth;
I trod them ^blike dirt in the streets,
And I ¹spread them out.
- 44 "You ^ahave also delivered me from the ¹strivings of my people;
You have kept me as the ^bhead of the nations.
^aA people I have not known shall serve me.
- 45 The foreigners submit to me;
As soon as they hear, they obey me.
- 46 The foreigners fade away,
And ¹come frightened ^afrom their hideouts.
- 47 "The LORD lives!
Blessed *be* my Rock!
Let God be exalted,
The ^aRock of my salvation!
- 48 *It is God who avenges me,*
And ^asubdues the peoples under me;

³³ ^aPs. 27:1
^b[Heb. 13:21]
^cPs. 101:2, 6
¹DSS, LXX,
Syr., Vg. *It is God who arms me with strength* (cf. Ps. 18:32); Tg. *It is God who sustains me with strength*
²So with Qr., LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. (cf. Ps. 18:32); Kt. *His*

³⁴ ^{a2} Sam. 2:18 ^bIs. 33:16
¹So with Qr., LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. (cf. Ps. 18:33); Kt. *His*

³⁵ ¹Lit. *for the war*

³⁷ ^aProv. 4:12

³⁹ ^aMal. 4:3

⁴⁰ ^a[Ps. 18:32]
^b[Ps. 44:5]
¹Lit. *caused to bow down*

⁴¹ ^aGen. 49:8
¹*given me victory over*

⁴² ^{a1} Sam. 28:6

⁴³ ^aPs. 18:42
^bIs. 10:6
¹*scattered*

⁴⁴ ^{a2} Sam. 3:1
^bDeut. 28:13
^c[Is. 55:5]
¹*contentions*

⁴⁶ ^a[Mic. 7:17]
¹So with LXX, Tg., Vg. (cf. Ps. 18:45); MT *gird themselves*

⁴⁷ ^aPs. 89:26

⁴⁸ ^aPs. 144:2

⁴⁹ ^aPs. 140:1, 4, 11

⁵⁰ ^{a2} Sam. 8:1–14 ^bRom. 15:9

⁵¹ ^aPs. 144:10
^bPs. 89:20
^{c2} Sam. 7:12–16

CHAPTER 23

¹ ^{a2} Sam. 7:8,
⁹ ^{b1} Sam. 16:12, 13

² ^a[2 Pet. 1:21]

³ ^a[Deut. 32:4]
^bEx. 18:21

⁴ ^aPs. 89:36

⁵ ^aPs. 89:29

⁷ ¹Lit. *filled*

- 49 He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those who rise against me;
You have delivered me from the ^aviolent man.
- 50 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among ^athe Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your ^bname.

- 51 "He^a is the tower of salvation to His king,
And shows mercy to His ^banointed,
To David and ^chis descendants forevermore."

David's Last Words

23 Now these *are* the last words of David.

Thus says David the son of Jesse;
Thus says ^athe man raised up on high,
^bThe anointed of the God of Jacob,
And the sweet psalmist of Israel:

- 2 "The^a Spirit of the LORD spoke by me,
And His word was on my tongue.
- 3 The God of Israel said,
^aThe Rock of Israel spoke to me: 'He who rules over men *must be just,*
Ruling ^bin the fear of God.
- 4 And ^ahe shall be like the light of the morning *when* the sun rises,
A morning without clouds,
Like the tender grass *springing* out of the earth,
By clear shining after rain.'
- 5 "Although my house is not so with God,
^aYet He has made with me an everlasting covenant,
Ordered in all *things* and secure.
For *this* is all my salvation and all my desire;
Will He not make *it* increase?
- 6 But *the sons* of rebellion shall all be as thorns thrust away,
Because they cannot be taken with hands.
- 7 But the man *who* touches them
Must be ¹armed with iron and the shaft of a spear,
And they shall be utterly burned with fire in *their* place."

David's Mighty Men

- 8 These *are* the names of the mighty men whom David had:

¹Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief among ²the captains. He was called Adino the Eznite, because he had killed eight hundred men at one time.

9 And after him was ^aEleazar the son of ¹Dodo, the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated.

10 He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was ^aweary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to ^bplunder.

11 And after him was ^aShammah the son of Agee the Hararite. ^bThe Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines.

12 But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the LORD brought about a great victory.

13 Then ^athree of the thirty chief men went down at harvest time and came to David at ^athe cave of Adullam. And the troop of Philistines encamped in ^athe Valley of Rephaim.

14 David was then in ^athe stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

15 And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD.

17 And he said, "Far be it from me, O LORD, that I should do this! Is this not ^athe blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three mighty men.

18 Now ^aAbishai the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of ¹another three. He lifted his spear against three hundred men, killed them, and won a name among these three.

19 Was he not the most honored of three? Therefore he became their captain. However, he did not attain to the first three.

20 Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from ^aKabzeel, ¹who had done many deeds. ^bHe had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

21 And he killed an Egyptian, ¹a spectacular man. The Egyptian had

⁸ ¹Lit. *One Who Sits in the Seat* (1 Chr. 11:11)
²So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Vg. *the three*

⁹ ^a1 Chr. 11:12; 27:4
¹Dodai, 1 Chr. 27:4

¹⁰ ^aJudg. 8:4
^b1 Sam. 30:24, 25

¹¹ ^a1 Chr. 11:27 ^b1 Chr. 11:13, 14

¹³ ^a1 Chr. 11:15 ^b1 Sam. 22:1 ^c2 Sam. 5:18

¹⁴ ^a1 Sam. 22:4, 5

¹⁷ ^a[Lev. 17:10]

¹⁸ ^a2 Sam. 21:17; 1 Chr. 11:20 ¹So with MT, LXX, Vg.; some Heb. mss., Syr. *thirty*; Tg. *the mighty men*

²⁰ ^aJosh. 15:21 ^bEx. 15:15
¹Lit. *great of acts*

²¹ ¹Lit. *a man of appearance*

²³ ^a2 Sam. 8:18; 20:23

²⁴ ^a2 Sam. 2:18; 1 Chr. 27:7

²⁵ ^a1 Chr. 11:27

³⁰ ^aJudg. 2:9

³³ ^a2 Sam. 23:11 ¹Or *Ararite*

³⁴ ^a2 Sam. 15:12

³⁵ ¹Hezro, 1 Chr. 11:37

³⁶ ^a2 Sam. 8:3

³⁸ ^a1 Chr. 2:53

³⁹ ^a2 Sam. 11:3, 6

CHAPTER 24

¹ ^a2 Sam. 21:1, 2 ^bNum. 26:2; 1 Chr. 27:23,
²⁴ ¹take a census of

² ^aJudg. 20:1; 2 Sam. 3:10
^b[Jer. 17:5]

³ ^aDeut. 1:11

⁴ ¹overruled

a spear in his hand; so he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

22 These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men.

23 He was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the first three. And David appointed him ^aover his guard.

24 ^aAsahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

25 ^aShammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkeish the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the son of Baanah (the Netophathite), Ittai the son of Ribai from Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai from the brooks of ^aGaash,

31 Abi-Albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbomite (of the sons of Jashen), Jonathan,

33 ^aShammah the ¹Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of ^aAhithophel the Gilonite,

35 ¹Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of ^aZobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite (armorbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah),

38 ^aIra the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

39 and ^aUriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

David's Census of Israel and Judah

24 Again ^athe anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, ^b"Go, ¹number Israel and Judah."

2 So the king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him, "Now go throughout all the tribes of Israel, ^afrom Dan to Beersheba, and count the people, that ^bI may know the number of the people."

3 And Joab said to the king, "Now may the LORD your God ^aadd to the people a hundred times more than there are, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king desire this thing?"

4 Nevertheless the king's word ¹prevailed against Joab and against the captains of the army. Therefore Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king to count the people of Israel.

5 And they crossed over the

Jordan and camped in ^aAroer, on the right side of the town which is in the midst of the ravine of Gad, and toward ^bJazer.

6 Then they came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi; they came to ^aDan Jaan and around to ^bSidon;

7 and they came to the stronghold of ^aTyre and to all the cities of the ^bHivites and the Canaanites. Then they went out to South Judah as far as Beersheba.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to the king. ^aAnd there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

The Judgment on David's Sin

10 And ^aDavid's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So ^bDavid said to the LORD, ^c"I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O LORD, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have ^ddone very foolishly."

11 Now when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet ^aGad, David's ^bseer, saying,

12 "Go and tell David, 'Thus says the LORD: "I offer you three *things*; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do it to you." '

13 So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, "Shall ^aseven¹ years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."

14 And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, ^afor His mercies are great; but ^bdo not let me fall into the hand of man."

15 So ^athe LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died.

5 ^aDeut. 2:36; Josh. 13:9, 16 ^bNum. 32:1, 3

6 ^aJosh. 19:47; Judg. 18:29 ^bJosh. 19:28; Judg. 18:28

7 ^aJosh. 19:29 ^bJosh. 11:3; Judg. 3:3

9 ^a1 Chr. 21:5

10 ^a1 Sam. 24:5 ^b2 Sam. 23:1 ^c2 Sam. 12:13 ^d1 Sam. 13:13; [2 Chr. 16:9]

11 ^a1 Sam. 22:5 ^b1 Sam. 9:9; 1 Chr. 29:29

13 ^aEzek. 14:21 ¹So with MT, Syr., Tg., Vg.; LXX three (cf. 1 Chr. 21:12)

14 ^a[Ps. 51:1; 103:8, 13, 14; 119:156; 130:4, 7] ^b[Is. 47:6; Zech. 1:15]

15 ^a1 Chr. 21:14

16 ^aEx. 12:23; 2 Kin. 19:35; Acts 12:23 ^bGen. 6:6; 1 Sam. 15:11 ^cOr Angel ^dOrnan, 1 Chr. 21:15

17 ^a2 Sam. 7:8; 1 Chr. 21:17; Ps. 74:1

18 ^a1 Chr. 21:18

21 ^aGen. 23:8-16 ^bNum. 16:48, 50

22 ^a1 Sam. 6:14; 1 Kin. 19:21

23 ^a[Ezek. 20:40, 41]

24 ^a1 Chr. 21:24, 25

25 ^a2 Sam. 21:14 ^b2 Sam. 24:21

16 ^aAnd when the ¹angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, ^bthe LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of ²Araunah the Jebusite.

17 Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Surely ^aI have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father's house."

The Altar on the Threshing Floor

18 And Gad came that day to David and said to him, ^a"Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."

19 So David, according to the word of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.

20 Now Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground.

21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" ^aAnd David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the LORD, that ^bthe plague may be withdrawn from the people."

22 Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever *seems* good to him. ^aLook, *here* are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood.

23 "All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king," And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God ^aaccept you."

24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So ^aDavid bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. ^aSo the LORD heeded the prayers for the land, and ^bthe plague was withdrawn from Israel.

KINGS

THE first half of First Kings traces the life of Solomon. Under his leadership Israel rises to the peak of her size and glory. Solomon's great accomplishments, including the unsurpassed splendor of the temple which he constructs in Jerusalem, bring him worldwide fame and respect. However, Solomon's zeal for God diminishes in his later years, as pagan wives turn his heart away from worship in the temple of God. As a result, the king with the divided heart leaves behind a divided kingdom. For the next century, the book of First Kings traces the twin histories of two sets of kings and two nations of disobedient people who are growing indifferent to God's prophets and precepts.

Like the two books of Samuel, the two books of Kings were originally one in the Hebrew Bible. The original title was *Melechim*, "Kings," taken from the first word in 1:1, *Vehamelech*, "Now King." The Septuagint artificially divided the book of Kings in the middle of the story of Ahaziah into two books. It called the books of Samuel "First and Second Kingdoms" and the books of Kings "Third and Fourth Kingdoms." The Septuagint may have divided Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles into two books each because the Greek required a greater amount of scroll space than did the Hebrew. The Latin title for these books is *Liber Regum Tertius et Quartus*, "Third and Fourth Books of Kings."

Adonijah Presumes to Be King

NOW King David was ^aold, ^badvanced in years; and they put covers on him, but he could not get warm.

2 Therefore his servants said to him, "Let a young woman, a virgin, be sought for our lord the king, and let her ¹stand before the king, and let her care for him; and let her lie in your bosom, that our lord the king may be warm."

3 So they sought for a lovely young woman throughout all the territory of Israel, and found ^aAbishag the ^bShunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 The young woman was very lovely; and she cared for the king, and served him; but the king did not know her.

5 Then ^aAdonijah the ¹son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will ²be king"; and ^bhe prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 (And his father had not ¹rebuked him at any time by saying, "Why have you done so?" He was also very good-looking. ^aHis mother had borne him after Absalom.)

7 Then he conferred with ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah and with ^bAbiathar the priest, and ^cthey followed and helped Adonijah.

8 But ^aZadok the priest, ^bBenaiah the son of Jehoiada, ^cNathan the prophet, ^dShimei, Rei, and ^ethe mighty men who *belonged* to David were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fattened cattle by the stone of ¹Zohaleth, which is by ^aEn

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1 ^a1 Chr. 23:1
¹Seventy
years

2 ¹Or *serve*

3 ^a1 Kin. 2:17
^bJosh. 19:18;
1 Sam. 28:4

5 ^a2 Sam. 3:4
^b2 Sam. 15:1
¹The fourth
son ²Lit. *reign*

6 ^a2 Sam. 3:3,
4; 1 Chr. 3:2
¹Lit. *pained*

7 ^a1 Chr. 11:6
^b2 Sam. 20:25
^c1 Kin. 2:22,
28

8 ^a1 Kin. 2:35
^b1 Kin. 2:25;
2 Sam. 8:18
^c2 Sam. 12:1
^d1 Kin. 4:18
^e2 Sam. 23:8

9 ^aJosh. 15:7;
18:16; 2 Sam.
17:17 ¹Lit.
Serpent ²A
spring south
of Jerusalem
in the Kidron
Valley

10 ^a2 Sam.
12:24

11 ^a2 Sam. 3:4

13 ^a1 Kin. 1:30;
1 Chr. 22:9-13

17 ^a1 Kin. 1:13,
30

19 ^a1 Kin.
1:7-9, 25

Rogel;² he also invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants.

10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or "Solomon his brother.

11 So Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of 'Haggith has become king, and David our lord does not know it?"

12 "Come, please, let me now give you advice, that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon.

13 "Go immediately to King David and say to him, 'Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your maidservant, saying, "Assuredly your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?"

14 "Then, while you are still talking there with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words."

15 So Bathsheba went into the chamber to the king. (Now the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king.)

16 And Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king. Then the king said, "What is your wish?"

17 Then she said to him, "My lord, 'you swore by the LORD your God to your maidservant, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.'

18 "So now, look! Adonijah has become king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know about it.

19 "He has sacrificed oxen and

fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army; but Solomon your servant he has not invited.

20 "And as for you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you should tell them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 "Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king rests with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be counted as offenders."

22 And just then, while she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 So they told the king, saying, "Here is Nathan the prophet." And when he came in before the king, he bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, "My lord, O king, have you said, 'Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne?'"

25 "For he has gone down today, and has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, and the commanders of the army, and Abiathar the priest; and look! They are eating and drinking before him; and they say, 'Long live King Adonijah!'"

26 "But he has not invited me—me your servant—nor Zadok the priest, nor Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, nor your servant Solomon.

27 "Has this thing been done by my lord the king, and you have not told your servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

David Proclaims Solomon King

28 Then King David answered and said, "Call Bathsheba to me." So she came into the king's presence and stood before the king.

29 And the king took an oath and said, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from every distress,

30 "as just as I swore to you by the LORD God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,' so I certainly will do this day."

31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and paid homage to the king, and said, "Let my lord King David live forever!"

32 And King David said, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So they came before the king.

33 The king also said to them, "Take with you the servants of my lord, and have Solomon my son ride

21 ^aDeut. 31:16; 2 Sam. 7:12; 1 Kin. 2:10

25 ^a1 Kin. 1:9, 19 ^b1 Sam. 10:24 ¹Lit. *Let King Adonijah live*

29 ^a2 Sam. 4:9; 12:5

30 ^a1 Kin. 1:13, 17

31 ^aNeh. 2:3; Dan. 2:4; 3:9

33 ^a2 Sam. 20:6 ^bEsth. 6:8 ^c2 Chr. 32:30; 33:14 ¹A spring east of Jerusalem in the Kidron Valley

34 ^a1 Sam. 10:1; 16:3, 12; 2 Sam. 2:4; 5:3; 1 Kin. 19:16; 2 Kin. 9:3; 11:12; 1 Chr. 29:22 ^b2 Sam. 15:10; 2 Kin. 9:13; 11:14 ¹Lit. *Let King Solomon live*

36 ^aJer. 28:6

37 ^aJosh. 1:5, 17; 1 Sam. 20:13 ^b1 Kin. 1:47

38 ^a2 Sam. 8:18; 23:20–23 ^b2 Sam. 20:7; 1 Chr. 18:17

39 ^aEx. 30:23, 25, 32; Ps. 89:20 ^b1 Chr. 29:22 ^c1 Sam. 10:24 ¹Lit. *Let King Solomon live*

42 ^a2 Sam. 17:17, 20 ^b2 Sam. 18:27

46 ^a1 Kin. 2:12; 1 Chr. 29:23

47 ^a1 Kin. 1:37 ^bGen. 47:31

on my own ^bmule, and take him down to ^cGihon.¹

34 "There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet ^aanoint him king over Israel; and ^bblow the horn, and say, 'Long live King Solomon!'"

35 "Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, and he shall be king in my place. For I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."

36 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, "Amen! May the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

37 "As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and ^bmake his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David."

38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, "Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the ^bCherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and took him to Gihon.

39 Then Zadok the priest took a horn of ^aoil from the tabernacle and ^banointed Solomon. And they blew the horn, and all the people said, 'Long live King Solomon!'"

40 And all the people went up after him; and the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth *seemed* to split with their sound.

41 Now Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said, "Why is the city in such a noisy uproar?"

42 While he was still speaking, there came "Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest. And Adonijah said to him, 'Come in, for ^byou are a prominent man, and bring good news.'

43 Then Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, 'No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44 "The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have made him ride on the king's mule.

45 "So Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you have heard.

46 "Also Solomon ^csits on the throne of the kingdom.

47 "And moreover the king's servants have gone to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and may He make his throne greater than your throne.' ^bThen the king bowed himself on the bed.

48 "Also the king said thus, 'Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who has given one to sit on my throne this day, while my eyes see ^bit!'"

49 So all the guests who were with Adonijah were afraid, and arose, and each one went his way.

50 Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and went and took hold of the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, "Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'"

52 Then Solomon said, "If he proves himself a worthy man, not one hair of him shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die."

53 So King Solomon sent them to bring him down from the altar. And he came and fell down before King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

David's Instructions to Solomon

2 Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying:

2 "I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man.

3 "And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn;

4 "that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,' He said, 'you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'"

5 "Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in peacetime, and put the blood of war on his belt that was around his waist, and on his sandals that were on his feet.

6 "Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace.

7 "But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who beat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

8 "And see, you have with you Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjaminite

48 ^a1 Kin. 3:6; [Ps. 132:11, 12] ^b2 Sam. 7:12

50 ^aEx. 27:2; 30:10; 1 Kin. 2:28

52 ^a1 Sam. 14:45; 2 Sam. 14:11; Acts 27:34

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1 ^aGen. 47:29; Deut. 31:14

1 ^ccommanded

2 ^aJosh. 23:14 ^bDeut. 31:7, 23; 1 Chr. 22:13

3 ^a[Deut. 29:9; Josh. 1:7]; 1 Chr. 22:12, 13

4 ^a2 Sam. 7:25 ^b[Ps. 132:12] ^c2 Kin. 20:3 ^d2 Sam. 7:12, 13; 1 Kin. 8:25

5 ^a2 Sam. 3:39; 18:5, 12, 14 ^b2 Sam. 3:27; 1 Kin. 2:32

^c2 Sam. 20:10

6 ^a1 Kin. 2:9; Prov. 20:26

7 ^a2 Sam. 19:31-39 ^b2 Sam. 9:7, 10; 19:28 ^c2 Sam. 17:17-29

8 ^a2 Sam. 16:5-13

^b2 Sam. 19:18

^c2 Sam. 19:23

9 ^aEx. 20:7;

Job 9:28

^bGen. 42:38;

44:31

10 ^a1 Kin. 1:21;

Acts 2:29;

13:36 ^b2 Sam. 5:7; 1 Kin. 3:1

^cDied and

joined his

ancestors

11 ^a2 Sam. 5:4;

5; 1 Chr. 3:4;

29:26, 27

12 ^a1 Kin. 1:46; 1 Chr. 29:23 ^b2 Chr. 1:1

13 ^a1 Sam. 16:4, 5

15 ^a1 Kin. 1:11,

18 ^b1 Chr. 22:9, 10;

28:5-7; [Dan. 2:21]

16 ^cLit. turn

away the face

17 ^a1 Kin. 1:3, 4

19 ^a[Ex. 20:12]

^bPs. 45:9

20 ^cLit. turn

away the face

22 ^a1 Kin. 1:6;

2:15; 1 Chr. 3:2, 5 ^b1 Kin. 1:7

from Bahurim, who cursed me with a malicious curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.'

9 "Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man and know what you ought to do to him; but bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood."

Death of David

10 So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David.

11 The period that David reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

12 Then Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon Executes Adonijah

13 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. So she said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably."

14 Moreover he said, "I have something to say to you." And she said, "Say it."

15 Then he said, "You know that the kingdom was mine, and all Israel had set their expectations on me, that I should reign. However, the kingdom has been turned over, and has become my brother's; for it was his from the LORD.

16 "Now I ask one petition of you; do not deny me." And she said to him, "Say it."

17 Then he said, "Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife."

18 So Bathsheba said, "Very well, I will speak for you to the king."

19 Bathsheba therefore went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her and bowed down to her, and sat down on his throne and had a throne set for the king's mother; so she sat at his right hand.

20 Then she said, "I desire one small petition of you; do not refuse me." And the king said to her, "Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you."

21 So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife."

22 And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "Now why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also—for he is my older brother—for him, and for Abiathar

the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah."

23 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "May God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life!"

24 "Now therefore, as the LORD lives, who has confirmed me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has established a house for me, as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death today!"

25 So King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he struck him down, and he died.

Abiathar Exiled, Joab Executed

26 And to Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you are deserving of death; but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the Lord God before my father David, and because you were afflicted every time my father was afflicted."

27 So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, that he might fulfill the word of the LORD which He spoke concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.

28 Then news came to Joab, for Joab had defected to Adonijah, though he had not defected to Absalom. So Joab fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and took hold of the horns of the altar.

29 And King Solomon was told, "Joab has fled to the tabernacle of the LORD; there he is, by the altar." Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, strike him down."

30 So Benaiah went to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said to him, "Thus says the king, 'Come out!'" And he said, "No, but I will die here." And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, "Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me."

31 Then the king said to him, "Do as he has said, and strike him down and bury him, that you may take away from me and from the house of my father the innocent blood which Joab shed."

32 "So the LORD will return his blood on his head, because he struck down two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword—Abner the son of Ner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, the commander of the army of Judah—though my father David did not know it."

33 "Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants forever. But upon David and his descendants, upon his house and his

23 ^aRuth 1:17

24 ^{a2} Sam. 7:11, 13;
1 Chr. 22:10
^bRoyal dynasty

25 ^{a2} Sam. 8:18; 1 Kin. 4:4

26 ^aJosh. 21:18; Jer. 1:1
^{b1} Sam. 22:23;
23:6; 2 Sam. 15:14, 29 ¹Lit. you are a man of death

27 ^{a1} Sam. 2:31-35

28 ^{a1} Kin. 1:7
^{b1} Kin. 1:50

29 ^{a1} Kin. 2:5, 6

30 ^a[Ex. 21:14]

31 ^a[Ex. 21:14]
^b[Num. 35:33; Deut. 19:13; 21:8, 9]

32 ^a[Gen. 9:6; Judg. 9:24, 57
^{b2} Chr. 21:13, 14
^{c2} Sam. 3:27
^{d2} Sam. 20:9, 10
¹Or bloodshed

33 ^{a2} Sam. 3:29
^b[Prov. 25:5]

35 ^{a1} Sam. 2:35; 1 Kin. 4:4; 1 Chr. 6:53; 24:3; 29:22
^{b1} Kin. 2:27

36 ^{a2} Sam. 16:5-13;
1 Kin. 2:8

37 ^{a2} Sam. 15:23; 2 Kin. 23:6; John 18:1
^bLev. 20:9; Josh. 2:19; 2 Sam. 1:16; Ezek. 18:13
¹Or bloodshed

39 ^{a1} Sam. 27:2

44 ^{a2} Sam. 16:5-13
^{b1} Sam. 25:39;
2 Kin. 11:1, 12-16; Ps. 7:16; Ezek. 17:19

45 ^{a2} Sam. 7:13; [Prov. 25:5]

46 ^{a1} Kin. 2:12;
2 Chr. 1:1

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1 ^{a1} Kin. 7:8;
9:24
^{b2} Sam. 5:7
¹an alliance

throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD."

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and struck and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

Shimei Executed

36 Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere."

37 "For it shall be, on the day you go out and cross the Brook Kidron, know for certain you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head."

38 And Shimei said to the king, "The saying is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do." So Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

39 Now it happened at the end of three years, that two slaves of Shimei ran away to Achish the son of Maachah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, "Look, your slaves are in Gath!"

40 So Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went to Achish at Gath to seek his slaves. And Shimei went and brought his slaves from Gath.

41 And Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had come back.

42 Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the LORD, and warn you, saying, 'Know for certain that on the day you go out and travel anywhere, you shall surely die'? And you said to me, 'The word I have heard is good.'"

43 "Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD and the commandment that I gave you?"

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, "You know, as your heart acknowledges, all the wickedness that you did to my father David; therefore the LORD will return your wickedness on your own head."

45 "But King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever."

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out and struck him down, and he died. Thus the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

Solomon Requests Wisdom

3 Now Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married Pharaoh's daughter; then he brought her to the City of David un-

til he had finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall all around Jerusalem.

2 Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days.

3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

4 Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 "And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.

9 "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,

12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

13 "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

14 "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

15 Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered

1 c1 Kin. 7:1
d1 Kin. 6
e1 Kin. 9:15,
19

2 a[Deut.
12:2-5, 13, 14];
1 Kin. 11:7;
22:43

3 a[Rom. 8:28]
b[1 Kin. 3:6,
14]

4 a1 Kin. 9:2;
2 Chr. 1:3
b1 Chr. 16:39;
21:29

5 a1 Kin. 9:2;
11:9; 2 Chr.
1:7 bNum.
12:6; Matt.
1:20; 2:13

6 a2 Chr. 1:8
b1 Kin. 2:4;
9:4; 2 Kin.
20:3 c2 Sam.
7:8-17; 1 Kin.
1:48

7 a1 Chr. 22:5;
Jer. 1:6, 7
bNum. 27:17;
2 Sam. 5:2

8 a[Ex. 19:6;
Deut. 7:6]
bGen. 13:6;
15:5; 22:17

9 a2 Chr. 1:10;
[James 1:5]
bPs. 72:1, 2
c2 Sam. 14:17;
Is. 7:15; [Heb.
5:14] 1Lit.
hearing

11 a[James 4:3]

12 a[1 John
5:14, 15]
b1 Kin.
4:29-31; 5:12;
10:24; Eccl.
1:16

13 a[Matt. 6:33;
Eph. 3:20]
b1 Kin. 4:21,
24; 10:23;
1 Chr. 29:12

14 a[1 Kin.
6:12] b1 Kin.
15:5 cPs.
91:16; Prov.
3:2 1prolong

15 aGen. 41:7
bGen. 40:20;
1 Kin. 8:65;
Esth. 1:3;
Dan. 5:1;
Mark 6:21

16 aNum. 27:2

18 1Lit. no
stranger

26 aGen. 43:30;
Is. 49:15; Jer.
31:20; Hos.
11:8

28 a1 Kin. 3:9,
11, 12; 2 Chr.
1:12; Dan.
1:17; [Col.
2:2, 3]

peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Solomon's Wise Judgment

16 Now two women who were harlots came to the king, and stood before him.

17 And one woman said, "O my lord, this woman and I dwell in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house.

18 "Then it happened, the third day after I had given birth, that this woman also gave birth. And we were together; no one was with us in the house, except the two of us in the house.

19 "And this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him.

20 "So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from my side, while your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 "And when I rose in the morning to nurse my son, there he was, dead. But when I had examined him in the morning, indeed, he was not my son whom I had borne."

22 Then the other woman said, "No! But the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son." And the first woman said, "No! But the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." Thus they spoke before the king.

23 And the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son, who lives, and your son is the dead one'; and the other says, 'No! But your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'"

24 Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other."

26 Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son; and she said, "O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!" But the other said, "Let him be neither mine nor yours, but divide him."

27 So the king answered and said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him; she is his mother."

28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice.

Solomon's Administration

4 So King Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these were his officials: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest;

3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons

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of Shisha, ¹scribes; ^aJehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder;

4 ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada, over the army; Zadok and ^bAbiathar, the priests;

5 Azariah the son of Nathan, over ^athe officers; Zabud the son of Nathan, ^aa priest and ^athe king's friend;

6 ^aAhishar, over the household; and ^aAdoniram the son of Abda, over the labor force.

7 And Solomon had twelve governors over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household; each one made provision for one month of the year.

8 These *are* their names: ¹Ben-Hur, in the mountains of Ephraim;

9 ¹Ben-Deker, in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh, and Elon Beth Hanan;

10 ¹Ben-Hesed, in Arubboth; to him *belonged* Sochoh and all the land of Hephher;

11 ¹Ben-Abinadab, in all the regions of Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon as wife;

12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach, Megiddo, and all Beth Shean, which *is* beside Zaretan below Jezreel, from Beth Shean to Abel Meholah, as far as the other side of Jokneam;

13 ¹Ben-Geber, in Ramoth Gilead; to him *belonged* ^athe towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, in Gilead; to him *also belonged* ^bthe region of Argob in Bashan—sixty large cities with walls and bronze gate-bars;

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim;

15 ^aAhimaaz, in Naphtali; he *also* took Basemath the daughter of Solomon as wife;

16 Baanah the son of ^aHushai, in Asher and Aloth;

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar;

18 ^aShimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin;

19 Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, in ^athe country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan. *He was the only governor who was in the land.*

*Prosperity and Wisdom of
Solomon's Reign*

20 Judah and Israel *were* as numerous ^aas the sand by the sea in multitude, ^beating and drinking and rejoicing.

21 So ^aSolomon reigned over all kingdoms from ^athe¹ River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. ^aThey brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 ^aNow Solomon's ¹provision for one day was thirty ²kors of fine flour, sixty kors of meal,

23 ten fattened oxen, twenty oxen from the pastures, and one hundred

3 ^a2 Sam. 8:16; 20:24
¹secretaries

4 ^a1 Kin. 2:35
^b1 Kin. 2:27

5 ^a1 Kin. 4:7
^b2 Sam. 8:18; 20:26 ^c2 Sam. 15:37; 16:16

6 ^a1 Kin. 5:14
8 ¹Lit. Son of Hur

9 ¹Lit. Son of Deker

10 ¹Lit. Son of Heseid

11 ¹Lit. Son of Abinadab

13 ^aNum. 32:41 ^bDeut. 3:4 ¹Lit. Son of Geber

15 ^a2 Sam. 15:27

16 ^a1 Chr. 27:33

18 ^a1 Kin. 1:8
19 ^aDeut. 3:8-10

20 ^aGen. 22:17; 32:12 ^bMic. 4:4

21 ^aPs. 72:8
^bGen. 15:18
^cPs. 68:29

¹The Euphrates

22 ^aNeh. 5:18
¹Lit. bread

²Each about 5 bushels

24 ^aPs. 72:11
^b1 Chr. 22:9

¹The Euphrates

25 ^a[Jer. 23:6]
^b[Mic. 4:4]
^cJudg. 20:1

¹Lived in safety

26 ^a1 Kin. 10:26 ^b[Deut. 17:16] ¹So with MT, most other authorities; some LXX mss. four thousand; cf. 2 Chr. 9:25

27 ^a1 Kin. 4:7
29 ^a1 Kin. 3:12

30 ^aGen. 25:6
^bIs. 19:11, 12

31 ^a1 Kin. 3:12
^b1 Chr. 15:19
^c1 Chr. 2:6

32 ^aEccl. 12:9
^bSong 1:1

34 ^a1 Kin. 10:1

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1 ^a2 Chr. 2:3
^b2 Sam. 5:11

2 ^a2 Chr. 2:3
3 ^a1 Chr. 28:2; 3 ^b1 Chr. 22:8; 28:3 ¹Lit. them

4 ^a1 Kin. 4:24
¹peace ²misfortune

sheep, besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side of ¹the River from Tiphshah even to Gaza, namely over ^aall the kings on this side of the River; and ^bhe had peace on every side all around him.

25 And Judah and Israel ^adwelt¹ safely, ^beach man under his vine and his fig tree, ^afrom Dan as far as Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 ^aSolomon had ¹forty thousand stalls of ^bhorses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And ^athese governors, each man in his month, provided food for King Solomon and for all who came to King Solomon's table. There was no lack in their supply.

28 They also brought barley and straw to the proper place, for the horses and steeds, each man according to his charge.

29 And ^aGod gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.

30 Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men ^aof the East and all ^bthe wisdom of Egypt.

31 For he was ^awiser than all men—^bthan Ethan the Ezrahite, ^aand Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.

32 ^aHe spoke three thousand proverbs, and his ^bsongs were one thousand and five.

33 ^aAlso he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish.

34 And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, ^acame to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

*Solomon Prepares to Build the
Temple*

5 Now ^aHiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, because he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, ^bfor Hiram had always loved David.

2 Then ^aSolomon sent to Hiram, saying:

3 ^aYou know how my father David could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God ^bbecause of the wars which were fought against him on every side, until the LORD put ¹his foes under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God has given me ^arest¹ on every side; *there is neither adversary nor* ²evil occurrence.

5 ^aAnd behold, ¹I propose to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, ^bas the LORD spoke to my father David, saying, "Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build the house for My name."

6 Now therefore, command that they cut down ^acedars for me from Lebanon; and my servants will be with your servants, and I will pay you wages for your servants according to whatever you say. For you know *there is* none among us who has skill to cut timber like the Sidonians.

7 So it was, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said,

Blessed *be* the LORD this day, for He has given David a wise son over this great people!

8 Then Hiram sent to Solomon, saying:

I have considered *the message* which you sent me, and I will do all you desire concerning the cedar and cypress logs.

9 My servants shall bring *them* down ^afrom Lebanon to the sea; I will float them in rafts by sea to the place you indicate to me, and will have them broken apart there; then you can take *them* away. And you shall fulfill my desire ^bby giving food for my household.

10 Then Hiram gave Solomon cedar and cypress logs *according to* all his desire.

11 ^aAnd Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand ¹kors of wheat as food for his household, and ²twenty kors of pressed oil. Thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by year.

12 So the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, ^aas He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty together.

13 Then King Solomon raised up a labor force out of all Israel; and the labor force was thirty thousand men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month in shifts: they were one month in Lebanon and two months at home; ^aAdoniram was in charge of the labor force.

15 ^aSolomon had seventy thousand who carried burdens, and eighty thousand who quarried *stone* in the mountains,

16 besides three thousand ¹three hundred from the ^achiefs of Solomon's deputies, who supervised the people who labored in the work.

5 ^{a2} Chr. 2:4
^{b2} Sam. 7:12,
13 ¹Lit. *I am saying*

6 ^{a2} Chr. 2:8,
10

9 ^aEzra 3:7
^bEzek. 27:17

11 ^{a2} Chr. 2:10
¹Each about 5 bushels ²So with MT, Tg., Vg.: LXX, Syr. *twenty thousand kors*

12 ^{a1} Kin. 3:12

14 ^{a1} Kin. 12:18

15 ^{a2} Chr. 2:17, 18

16 ^{a1} Kin. 9:23
¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.: LXX *six hundred*

17 ^{a1} Kin. 6:7
¹Lit. *house*

18 ¹Lit. *house*

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1 ^{a2} Chr. 3:1, 2
^bActs 7:47

¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.: LXX *fortieth* ²Or Ayyar, April or May

2 ^aEzek. 41:1

3 ¹Heb. *hekhal*; here the main room of the temple; elsewhere called the holy place, Ex. 26:33; Ezek. 41:1

²About 30 feet
³Lit. *it* ⁴About 15 feet

4 ^aEzek. 40:16; 41:16

5 ^aEzek. 41:6
^{b1} Kin. 6:16,

19-21, 31 ¹Lit. *house* ²Heb. *debir*; here the inner room of the temple; elsewhere called the Most Holy Place, v. 16

6 ¹Lit. *house*
7 ^aDeut. 27:5, 6

8 ¹So with MT, Vg.: LXX *upper story*; Tg. *ground story*

9 ^{a1} Kin. 6:14,
38 ¹Lit. *house*

12 ^{a1} Kin. 2:4; 9:4 ^{b2} Sam. 7:13] ¹Lit. *house*
²*promise*

13 ^aEx. 25:8
^b[Deut. 31:6]

17 And the king commanded them to quarry large stones, costly stones, and ^ahewn stones, to lay the foundation of the ¹temple.

18 So Solomon's builders, Hiram's builders, and the Gebalites quarried *them*; and they prepared timber and stones to build the ¹temple.

Solomon Builds the Temple

6 And ^ait came to pass in the four hundred and ¹eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of ²Ziv, which is the second month, ^bthat he began to build the house of the LORD.

2 Now ^athe house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length was sixty cubits, its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits.

3 The vestibule in front of the ¹sanctuary of the house was ²twenty cubits long across the width of the house, and the width of ³the vestibule extended ⁴ten cubits from the front of the house.

4 And he made for the house ^awindows with beveled frames.

5 Against the wall of the ¹temple he built ^achambers all around, *against* the walls of the temple, all around the sanctuary ^band the ²inner sanctuary. Thus he made side chambers all around it.

6 The lowest chamber was five cubits wide, the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide; for he made narrow ledges around the outside of the temple, so that *the support beams* would not be fastened into the walls of the ¹temple.

7 And ^athe temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.

8 The doorway for the ¹middle story was on the right side of the temple. They went up by stairs to the middle story, and from the middle to the third.

9 ^aSo he built the ¹temple and finished it, and he paneled the temple with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And he built side chambers against the entire temple, each five cubits high; they were attached to the temple with cedar beams.

11 Then the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying:

12 "Concerning this ¹temple which you are building, ^aif you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My ²word with you, ^bwhich I spoke to your father David.

13 "And ^aI will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not ^bfor-sake My people Israel."

14 So Solomon built the temple and finished it.

15 And he built the inside walls of the temple with cedar boards; from the floor of the temple to the ceiling he paneled the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the temple with planks of cypress.

16 Then he built the twenty-cubit room at the rear of the temple, from floor to ceiling, with cedar boards; he built it inside as the inner sanctuary, as the "Most Holy Place.

17 And in front of it the temple sanctuary was forty cubits long.

18 The inside of the temple was cedar, carved with ornamental buds and open flowers. All was cedar; there was no stone to be seen.

19 And he prepared the inner sanctuary inside the temple, to set the ark of the covenant of the LORD there.

20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold, and overlaid the altar of cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the inside of the temple with pure gold. He stretched gold chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold.

22 The whole temple he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the temple; also he overlaid with gold the entire altar that was by the inner sanctuary.

23 Inside the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high.

24 One wing of the cherub was five cubits, and the other wing of the cherub five cubits: ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits; both cherubim were of the same size and shape.

26 The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other cherub.

27 Then he set the cherubim inside the inner room; and they stretched out the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the room.

28 Also he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29 Then he carved all the walls of the temple all around, both the inner and outer sanctuaries, with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers.

30 And the floor of the temple he overlaid with gold, both the inner and outer sanctuaries.

31 For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and doorposts were one-fifth of the wall.

16 ^aEx. 26:33; Lev. 16:2; 1 Kin. 8:6; 2 Chr. 3:8; Ezek. 45:3; Heb. 9:3

19 ¹The Most Holy Place

22 ^aEx. 30:1, 3, 6

23 ^aEx. 37:7-9; 2 Chr. 3:10-12

27 ^aEx. 25:20; 37:9; 1 Kin. 8:7; 2 Chr. 5:8 ¹Lit. house

29 ^aEx. 36:8, 35

31 ¹Or five-sided

33 ¹temple ²Or four-sided

34 ^aEzek. 41:23-25

36 ^a1 Kin. 7:12; Jer. 36:10

37 ^a1 Kin. 6:1 ¹Or Ayyar, April or May

38 ^a2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Kin. 5:5; 6:1; 8:19 ¹Or Heshvan, October or November

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1 ^a1 Kin. 3:1; 9:10; 2 Chr. 8:1

2 ^a1 Kin. 10:17, 21; 2 Chr. 9:16 ¹About 150 feet ²About 75 feet

7 ¹Lit. floor of the upper level

8 ^a1 Kin. 3:1; 9:24; 11:1; 2 Chr. 8:11

32 The two doors were of olive wood; and he carved on them figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

33 So for the door of the sanctuary he also made doorposts of olive wood, one-fourth of the wall.

34 And the two doors were of cypress wood; two panels comprised one folding door, and two panels comprised the other folding door.

35 Then he carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers on them, and overlaid them with gold applied evenly on the carved work.

36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its details and according to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

Solomon's Other Buildings

7 But Solomon took thirteen years to build his own house; so he finished all his house.

2 He also built the House of the Forest of Lebanon; its length was one hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, with four rows of cedar pillars, and cedar beams on the pillars.

3 And it was paneled with cedar above the beams that were on forty-five pillars, fifteen to a row.

4 There were windows with beveled frames in three rows, and window was opposite window in three tiers.

5 And all the doorways and doorposts had rectangular frames; and window was opposite window in three tiers.

6 He also made the Hall of Pillars: its length was fifty cubits, and its width thirty cubits; and in front of them was a portico with pillars, and a canopy was in front of them.

7 Then he made a hall for the throne, the Hall of Judgment, where he might judge; and it was paneled with cedar from floor to ceiling.

8 And the house where he dwelt had another court inside the hall, of like workmanship. Solomon also made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken as wife.

9 All these were of costly stones cut to size, trimmed with saws, inside and out, from the foundation to the eaves, and also on the outside to the great court.

10 The foundation was of costly

stones, large stones, some ten cubits and some eight cubits.

11 And above were costly stones, hewn to size, and cedar wood.

12 The great court was enclosed with three rows of hewn stones and a row of cedar beams. So were the inner court of the house of the LORD and the vestibule of the temple.

Hiram the Craftsman

13 Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

14 He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

The Bronze Pillars for the Temple

15 And he cast two pillars of bronze, each one eighteen cubits high, and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of each.

16 Then he made two capitals of cast bronze, to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits.

17 He made a lattice network, with wreaths of chainwork, for the capitals which were on top of the pillars: seven chains for one capital and seven for the other capital.

18 So he made the pillars, and two rows of pomegranates above the network all around to cover the capitals that were on top; and thus he did for the other capital.

19 The capitals which were on top of the pillars in the hall were in the shape of lilies, four cubits.

20 The capitals on the two pillars also had pomegranates above, by the convex surface which was next to the network; and there were two hundred such pomegranates in rows on each of the capitals all around.

21 Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple; he set up the pillar on the right and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name Boaz.

22 The tops of the pillars were in the shape of lilies. So the work of the pillars was finished.

The Sea and the Oxen

23 And he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference.

24 Below its brim were ornamental buds encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The ornamental buds were cast in two rows when it was cast.

12 ^a1 Kin. 6:36
^bJohn 10:23;
Acts 3:11

13 ¹Heb.
Hiram; cf.
2 Chr. 2:13, 14

14 ^a2 Chr. 2:14
^b2 Chr. 4:16
^cEx. 31:3; 36:1

15 ^a2 Kin.
25:17; 2 Chr.
3:15; 4:12;
Jer. 52:21
¹fashioned

20 ^a2 Chr.
3:16; 4:13;
Jer. 52:23

21 ^a2 Chr. 3:17
¹Lit. He Shall
Establish
²Lit. In It Is
Strength

23 ^a2 Kin.
25:13; 2 Chr.
4:2; Jer.
52:17

24 ^a2 Chr. 4:3

25 ^a2 Chr. 4:4,
5; Jer. 52:20

26 ¹About
12,000 gal-
lons; three
thousand,
2 Chr. 4:5

27 ¹Or stands

37 ¹one

38 ^aEx. 30:18;
2 Chr. 4:6
¹About 240
gallons

25 It stood on twelve oxen: three looking toward the north, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward.

26 It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It contained two thousand baths.

The Carts and the Lavers

27 He also made ten carts of bronze; four cubits was the length of each cart, four cubits its width, and three cubits its height.

28 And this was the design of the carts: They had panels, and the panels were between frames;

29 on the panels that were between the frames were lions, oxen, and cherubim. And on the frames was a pedestal on top. Below the lions and oxen were wreaths of plaited work.

30 Every cart had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze, and its four feet had supports. Under the laver were supports of cast bronze beside each wreath.

31 Its opening inside the crown at the top was one cubit in diameter; and the opening was round, shaped like a pedestal, one and a half cubits in outside diameter; and also on the opening were engravings, but the panels were square, not round.

32 Under the panels were the four wheels, and the axles of the wheels were joined to the cart. The height of a wheel was one and a half cubits.

33 The workmanship of the wheels was like the workmanship of a chariot wheel; their axle pins, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all of cast bronze.

34 And there were four supports at the four corners of each cart; its supports were part of the cart itself.

35 On the top of the cart, at the height of half a cubit, it was perfectly round. And on the top of the cart, its flanges and its panels were of the same casting.

36 On the plates of its flanges and on its panels he engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, wherever there was a clear space on each, with wreaths all around.

37 Thus he made the ten carts. All of them were of the same mold, one measure, and one shape.

38 Then he made ten lavers of bronze; each laver contained forty baths, and each laver was four cubits. On each of the ten carts was a laver.

39 And he put five carts on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house. He set the Sea on the right side of the house, toward the southeast.

Furnishings of the Temple

40 ^aHuram¹ made the lavers and the shovels and the bowls. So Huram finished doing all the work that he was to do for King Solomon for the house of the LORD:

41 the two pillars, the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two pillars; the two ^anetworks covering the two bowl-shaped capitals which were on top of the pillars; 42 ^afour hundred pomegranates for the two networks (two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the pillars);

43 the ten carts, and ten lavers on the carts;

44 one Sea, and twelve oxen under the Sea;

45 ^athe pots, the shovels, and the bowls. All these articles which ¹Huram made for King Solomon for the house of the LORD were of burnished bronze.

46 ^aIn the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between ^bSuccoth and ^cZaretan.

47 And Solomon did not weigh all the articles, because there were so many; the weight of the bronze was not ^adetermined.

48 Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of the LORD: ^athe altar of gold, and ^bthe table of gold on which was ^athe showbread;

49 the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right side and five on the left in front of the inner sanctuary, with the flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold;

50 the basins, the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the ^ccensers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner room (the Most Holy Place) and for the doors of the main hall of the temple.

51 So all the work that King Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things ^awhich his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and the furnishings. He put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

The Ark Brought into the Temple

8 Now ^aSolomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, ^bthat they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the City of David, which is Zion.

2 Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with King Solomon at the ^afeast in the month of ¹Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 So all the elders of Israel came, ^aand the priests took up the ark.

40 ^{a2} Chr. 4:11–5:1
¹Heb. Hiram;
cf. 2 Chr. 2:13, 14

41 ^{a1} Kin. 7:17, 18

42 ^{a1} Kin. 7:20

45 ^aEx. 27:3
¹Heb. Hiram;
cf. 2 Chr. 2:13, 14

46 ^{a2} Chr. 4:17
^bGen. 33:17
^cJosh. 3:16

47 ^{a1} Chr. 22:3, 14

48 ^aEx. 37:25, 26; 2 Chr. 4:8
^bEx. 37:10, 11
^cLev. 24:5–8

50 ¹firepans

51 ^{a2} Sam. 8:11

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1 ^{a2} Chr. 5:2–14

² Sam. 6:12–17
^{c2} Sam. 5:7; 6:12, 16

2 ^aLev. 23:34
¹Or Tishri,
September or October

3 ^aNum. 4:15; 7:9

4 ^{a2} Chr. 1:3
¹tent

5 ^{a2} Sam. 6:13

6 ^{a2} Sam. 6:17
^{b1} Kin. 6:19
^{c1} Kin. 6:27

8 ^aEx. 25:13–15; 37:4, 5
¹heads

9 ^aEx. 25:21
^bDeut. 10:5
^cEx. 24:7, 8; 40:20
^aEx. 34:27, 28

10 ^aEx. 40:34, 35

11 ^{a2} Chr. 7:1, 2

12 ^{a2} Chr. 6:1
^bPs. 18:11; 97:2

13 ^{a2} Sam. 7:13
^bPs. 132:14

14 ^{a2} Sam. 6:18

15 ^aLuke 1:68
^{b2} Sam. 7:2, 12, 13, 25

16 ^{a1} Kin. 8:29
^{b2} Sam. 7:8

17 ^{a2} Sam. 7:2, 3
¹Lit. house, and so in vv. 18–20

18 ^{a2} Chr. 6:8, 9

4 Then they brought up the ark of the LORD, ^athe ^btabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that were in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up.

5 Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him, were with him before the ark, ^asacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude.

6 Then the priests ^abrought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to ^bits place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, ^aunder the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

8 The poles ^aextended so that the ^bends of the poles could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day.

9 ^aNothing was in the ark ^bexcept the two tablets of stone which Moses ^aput there at Horeb, ^awhen the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud ^afilled the house of the LORD,

11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the ^aglory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

12 ^aThen Solomon spoke:

“The LORD said He would dwell ^bin the dark cloud.

13 ^aI have surely built You an exalted house,

^bAnd a place for You to dwell in forever.”

Solomon's Speech at Completion of the Work

14 Then the king turned around and ^ablessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

15 And he said: ^a“Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who ^bspoke with His mouth to my father David, and with His hand has fulfilled it, saying,

16 ‘Since the day that I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that ^aMy name might be there; but I chose ^bDavid to be over My people Israel.’

17 “Now ^ait was in the heart of my father David to build a ^btemple for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 ^a“But the LORD said to my father David, ‘Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well that it was in your heart.

19 'Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.'

20 "So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 "And there I have made a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt."

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven;

23 and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.

24 "You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.

25 "Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.'

26 "And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father.

27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

28 "Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today:

29 "that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.

30 "And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive.

31 "When anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this temple,

32 "then hear in heaven, and act,

19 ^{a2} Sam. 7:5, 12, 13; 1 Kin. 5:3, 5; 6:38; 1 Chr. 17:11, 12; 22:8-10; 2 Chr. 6:2

20 ^{a1} Chr. 28:5, 6 ¹risen in the place of

21 ^aDeut. 31:26; 1 Kin. 8:9

22 ^{a1} Kin. 8:54; 2 Chr. 6:12; ^bEx. 9:33; Ezra 9:5

23 ^aEx. 15:11; 2 Sam. 7:22; ^b[Deut. 7:9; Neh. 1:5; Dan. 9:4] ^c[Gen. 17:1; 1 Kin. 3:6]; 2 Kin. 20:3

25 ^{a2} Sam. 7:12, 16; 1 Kin. 2:4; 9:5

26 ^{a2} Sam. 7:25

27 ^a[2 Chr. 2:6; Is. 66:1; Acts 7:49; 17:24] ^{b2} Cor. 12:2

29 ^aDeut. 12:11; ^{b1} Kin. 9:3; 2 Chr. 7:15; ^cDan. 6:10; ¹Lit. house

30 ^aNeh. 1:6

31 ^aEx. 22:8-11

32 ^aDeut. 25:1

33 ^aLev. 26:17; Deut. 28:25; ^bLev. 26:39, 40

34 ^a[Lev. 26:40-42; Deut. 30:1-3]

35 ^aLev. 26:19; Deut. 28:23

36 ^aPs. 25:4; 27:11; 94:12; ^{b1} Sam. 12:23

37 ^aLev. 26:16, 25, 26; Deut. 28:21, 22, 27, 38, 42, 52 ¹Lit. gates

39 ^a[1 Sam. 16:7; 1 Chr. 28:9; Jer. 17:10; Acts 1:24

40 ^a[Ps. 130:4]

42 ^aEx. 13:3; Deut. 3:24

43 ^a[Ex. 9:16; 1 Sam. 17:46; 2 Kin. 19:19] ^bPs. 102:15

and judge Your servants, condemn the wicked, bringing his way on his head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

33 ^a"When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and ^bwhen they turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple,

34 "then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers.

35 ^a"When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them,

36 "then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

37 ^a"When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is;

38 "whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple:

39 "then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men),

40 "that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

41 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your name's sake

42 "(for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple,

43 "hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

44 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD toward the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name,

45 "then hear in heaven their

prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ¹cause.

46 "When they sin against You ^a(for *there is no one who does not sin*), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive ^bto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 ^a"yet when they ¹come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, ^bsaying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness';

48 "and when they ^areturn to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and ^bpray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name:

49 "then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ¹cause,

50 "and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and ^agrant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have compassion on them

51 "for ^athey are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out of Egypt, ^bout of the iron furnace),

52 ^a"that Your eyes may be open to the supplication of Your servant and the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to You.

53 "For You separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be Your inheritance, ^aas You spoke by Your servant Moses, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD."

Solomon Blesses the Assembly

54 ^aAnd so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 Then he stood ^aand blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying:

56 "Blessed be the LORD, who has given ^arest¹ to His people Israel, according to all that He promised.

^bThere has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

57 "May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. ^aMay He not leave us nor forsake us,

58 "that He may ^aincline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and

45 ¹justice

46 ^aPs. 130:3
^bLev. 26:34,
44

47 ^a[Lev. 26:40-42]
^bDan. 9:5 ¹Lit. bring back to their heart

48 ^aJer. 29:12-14
^bDan. 6:10

49 ¹justice

50 ^aPs. 106:46

51 ^aDeut. 9:26-29 ^bJer. 11:4

52 ^a1 Kin. 8:29

53 ^aEx. 19:5, 6

54 ^a2 Chr. 7:1

55 ^a2 Sam. 6:18

56 ^a1 Chr. 22:18 ^bDeut. 12:10 ¹peace

57 ^aDeut. 31:6

58 ^aPs. 119:36

60 ^a1 Sam. 17:46 ^bDeut. 4:35, 39

61 ^aDeut. 18:13 ¹Lit. at peace with

62 ^a2 Chr. 7:4-10

64 ^a2 Chr. 7:7
^b2 Chr. 4:1

65 ^aLev. 23:34
^bNum. 34:8
^cGen. 15:18
^d2 Chr. 7:8

66 ^a2 Chr. 7:9
¹thanked

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1 ^a2 Chr. 7:11
^b1 Kin. 7:1
^c2 Chr. 8:6

2 ^a1 Kin. 3:5;
11:9

3 ^aPs. 10:17
^b1 Kin. 8:29
^cDeut. 11:12

4 ^aGen. 17:1
^b1 Kin. 11:4,
6; 15:5

His statutes and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers.

59 "And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require,

60 ^a"that all the peoples of the earth may know that ^bthe LORD is God; *there is no other.*

61 "Let your ^aheart therefore be ^bloyal to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day."

Solomon Dedicates the Temple

62 Then ^athe king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 On ^athe same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the ^bbronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 At that time Solomon held ^aa feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly from ^bthe entrance of Hamath to ^cthe Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, ^dseven days and seven more days—fourteen days.

66 ^aOn the eighth day he sent the people away; and they ^bblessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good that the LORD had done for His servant David, and for Israel His people.

God's Second Appearance to Solomon

9 And ^ait came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD ^band the king's house, and ^call Solomon's desire which he wanted to do,

2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, ^aas He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said to him: ^a"I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built ^bto put My name there forever, ^cand My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

4 "Now if you ^awalk before Me ^bas your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to

do according to all that I have commanded you, *and* if you 'keep My statutes and My judgments,

5 "then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, 'as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'

6 ^a"But if you or your sons at all ¹turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments *and* My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them,

7 ^a"then I will ¹cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated ²for My name I will cast out of My sight. ^cIsrael will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

8 "And as for 'this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, ^b'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

9 "Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the LORD has brought all this 'calamity on them.' "

Solomon and Hiram Exchange Gifts

10 Now 'it happened at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house

11 '(Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress and gold, as much as he desired), *that* King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, but they did not please him.

13 So he said, "What *kind* of cities are these which you have given me, my brother?" 'And he called them the land of ¹Cabul, as they are to this day.

14 Then Hiram sent the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

Solomon's Additional Achievements

15 And this is the reason for 'the labor force which King Solomon raised: to build the house of the LORD, his own house, ¹the ²Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, 'Hazor, 'Megiddo, and 'Gezer.

16 (Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer and burned it with fire, 'had killed the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.)

⁴ ^{c1} Kin. 8:61

⁵ ^{a2} Sam. 7:12, 16

⁶ ^{a2} Sam. 7:14-16 ¹turn back

⁷ ^a[Lev. 18:24-29] ^b[Jer. 7:4-14] ^cPs. 44:14 ¹destroy

⁸ ^{a2} Chr. 7:21 ^b[Deut. 29:24-26]

⁹ ^a[Deut. 29:25-28]

¹⁰ ^{a2} Chr. 8:1

¹¹ ^{a1} Kin. 5:1

¹³ ^aJosh. 19:27 ¹Lit. Good for Nothing

¹⁵ ^{a1} Kin. 5:13 ^{b2} Sam. 5:9 ^cJosh. 11:1; 19:38 ^dJosh. 17:11 ^eJosh. 16:10 ¹Lit. The Landfill

¹⁶ ^aJosh. 16:10

¹⁷ ^{a2} Chr. 8:5

¹⁸ ^aJosh. 19:44

¹⁹ ^{a1} Kin. 10:26 ^{b1} Kin. 4:26 ^{c1} Kin. 9:1

²⁰ ^{a2} Chr. 8:7

²¹ ^aJudg. 1:21-36; 3:1 ^bJosh. 15:63; 17:12, 13 ^cJudg. 1:28, 35 ^dEzra 2:55, 58

²² ^a[Lev. 25:39]

²³ ^{a2} Chr. 8:10

²⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 3:1 ^{b1} Kin. 7:8 ^{c2} Sam. 5:9 ¹Lit. he; cf. 2 Chr. 8:11

²⁵ ^aEx. 23:14-17

²⁶ ^{a2} Chr. 8:17, 18 ^bNum. 33:35 ¹Heb. Eloth

²⁷ ^{a1} Kin. 5:6, 9; 10:11

²⁸ ^aJob 22:24

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¹ ^aMatt. 12:42 ^bJudg. 14:12

² ¹company

³ ¹too

17 And Solomon built Gezer, Lower 'Beth Horon,

18 'Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land of *Judah*,

19 all the storage cities that Solomon had, cities for 'his chariots and cities for his ²cavalry, and whatever Solomon 'desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 'All the people who were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel—

21 that is, their descendants 'who were left in the land after them, 'whom the children of Israel had not been able to destroy completely— 'from these Solomon raised 'forced labor, as it is to this day.

22 But of the children of Israel Solomon 'made no forced laborers, because they were men of war and his servants: his officers, his captains, commanders of his chariots, and his cavalry.

23 Others were chiefs of the officials who were over Solomon's work: 'five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work.

24 But 'Pharaoh's daughter came up from the City of David to 'her house which 'Solomon had built for her. 'Then he built the Millo.

25 'Now three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he had built for the LORD, and he burned incense with them on the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the temple.

26 'King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at 'Ezion Geber, which is near 'Elath on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

27 'Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they went to 'Ophir, and acquired four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

The Queen of Sheba's Praise of Solomon

10 Now when the 'queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came 'to test him with hard questions.

2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great 'retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing 'so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her.

4 And when the queen of Sheba

had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,

5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cup-bearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

6 Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

7 "However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard.

8 "Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom!

9 "Blessed be the LORD your God, who ^bdelighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."

10 Then she ^agave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

11 "Also, the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of ^aalmug wood and precious stones from Ophir.

12 "And the king made ¹steps of the almug wood for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. There never again came such ^balmug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day.

13 Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

Solomon's Great Wealth

14 The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

15 besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, ^bfrom all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.

16 And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred *shekels* of gold went into each shield.

17 He also made ^athree hundred shields of hammered gold; three minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the ^aHouse of the Forest of Lebanon.

18 "Moreover the king made a great

5 ^{a1} Chr. 26:16; 2 Chr. 9:4

8 ^aProv. 8:34

9 ^{a1} Kin. 5:7
^{b2} Sam. 22:20
^{c2} Sam. 8:15; Ps. 72:2;
 [Prov. 8:15]

10 ^aPs. 72:10, 15

11 ^{a1} Kin. 9:27, 28; Job 22:24
¹alugum, 2 Chr. 9:10, 11

12 ^{a2} Chr. 9:11
^{b2} Chr. 9:10
¹Or supports

15 ^{a2} Chr. 1:16
^{b2} Chr. 9:24; Ps. 72:10

17 ^{a1} Kin. 14:26 ^{b1} Kin. 7:2

18 ^{a1} Kin. 10:22; 2 Chr. 9:17; Ps. 45:8

21 ^{a2} Chr. 9:20

22 ^aGen. 10:4; 2 Chr. 20:36
^{b1} Kin. 9:26-28; 22:48; Ps. 72:10 ¹Lit. ships of Tarshish, deep-sea vessels ²Or peacocks

23 ^{a1} Kin. 3:12, 13; 4:30; 2 Chr. 1:12

26 ^{a1} Kin. 4:26; 2 Chr. 1:14; 9:25 ^b[Deut. 17:16]; 1 Kin. 9:19 ¹So with LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. (cf. 2 Chr. 9:25); MT led

27 ^a[Deut. 17:17]; 2 Chr. 1:15-17

28 ^a[Deut. 17:16]; 2 Chr. 1:16; 9:28

29 ^aJosh. 1:4; 2 Kin. 7:6, 7
¹Lit. by their hands

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1 ^a[Neh. 13:26]; ^b[Deut. 17:17]; 1 Kin. 3:1

2 ^aEx. 34:16; [Deut. 7:3, 4]

throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round at the back; *there were* armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests.

20 Twelve lions stood there, one on each side of the six steps; nothing like *this* had been made for any other kingdom.

21 "All King Solomon's drinking vessels *were* gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon *were* pure gold. Not *one* was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon.

22 For the king had ^amerchant¹ ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ^bships came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and ^cmonkeys.

23 So ^aKing Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

24 Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

26 "And Solomon ^bgathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he ¹stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 "The king made silver as *common* in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which *are* in the lowland.

28 "Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the *current* price.

29 Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse one hundred and fifty; and ^athus, through their agents, they exported *them* to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

Solomon's Heart Turns from the LORD

11 But ^aKing Solomon loved ^bmany foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites— 2 from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it was so, when Solomon was

old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his ^bheart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

5 For Solomon went after ^aAshtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after ^bMilcom¹ the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as *did* his father David.

7 Then Solomon built a high place for ^bChemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon.

8 And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

9 So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded.

11 Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your ^bservant.

12 "Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

13 "However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give ^bone tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

Adversaries of Solomon

14 Now the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king in Edom.

15 For it happened, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, ^bafter he had killed every male in Edom

16 (because for six months Joab remained there with all Israel, until he had cut down every male in Edom),

17 that Hadad fled to go to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him. Hadad was still a little child.

18 Then they arose from Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, apportioned food for him, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, that is, the sister of Queen Tahpenes.

4 ^a[Deut. 17:17; Neh. 13:26] ^{b1} Kin. 8:61 ^{c1} Kin. 9:4 ¹Lit. *at peace with*

5 ^aJudg. 2:13; 1 Kin. 11:33; ^b[Lev. 20:2-5] ^{c2} Kin. 23:13 ¹Or *Molech*

7 ^aNum. 33:52; ^bNum. 21:29; Judg. 11:24 ^{c2} Kin. 23:13 ¹A place for pagan worship

9 ^{a1} Kin. 3:5; 9:2

10 ^{a1} Kin. 6:12; 9:6, 7

11 ^{a1} Kin. 11:31; 12:15, 16 ^{b1} Kin. 11:31, 37

13 ^{a2} Sam. 7:15; 1 Chr. 17:13; Ps. 89:33 ^{b1} Kin. 12:20 ^{c2} Sam. 7:15, 16 ^dDeut. 12:11; 1 Kin. 9:3; 14:21

14 ^{a1} Chr. 5:26

15 ^{a2} Sam. 8:14; 1 Chr. 18:12, 13 ^bNum. 24:18, 19; [Deut. 20:13]

21 ^{a1} Kin. 2:10, 34 ^dDied and joined his ancestors ²Lit. *Send me away*

23 ^{a2} Sam. 8:3; 10:16

24 ^{a2} Sam. 8:3; 10:8, 18

26 ^{a1} Kin. 12:2 ^{b1} Kin. 11:11; 2 Chr. 13:6 ^{c2} Sam. 20:21

27 ^{a1} Kin. 9:15, 24 ¹Lit. *closed up the breaches*

28 ^a[Prov. 22:29]

29 ^{a1} Kin. 12:15; 14:2; 2 Chr. 9:29

30 ^{a1} Sam. 15:27, 28; 24:5

31 ^{a1} Kin. 11:11, 13

33 ^{a1} Sam. 7:3; 1 Kin. 11:5-8 ¹So with MT. Tg.; LXX, Syr., Vg. *he has*

20 Then the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 So when Hadad heard in Egypt that David rested with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my own country."

22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that suddenly you seek to go to your own country?" So he answered, "Nothing, but do let me go anyway."

23 And God raised up another adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 So he gathered men to him and became captain over a band of raiders, when David killed those of Zobah. And they went to Damascus and dwelt there, and reigned in Damascus.

25 He was an adversary of Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble that Hadad caused); and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

Jeroboam's Rebellion

26 Then Solomon's servant, Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite from Zereda, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king.

27 And this is what caused him to rebel against the king: Solomon had built the Millo and repaired the damages to the City of David his father.

28 The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, made him the officer over all the labor force of the house of Joseph.

29 Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the way; and he had clothed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the field.

30 Then Ahijah took hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you

32 (but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel),

33 because they have forsaken Me, and worshipped Ashtoreth the

goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do *what* is right in My eyes and *keep* My statutes and My judgments, as *did* his father David.

34 "However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of My servant David, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.

35 "But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and give it to you—ten tribes.

36 "And to his son I will give one tribe, that "My servant David may always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there.

37 "So I will take you, and you shall reign over all your heart desires, and you shall be king over Israel.

38 "Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do *what* is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and ^bbuild for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

39 "And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, but not forever."

40 Solomon therefore sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to "Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

Death of Solomon

41 Now "the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 "And the period that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

43 "Then Solomon ¹rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his ^bplace.

The Revolt Against Rehoboam

12 And "Rehoboam went to ^bShechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king.

2 So it happened, when "Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it (he was still in ^bEgypt, for he had fled from the presence of King Solomon and had been dwelling in Egypt),

3 that they sent and called him. Then Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 "Your father made our ^ayoke ¹heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father,

35 ^{a1} Kin. 12:16, 17

36 ^a[1 Kin. 15:4; 2 Kin. 8:19]

38 ^aDeut. 31:8; Josh. 1:5 ^{b2} Sam. 7:11, 27

40 ^{a1} Kin. 11:17; 14:25; 2 Chr. 12:2-9

41 ^{a2} Chr. 9:29

42 ^{a2} Chr. 9:30

43 ^{a1} Kin. 2:10; 2 Chr. 9:31 ^{b1} Kin. 14:21; 2 Chr. 10:1 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

CHAPTER 12

1 ^{a2} Chr. 10:1 ^bJudg. 9:6

2 ^{a1} Kin. 11:26 ^{b1} Kin. 11:40

4 ^{a1} Sam. 8:11-18; 1 Kin. 4:7; 5:13-15 ¹hard

7 ^{a2} Chr. 10:7; [Prov. 15:1]

11 ¹Scourges with points or barbs, lit. *scorpions*

13 ¹harshly

14 ¹Lit. *scorpions*

15 ^aDeut. 2:30; Judg. 14:4; 1 Kin. 12:24; 2 Chr. 10:15 ^{b1} Kin. 11:11, 29, 31

16 ^{a2} Sam. 20:1

17 ^{a1} Kin. 11:13, 36; 2 Chr. 11:14-17

and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

5 So he said to them, "Depart for three days, then come back to me." And the people departed.

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, "How do you advise *me* to answer these people?"

7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

8 But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.

9 And he said to them, "What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us?'"

10 Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter on us'—thus you shall say to them: 'My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's waist!'"

11 And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with 'scourges!'"

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had directed, saying, "Come back to me the third day."

13 Then the king answered the people ¹roughly, and rejected the advice which the elders had given him;

14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with 'scourges!'"

15 So the king did not listen to the people; for "the turn of *events* was from the LORD, that He might fulfill His word, which the LORD had ^bspoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:

"What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!"

So Israel departed to their tents.

17 But Rehoboam reigned over "the

children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.

18 Then King Rehoboam ^asent Adoram, who was in charge of the revenue; but all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam mounted his chariot in haste to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So ^aIsrael has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

20 Now it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come back, they sent for him and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all ^aIsrael. There was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah ^bonly.

21 And when ^aRehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah with the tribe of ^bBenjamin, one hundred and eighty thousand chosen *men* who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 But ^athe word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying,

24 "Thus says the LORD: "You shall not go up nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel. Let every man return to his house, ^afor this thing is from Me." ' ' Therefore they obeyed the word of the LORD, and turned back, according to the word of the LORD.

Jeroboam's Gold Calves

25 Then Jeroboam ^bbuilt¹ Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built ^bPenuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom may return to the house of David:

27 "If these people ^ago up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah."

28 Therefore the king asked advice, ^amade two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. ^bHere are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!"

29 And he set up one in ^aBethel, and the other he put in ^bDan.

30 Now this thing became ^aa sin, for the people went to *worship* before the one as far as Dan.

31 He made ¹shrines on the high places, ^amade male priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

32 Jeroboam ¹ordained a feast on

18 ^{a1} Kin. 4:6; 5:14

19 ^{a2} Kin. 17:21

20 ^{a2} Kin. 17:21 ^{b1} Kin. 11:13, 32, 36

21 ^{a2} Chr. 11:1-4 ^{b2} Sam. 19:17

22 ^{a2} Chr. 11:2; 12:5-7

24 ^{a1} Kin. 12:15

25 ^aGen. 12:6; Judg. 9:45-49; 1 Kin. 12:1

^bGen. 32:30, 31; Judg. 8:8, 17 ¹fortified

27 ^a[Deut. 12:5-7, 14]

28 ^{a2} Kin. 10:29; 17:16; [Hos. 8:4-7] ^bEx. 32:4, 8

29 ^aGen. 28:19 ^bJudg. 18:26-31

30 ^{a1} Kin. 13:34; 2 Kin. 17:21

31 ^a[Num. 3:10; 17:1-11]; Judg. 17:5; 1 Kin. 13:33; 2 Kin. 17:32; 2 Chr. 11:14,

15 ¹Lit. *a* house; cf. 1 Kin. 13:32, lit. *houses*

32 ^aLev. 23:33, 34; Num. 29:12; 1 Kin. 8:2, 5 ^bAmos 7:10-13 ¹instituted

33 ^aNum. 15:39 ^{b1} Kin. 13:1 ¹instituted

CHAPTER 13

1 ^{a2} Kin. 23:17 ^{b1} Kin. 12:32, 33 ¹at the LORD's command

2 ^{a2} Kin. 23:15, 16 ^b[Lev. 26:30] ¹at the LORD's command

3 ^aEx. 4:1-5; Judg. 6:17; Is. 7:14; 38:7; John 2:18; 1 Cor. 1:22

6 ^aEx. 8:8; 9:28; 10:17; Num. 21:7; Jer. 37:3; Acts 8:24; [James 5:16]

7 ^{a1} Sam. 9:7; 2 Kin. 5:15

8 ^aNum. 22:18; 24:13; 1 Kin. 13:16, 17

9 ^a[1 Cor. 5:11]

the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like ^athe feast that was in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. ^bAnd at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made. 33 So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had ^adevised in his own heart. And he ¹ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and ^bburned incense.

The Message of the Man of God

13 And behold, ^aa man of God went from Judah to Bethel ^bby the word of the LORD, ^band Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 Then he cried out against the altar ¹by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, a child, ^aJosiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be ^bburned on you.' "

3 And he gave ^aa sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out."

4 So it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Arrest him!" Then his hand, which he stretched out toward him, withered, so that he could not pull it back to himself.

5 The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 Then the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please ^aentreat the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and became as before.

7 Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and ^aI will give you a reward."

8 But the man of God said to the king, ^a"If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place."

9 "For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, ^a"You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.' "

10 So he went another way and did

not return by the way he came to Bethel.

Death of the Man of God

11 Now an ^aold prophet dwelt in Bethel, and his ¹sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king.

12 And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" For his sons ¹had seen which way the man of God went who came from Judah.

13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it,

14 and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

15 Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

16 And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place.

17 "For ¹I have been told ^aby the word of the LORD, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.'"

18 He said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.' " (He was lying to him.)

19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

20 Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;

21 and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you,

22 'but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the ^aplace of which *the LORD* said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water;" your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.' "

23 So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 When he was gone, ^aa lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse.

25 And there, men passed by and saw the corpse thrown on the road,

11 ^{a1} Kin.
13:25 ¹Lit. son

12 ¹LXX, Syr.,
Tg., Vg.
showed him

16 ^{a1} Kin.
13:8, 9

17 ^{a1} Kin.
20:35;
1 Thess. 4:15
¹Lit. a command came to me by

22 ^{a1} Kin. 13:9

24 ^{a1} Kin.
20:36

30 ^aJer. 22:18

31 ^aRuth 1:17;
2 Kin. 23:17,
18

32 ^{a1} Kin. 13:2;
2 Kin. 23:16,
19 ^{b1} Kin.
16:24; John
4:5; Acts 8:14
¹Lit. word
²Lit. houses

33 ^{a1} Kin.
12:31, 32;
2 Chr. 11:15;
13:9

34 ^{a1} Kin.
12:30; 2 Kin.
17:21 ^{b1} Kin.
14:10; 15:29,
30]

CHAPTER 14

2 ^{a1} Kin.
11:29-31

3 ^{a1} Sam. 9:7,
8; 1 Kin. 13:7;
2 Kin. 4:42
¹Lit. in your hand

4 ^{a1} Kin. 11:29
¹Lit. set

and the lion standing by the corpse. Then they went and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 Now when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard it, he said, "It is the man of God who was disobedient to the word of the LORD. Therefore the LORD has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him."

27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled it.

28 Then he went and found his corpse thrown on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse nor torn the donkey.

29 And the prophet took up the corpse of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. So the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him.

30 Then he laid the corpse in his own tomb; and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!"

31 So it was, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb where the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones.

32 "For the ¹saying which he cried out by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the ²shrines on the high places which are in the cities of ^bSamaria, will surely come to pass."

33 "After this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but again he made priests from every class of people for the high places; whoever wished, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 "And this thing was the sin of the house of Jeroboam, so as ^bto exterminate and destroy it from the face of the earth.

Judgment on the House of Jeroboam

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please arise, and disguise yourself, that they may not recognize you as the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Indeed, Ahijah the prophet is there, who told me that ^aI would be king over this people.

3 "Also take ¹with you ten loaves, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you what will become of the child."

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so; she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were ¹glazed by reason of his age.

5 Now the LORD had said to Ahijah, "Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to ask you something about her son, for he is sick. Thus and thus you shall say to her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman."

6 And so it was, when Ahijah heard the sound of her footsteps as she came through the door, he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be another person? For I have been sent to you with bad news."

7 "Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you ruler over My people Israel, 8 "and "tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and yet you have not been as My servant David, ^bwho kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only what was right in My eyes;

9 "but you have done more evil than all who were before you, for you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to provoke Me to anger, and ^bhave cast Me behind your back—

10 "therefore behold! ^aI will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and ^bwill cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, ^cbond and free; I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone.

11 "The dogs shall eat ^awhoever belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat ^awhoever dies in the field; for the LORD has spoken!"

12 "Arise therefore, go to your own house. ^aWhen your feet enter the city, the child shall die.

13 "And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall ¹come to the grave, because in him ^athere is found something good toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 "Moreover the LORD will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam; ¹this is the day. What? Even now!

15 "For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. He will ^auproot Israel from this ^bgood land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them ^bbeyond ¹the River, ^abecause they have made their ²wooden images, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 "And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, ^awho sinned and who made Israel sin."

17 Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed, and came to ^aTirzah. ^bWhen she came to the threshold of the house, the child died.

7 ^a1 Kin. 16:2

8 ^a1 Kin. 11:31
^b1 Kin. 11:33, 38; 15:5

9 ^a1 Kin. 12:28
^bPs. 50:17

10 ^a1 Kin. 15:29
^b1 Kin. 21:21 ^cDeut. 32:36

11 ^a1 Kin. 16:4; 21:24

12 ^a1 Kin. 14:17

13 ^a2 Chr. 12:12; 19:3
^bBe buried

14 ^a1 Kin. 15:27-29 ¹Or this day and from now on

15 ^a2 Kin. 17:6
¹[Josh. 23:15, 16] ²2 Kin. 15:29 ^a[Ex. 34:13, 14]

¹The Euphrates ²Heb. Asherim, Canaanite deities

16 ^a1 Kin. 12:30; 13:34; 15:30, 34; 16:2

17 ^aSong 6:4
^b1 Kin. 14:12

18 ^a1 Kin. 14:13

19 ^a2 Chr. 13:2-20

20 ^a1 Kin. 15:25

21 ^a2 Chr. 12:13 ^b1 Kin. 11:32, 36

^c1 Kin. 14:31

22 ^a2 Chr. 12:1, 14
^bDeut. 32:21

23 ^aDeut. 12:2
^b[Deut. 16:22]

^c2 Kin. 17:9, 10 ^aIs. 57:5

¹Places for pagan worship

24 ^aDeut. 23:17 ^bDeut. 20:18 ^cDeut. 9:4, 5 ¹Heb. qadesh, one practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals

25 ^a1 Kin. 11:40

26 ^a2 Chr. 12:9-11
^b1 Kin. 10:17

27 ¹entrusted
²Lit. runners

29 ^a2 Chr. 12:15, 16

30 ^a1 Kin. 12:21-24; 15:6

31 ^a2 Chr. 12:16 ^b1 Kin. 14:21 ^c2 Chr. 12:16

¹Died and joined his ancestors
²Abijah, 2 Chr. 12:16

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

Death of Jeroboam

19 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he ^amade war and how he reigned, indeed they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 The period that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two years. So he rested with his fathers. Then ^aNadab his son reigned in his place.

Rehoboam Reigns in Judah

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. ^aRehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king. He reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city ^bwhich the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. ^aHis mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess.

22 ^aNow Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they ^bprovoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, more than all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built for themselves ^ahigh¹ places, ^bsacred pillars, and ^cwooden images on every high hill and ^dunder every green tree.

24 ^aAnd there were also ^bperverted persons in the land. They did according to all the ^babominations of the nations which the LORD had cast out before the children of ^cIsrael.

25 ^aIt happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

26 ^aAnd he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house; he took away everything. He also took away all the gold shields ^bwhich Solomon had made.

27 Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and ¹committed them to the hands of the captains of the ²guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house.

28 And whenever the king entered the house of the LORD, the guards carried them, then brought them back into the guardroom.

29 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was ^awar between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

31 ^aSo Rehoboam ¹rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. ^bHis mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess. Then ^aAbijah² his son reigned in his place.

Abijam Reigns in Judah

15 ^aIn the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah.

² He reigned three years in Jerusalem. ^aHis mother's name was ^bMaachah the granddaughter of ^cAbishalom.

³ And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; ^ahis heart was not ^lloyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

⁴ Nevertheless ^afor David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem;

⁵ because David ^adid *what* was right in the eyes of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, ^bexcept in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

⁶ ^aAnd there was war between ^lRehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

⁷ ^aNow the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

⁸ ^aSo Abijam ^lrested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa his son reigned in his place.

Asa Reigns in Judah

9 In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa became king over Judah.

¹⁰ And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His grandmother's name was Maachah the granddaughter of Abishalom.

¹¹ ^aAsa did *what* was right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* his father David.

¹² ^aAnd he banished the ^lperverted persons from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

¹³ Also he removed ^aMaachah his grandmother from *being* queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of ^lAsherah. And Asa cut down her obscene image and ^bburned it by the Brook Kidron.

¹⁴ ^aBut the ^lhigh places were not removed. Nevertheless Asa's ^bheart was loyal to the LORD all his days.

¹⁵ He also brought into the house of the LORD the things which his father ^ahad dedicated, and the things which he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils.

¹⁶ Now there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

¹⁷ And ^aBaasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built ^lRamah,

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¹ ^{a2} Chr. 13:1

² ^{a2} Chr. 11:20-22

^{b2} Chr. 13:2

^{c2} Chr. 11:21

³ ^aPs. 119:80

^lLit. *at peace*

with

⁴ ^{a2} Sam. 21:17

⁵ ^{a1} Kin. 9:4;

^{14:8} ^{b2} Sam. 11:3, 15-17;

^{12:9, 10}

⁶ ^{a1} Kin. 14:30

^lSo with MT.

¹LXX, Tg., Vg.:

some Heb.

¹mss., Syr. *Abi-*

jam

⁷ ^{a2} Chr. 13:2-22

⁸ ^{a2} Chr. 14:1

^lDied and

^ljoined his

^lancestors

¹¹ ^{a2} Chr. 14:2

¹² ^{a1} Kin. 14:24; 22:46

^lHeb.

^l*qedeshim*,

those practicing

sodomy and

prostitution in

religious rituals

¹³ ^{a2} Chr. 15:16-18 ^bEx.

^{32:20} ^lA

^lCanaanite

^lgoddess

¹⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 3:2;

^{22:43} ^{b1} Kin. 8:61; 15:3

^lPlaces for

^lpagan wor-

^lship

¹⁵ ^{a1} Kin. 7:51

¹⁷ ^{a2} Chr. 16:1-6 ^bJosh.

^{18:25} ^{c1} Kin. 12:26-29

¹⁸ ^{a2} Chr. 16:2

^{b1} Kin. 11:23,

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²⁰ ^{a1} Kin. 20:1

^{b2} Kin. 15:29

^cJudg. 18:29

^{c2} Sam. 20:14,

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²¹ ^{a1} Kin. 14:17;

^{16:15-18}

²² ^{a2} Chr. 16:6

^bJosh. 21:17

^cJosh. 18:26

²³ ^{a2} Chr. 16:11-14

²⁴ ^{a2} Chr. 17:1

^bMatt. 1:8

^lDied and

^ljoined his

^lancestors

²⁵ ^{a1} Kin. 14:20

²⁶ ^{a1} Kin. 12:28-33;

^{14:16}

²⁷ ^{a1} Kin. 14:14 ^bJosh.

^{19:44; 21:23}

²⁸ ^{a1} Kin. 14:10-14

^athat he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

¹⁸ Then Asa took all the silver and gold *that* was left in the treasuries of the house of the LORD and the treasuries of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants. And King Asa sent them to ^aBen-Hadad the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who dwelt in ^bDamascus, saying,

¹⁹ *"Let there be a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. See, I have sent you a present of silver and gold. Come and break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me."*

²⁰ So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and ^asent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. He attacked ^bIjon, ^cDan, ^aAbel Beth Maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

²¹ Now it happened, when Baasha heard *it*, that he stopped building Ramah, and remained in ^aTirzah.

²² ^aThen King Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted. And they took away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Baasha had used for building; and with them King Asa built ^bGeba of Benjamin, and ^cMizpah.

²³ The rest of all the acts of Asa, all his might, all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But ^ain the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

²⁴ So Asa ^lrested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. ^aThen ^bJehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

Nadab Reigns in Israel

25 Now ^aNadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.

²⁶ And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in ^ahis sin by which he had made Israel sin.

²⁷ ^aThen Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him. And Baasha killed him at ^bGibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

²⁸ Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

²⁹ And it was so, when he became king, *that* he killed all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to ^athe word of the LORD which He had spo-

ken by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite.

30 ^abecause of the sins of Jeroboam, which he had sinned and by which he had made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he had provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 ^aAnd there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

Baasha Reigns in Israel

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah, and *reigned* twenty-four years.

34 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in ^athe way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.

16 Then the word of the LORD came to ^aJehu the son of ^bHanani, against ^aBaasha, saying:

2 ^a"Inasmuch as I lifted you out of the dust and made you ruler over My people Israel, and ^byou have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made My people Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins,

3 ^a"surely I will ^a'take' away the posterity of Baasha and the posterity of his house, and I will make your house like ^bthe house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 "The dogs shall eat ^awhoever belongs to Baasha and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the fields."

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, what he did, and his might, ^aare they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6 So Baasha ¹rested with his fathers and was buried in ^aTirzah. Then Elah his son reigned in his place.

7 And also the word of the LORD came by the prophet ^aJehu the son of Hanani against Baasha and his house, because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because ^bhe killed them.

Elah Reigns in Israel

8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha became king over Israel, and *reigned* two years in Tirzah.

9 ^aNow his servant Zimri, commander of half *his* chariots, conspired against him as he was in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, ^bsteward¹ of his house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and struck

30 ^{a1} Kin. 14:9, 16

32 ^{a1} Kin. 15:16

34 ^{a1} Kin. 13:33; 14:16

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1 ^{a1} Kin. 16:7; 2 Chr. 19:2; 20:34 ^{b2} Chr. 16:7-10 ^{c1} Kin. 15:27

2 ^{a1} Sam. 2:8; 1 Kin. 14:7 ^{b1} Kin. 12:25-33; 15:34

3 ^{a1} Kin. 16:11; 21:21 ^{b1} Kin. 14:10; 15:29 ¹con-
sume

4 ^{a1} Kin. 14:11; 21:24

5 ^{a2} Chr. 16:11

6 ^{a1} Kin. 14:17; 15:21 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

7 ^{a1} Kin. 16:1 ^{b1} Kin. 15:27, 29

9 ^{a2} Kin. 9:30-33 ^bGen. 24:2; 39:4; 1 Kin. 18:3 ¹Lit. *who was over the house*

11 ^{a1} Sam. 25:22

12 ^{a1} Kin. 16:3

13 ^aDeut. 32:21; 1 Sam. 12:21; [Is. 41:29; Jon. 2:8; 1 Cor. 8:4; 10:19] ¹Lit. *vanities*

15 ^{a1} Kin. 15:27

18 ¹captured ²Lit. *over him*

19 ^{a1} Kin. 15:26, 34 ^{b1} Kin. 12:25-33

23 ^{a1} Kin. 15:21; 2 Kin. 15:14

him and killed him in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

11 Then it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he was seated on his throne, *that* he killed all the household of Baasha; he ^adid not leave him one male, neither of his relatives nor of his friends.

12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the household of Baasha, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD, which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet.

13 for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son, by which they had sinned and by which they had made Israel sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger ^awith their ^aidols.

14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Zimri Reigns in Israel

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri had reigned in Tirzah seven days. And the people *were* encamped ^aagainst Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

16 Now the people *who were* encamped heard it said, "Zimri has conspired and also has killed the king." So all Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 Then Omri and all Israel with him went up from Gibbethon, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city was ^ataken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house and burned the king's house ^adown upon himself with fire, and died.

19 because of the sins which he had committed in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, ^ain walking in the ^bway of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he had committed to make Israel sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and the treason he committed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Omri Reigns in Israel

21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king, and half followed Omri.

22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni died and Omri reigned.

23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel, and *reigned* twelve years. Six years he reigned in ^aTirzah.

24 And he bought the hill of

Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; then he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, "Samaria," after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill.

25 "Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all who were before him.

26 For he "walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their idols.¹

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and the might that he showed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri rested with his fathers and was buried in Samaria. Then Ahab his son reigned in his place.

Ahab Reigns in Israel

29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, "that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the "Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him.

32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in "the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 "And Ahab made a "wooden image. Ahab "did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

34 In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation "with Abiram his firstborn, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates, "according to the word of the LORD, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.

Elijah Proclaims a Drought

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the "inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, "before whom I stand, "there shall not be dew nor rain "these years, except at my word."

2 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

3 "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

4 "And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the "ravens to feed you there."

5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went

24 ^{a1} Kin. 13:32; 2 Kin. 17:24; John 4:4 ¹Heb. Shomeron

25 ^aMic. 6:16

26 ^{a1} Kin. 16:19 ^{b1} Kin. 16:13 ¹Lit. vanities

31 ^aDeut. 7:3 ^bJudg. 18:7; 1 Kin. 11:1-5 ^{c1} Kin. 21:25, 26; 2 Kin. 10:18; 17:16

32 ^{a2} Kin. 10:21, 26, 27

33 ^{a2} Kin. 13:6 ^{b1} Kin. 14:9; 16:29, 30; 21:25 ¹Heb. Asherah, a Canaanite goddess

34 ^aJosh. 6:26 ¹At the cost of the life of

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1 ^aJudg. 12:4 ^{b1} Kin. 18:10; 22:14; 2 Kin. 3:14; 5:20 ^cDeut. 10:8 ^{d1} Kin. 18:1; James 5:17 ^eLuke 4:25

4 ^aJob 38:41

9 ^aObad. 20; Luke 4:25, 26 ^{b2} Sam. 24:6

12 ^aDeut. 28:23, 24 ¹Lit. pitcher or water jar

17 ¹severe ²He died.

18 ^aLuke 5:8

and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.

7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

Elijah and the Widow

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

9 "Arise, go to "Zarephath, which belongs to "Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink."

11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12 So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a "jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and "die."

13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son."

14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.' "

15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so "serious that "there was no breath left in him.

18 So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.

20 Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow

with whom I lodge, by killing her son?"

21 ^aAnd he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."

22 Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he ^arevived.

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this ^aI know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."

Elijah's Message to Ahab

18 And it came to pass *after* ^amany days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, present yourself to Ahab, and ^bI will send rain on the earth."

2 So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and *there* was a severe famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab had called Obadiah, who was ¹in charge of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly.)

4 For so it was, while Jezebel ¹massacred the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab had said to Obadiah, "Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, so that we will not have to kill any livestock."

6 So they divided the land between them to explore it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 Now as Obadiah was on his way, suddenly Elijah met him; and he ^arecognized him, and fell on his face, and said, "Is that you, my lord Elijah?"

8 And he answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your master, 'Elijah is here.'"

9 So he said, "How have I sinned, that you are delivering your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?"

10 "As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to hunt for you; and when they said, 'He is not *here*,' he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they could not find you.

11 "And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, 'Elijah is here.'"

12 "And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that ^athe Spirit of the LORD will carry you

21 ^{a2} Kin. 4:34, 35; Acts 20:10

22 ^aLuke 7:14, 15; Heb. 11:35

24 ^aJohn 2:11; 3:2; 16:30

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1 ^{a1} Kin. 17:1; Luke 4:25; James 5:17
^bDeut. 28:12

3 ¹Lit. *over the house*

4 ¹Lit. *cut off*

7 ^{a2} Kin. 1:6-8

12 ^{a2} Kin. 2:16; Ezek. 3:12, 14; Matt. 4:1; Acts 8:39

17 ^{a1} Kin. 21:20 ^bJosh. 7:25; Acts 16:20

18 ^{a1} Kin. 16:30-33; [2 Chr. 15:2]

19 ^aJosh. 19:26; 2 Kin. 2:25 ^{b1} Kin. 16:33 ^{1A} Canaanite goddess ^{2A}Are provided for by Jezebel

20 ^{a1} Kin. 22:6

21 ^{a2} Kin. 17:41; [Matt. 6:24] ^bJosh. 24:15

22 ^{a1} Kin. 19:10, 14
^{b1} Kin. 18:19

24 ^{a1} Kin. 18:38; 1 Chr. 21:26 ¹Lit. *The word is good*

to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth.

13 "Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's prophets, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water?"

14 "And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, 'Elijah is here.' ' He will kill me!"

15 Then Elijah said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today."

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O ^btroubler of Israel?"

18 And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house *have*, ^ain that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals.

19 "Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me on ^aMount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, ^band the four hundred prophets of ¹Asherah, who ²eat at Jezebel's table."

Elijah's Mount Carmel Victory

20 So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and ^agathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, ^a"How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, ^bfollow him." But the people answered him not a word.

22 Then Elijah said to the people, ^a"I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; ^bbut Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

23 "Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire *under it*.

24 "Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who ^aanswers by fire, He is God." So all the people answered and said, ¹"It is well spoken."

25 Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare *it* first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*."

26 So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O

Baal, 'hear us!" But *there was* no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made.

27 And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened."

28 So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them.

29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But *there was* no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name."

32 Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood."

34 Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time.

35 So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water.

36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word."

37 "Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"

40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down

26 ^aPs. 115:5; Jer. 10:5; [1 Cor. 8:4] ¹answer ²Lit. limped about. ³leaped in dancing around

27 ¹with a loud voice

28 ^a[Lev. 19:28; Deut. 14:1] ¹swords

29 ^aEx. 29:39; 41 ^{b1}Kin. 18:26

30 ^{a1}Kin. 19:10, 14; 2 Chr. 33:16

31 ^aGen. 32:28; 35:10; 2 Kin. 17:34

32 ^a[Ex. 20:25; Col. 3:17]

33 ^aGen. 22:9; Lev. 1:6-8 ^bJudg. 6:20

35 ^{a1}Kin. 18:32, 38

36 ^aGen. 28:13; Ex. 3:6; 4:5; [Matt. 22:32] ^{b1}Kin. 8:43; 2 Kin. 19:19 ^cNum. 16:28

38 ^aGen. 15:17; Lev. 9:24; 10:1, 2; Judg. 6:21; 2 Kin. 1:12; 1 Chr. 21:26; 2 Chr. 7:1; Job 1:16

39 ^{a1}Kin. 18:21, 24

40 ^{a2}Kin. 10:25 ^bJudg. 4:7; 5:21 ^c[Deut. 13:5; 18:20]

42 ^aJames 5:17, 18

44 ¹Lit. Bind or Harness

46 ^{a2}Kin. 3:15; Is. 8:11; Ezek. 3:14 ^{b2}Kin. 4:29; 9:1; Jer. 1:17; 1 Pet. 1:13 ¹Tucked the skirts of his robe in his belt in preparation for quick travel

CHAPTER 19

1 ^{a1}Kin. 18:40

2 ^aRuth 1:17; 1 Kin. 20:10; 2 Kin. 6:31

4 ^aNum. 11:15; Jer. 20:14-18; Jon. 4:3, 8 ¹juniper

6 ¹hot stones

8 ^aEx. 24:18; 34:28; Deut. 9:9-11, 18; Matt. 4:2 ^bEx. 3:1; 4:27

to the Brook ^bKishon and executed them there.

The Drought Ends

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for *there is* the sound of abundance of rain."

42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees.

43 and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."

44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'"

45 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

46 Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he ^bgirded¹ up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Elijah Escapes from Jezebel

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."

6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."

8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and

behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 So he said, ^a"I have been very ^bzealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and ^ckilled Your prophets with the sword. ^dI alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

God's Revelation to Elijah

11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand ^{on} the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD ^{passed} by, and ^aa great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake;

12 and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire ^aa still small voice.

13 So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that ^{he}he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. ^bSuddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 ^a"And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

15 Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria.

16 ^a"Also you shall anoint ^aJehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And ^aElisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

17 ^a"It shall be *that* whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will ^bkill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, ^aElisha will kill.

18 ^a"Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, ^band every mouth that has not kissed him."

Elisha Follows Elijah

19 So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his ^amantle on him.

20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, ^a"Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and ^aboiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and

10 ^aRom. 11:3
^bNum. 25:11,
13; Ps. 69:9
^c1 Kin. 18:4
^d1 Kin. 18:22;
Rom. 11:3

11 ^aEx. 19:20;
24:12, 18 ^bEx.
33:21, 22
^cEzek. 1:4;
37:7

12 ^aa delicate
whispering
voice

13 ^aEx. 3:6; Is.
6:2 ^b1 Kin.
19:9

14 ^a1 Kin.
19:10

15 ^a2 Kin.
8:8-15

16 ^a2 Kin.
9:1-10 ^b1 Kin.
19:19-21;
2 Kin. 2:9-15

17 ^a2 Kin. 8:12;
13:3, 22
^b2 Kin.
9:14-10:28
^c[Hos. 6:5]

18 ^aRom. 11:4
^bHos. 13:2

19 ^a1 Sam.
28:14; 2 Kin.
2:8, 13, 14

20 ^a[Matt. 8:21,
22; Luke 9:61,
62]; Acts
20:37

21 ^a2 Sam.
24:22

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1 ^a1 Kin.
15:18, 20;
2 Kin. 6:24
^b1 Kin. 16:24;
2 Kin. 6:24

6 ^apleasing

10 ^a1 Kin. 19:2;
2 Kin. 6:31
^bLit. *at my
feet*

11 ^aProv. 27:1;
[Eccl. 7:8]

12 ^a1 Kin.
20:16 ^bLit.
*booths or
shelters*

13 ^a1 Kin.
20:28

gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Ahab Defeats the Syrians

20 Now ^aBen-Hadad the king of Syria gathered all his forces together; thirty-two kings *were* with him, with horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged ^aSamaria, and made war against it.

2 Then he sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him, "Thus says Ben-Hadad:

3 'Your silver and your gold *are* mine; your loveliest wives and children *are* mine.'

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, "My lord, O king, just as you say, I and all that I have *are* yours."

5 Then the messengers came back and said, "Thus speaks Ben-Hadad, saying, 'Indeed I have sent to you, saying, "You shall deliver to me your silver and your gold, your wives and your children";

6 'but I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants. And it shall be, *that* whatever is ^apleasant in your eyes, they will put *it* in their hands and take *it*.' "

7 So the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, "Notice, please, and see how this *man* seeks trouble, for he sent to me for my wives, my children, my silver, and my gold; and I did not deny him."

8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, "Do not listen or consent."

9 Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben-Hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that you sent for to your servant the first time I will do, but this thing I cannot do.' " And the messengers departed and brought back word to him.

10 Then Ben-Hadad sent to him and said, ^a"The gods do so to me, and more also, if enough dust is left of Samaria for a handful for each of the people ^awho follow me."

11 So the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell *him*, 'Let not the one who puts on *his armor* ^aboast like the one who takes *it off*.' "

12 And it happened when Ben-Hadad heard this message, as he and the kings *were* ^adrinking at the ^acommand post, that he said to his servants, "Get ready." And they got ready to attack the city.

13 Suddenly a prophet approached Ahab king of Israel, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, ^aI will deliver *it* into your hand today, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.' "

14 So Ahab said, "By whom?" And

he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'By the young leaders of the provinces.' " Then he said, "Who will set the battle in order?" And he answered, "You."

15 Then he mustered the young leaders of the provinces, and there were two hundred and thirty-two; and after them he mustered all the people, all the children of Israel—seven thousand.

16 So they went out at noon. Meanwhile Ben-Hadad and the thirty-two kings helping him were "getting drunk at the command post.

17 The young leaders of the provinces went out first. And Ben-Hadad sent out *a patrol*, and they told him, saying, "Men are coming out of Samaria!"

18 So he said, "If they have come out for peace, take them alive; and if they have come out for war, take them alive."

19 Then these young leaders of the provinces went out of the city with the army which followed them.

20 And each one killed his man; so the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them; and Ben-Hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the cavalry.

21 Then the king of Israel went out and attacked the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself; take note, and see what you should do, for 'in the spring of the year the king of Syria will come up against you."

The Syrians Again Defeated

23 Then the servants of the king of Syria said to him, "Their gods are gods of the hills. Therefore they were stronger than we; but if we fight against them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than they.

24 "So do this thing: Dismiss the kings, each from his position, and put captains in their places;

25 "and you shall muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot. Then we will fight against them in the plain; surely we will be stronger than they." And he listened to their voice and did so.

26 So it was, in the spring of the year, that Ben-Hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to "Aphek to fight against Israel.

27 And the children of Israel were mustered and given provisions, and they went against them. Now the children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of goats, while the Syrians filled the "countryside.

28 Then a "man of God came and spoke to the king of Israel, and said,

16 ^a1 Kin. 16:9; 20:12; [Prov. 20:1]

22 ^a2 Sam. 11:1; 1 Kin. 20:26 ¹Lit. at the return

24 ¹positions

25 ¹Lit. that fell from you

26 ^aJosh. 13:4; 2 Kin. 13:17

27 ^aJudg. 6:3-5; 1 Sam. 13:5-8

28 ^a1 Kin. 17:18 ^b1 Kin. 20:13

31 ^aGen. 37:34; 2 Sam. 3:31

34 ^a1 Kin. 15:20

35 ^a2 Kin. 2:3, 5, 7, 15 ^b1 Kin. 13:17, 18

36 ^a1 Kin. 13:24

"Thus says the LORD: 'Because the Syrians have said, "The LORD is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys," therefore ^aI will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.' "

29 And they encamped opposite each other for seven days. So it was that on the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed one hundred thousand foot soldiers of the Syrians in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; then a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand of the men who were left. And Ben-Hadad fled and went into the city, into an inner chamber.

Ahab's Treaty with Ben-Hadad

31 Then his servants said to him, "Look now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please, let us "put sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will spare your life."

32 So they wore sackcloth around their waists and put ropes around their heads, and came to the king of Israel and said, "Your servant Ben-Hadad says, 'Please let me live.' " And he said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

33 Now the men were watching closely to see whether any *sign of mercy would come from him*; and they quickly grasped at this word and said, "Your brother Ben-Hadad." So he said, "Go, bring him." Then Ben-Hadad came out to him; and he had him come up into the chariot.

34 So Ben-Hadad said to him, "The cities which my father took from your father I will restore; and you may set up marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria." Then Ahab said, "I will send you away with this treaty." So he made a treaty with him and sent him away.

Ahab Condemned

35 Now a certain man of "the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor ^bby the word of the LORD, "Strike me, please." And the man refused to strike him.

36 Then he said to him, "Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, surely, as soon as you depart from me, a lion shall kill you." And as soon as he left him, "a lion found him and killed him.

37 And he found another man, and said, "Strike me, please." So the man struck him, inflicting a wound.

38 Then the prophet departed and waited for the king by the road, and disguised himself with a bandage over his eyes.

39 Now ^aas the king passed by, he cried out to the king and said, "Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and there, a man came over and brought a man to me, and said, 'Guard this man; if by any means he is missing, ^byour life shall be for his life, or else you shall ¹pay a talent of silver.'"

40 "While your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." Then the king of Israel said to him, "So *shall* your judgment *be*; you yourself have decided *it*."

41 And he hastened to take the bandage away from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized him as one of the prophets.

42 Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD: "Because you have let slip out of *your* hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people."

43 So the king of Israel ^awent to his house sullen and displeased, and came to Samaria.

Naboth Is Murdered for His Vineyard

21 And it came to pass after these things *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your ^avineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money."

3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid ^athat I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!"

4 So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?"

6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you *another* vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

7 Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

8 And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the

39 ^a2 Sam. 12:1 ^b2 Kin. 10:24 ¹Lit. weigh

42 ^a1 Kin. 22:31-37

43 ^a1 Kin. 21:4

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1 ^aJudg. 6:33; 1 Kin. 18:45, 46

2 ^a1 Sam. 8:14

3 ^a[Lev. 25:23; Num. 36:7; Ezek. 46:18]

5 ^a1 Kin. 19:1, 2

9 ¹Lit. at the head

10 ^a[Ex. 22:28; Lev. 24:15, 16]; Acts 6:11 ^b[Lev. 24:14]

12 ^aIs. 58:4

13 ^a[Ex. 20:16; 23:1, 7] ^b2 Kin. 9:26; 2 Chr. 24:21; Acts 7:58, 59; Heb. 11:37

17 ^a[Ps. 9:12] ^b1 Kin. 19:1

18 ^a1 Kin. 13:32; 2 Chr. 22:9

19 ^a1 Kin. 22:38; 2 Kin. 9:26

20 ^a1 Kin. 18:17 ^b1 Kin. 21:25; 2 Kin. 17:17; [Rom. 7:14]

21 ^a1 Kin. 14:10; 2 Kin. 9:8 ^b2 Kin. 10:10 ^c1 Sam. 25:22 ^d1 Kin. 14:10

nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth.

9 She wrote in the letters, saying,

Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth ¹with high honor among the people;

10 and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, "You have ^ablasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and ^bstone him, that he may die.

11 So the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them.

12 ^aThey proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth with high honor among the people.

13 And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels ^awitnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!" ^bThen they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned and is dead."

15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

16 So it was, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

The LORD Condemns Ahab

17 ^aThen the word of the LORD came to ^bElijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, ^awho lives in Samaria. There *he* is, in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it.

19 "You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Have you murdered and also taken possession?"' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours."'

20 So Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" And he answered, "I have found you, because ^byou have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD:

21 'Behold, ^aI will bring calamity on you. I will take away your ^aposterity, and will cut off from Ahab ^aevery male in Israel, both ^abond and free.

22 'I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and made Israel sin.'

23 "And concerning Jezebel the LORD also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.'

24 "The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field."

25 But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.

26 And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

27 So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."

Micaiah Warns Ahab

22 Now three years passed without war between Syria and Israel.

2 Then it came to pass, in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to visit the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, but we hesitate to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?"

4 So he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to fight at Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

5 Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the LORD today."

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?" So they said, "Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king."

7 And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of Him?"

8 So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I

22 ^a1 Kin. 15:29 ^b1 Kin. 16:3, 11

23 ^a2 Kin. 9:10, 30-37 ^bSo with MT, LXX; some Heb. mss., Syr. Tg., Vg. plot of ground instead of wall (cf. 2 Kin. 9:36)

24 ^a1 Kin. 14:11; 16:4

25 ^a1 Kin. 16:30-33; 21:20 ^b1 Kin. 16:31 ^cincited him

26 ^aGen. 15:16; [Lev. 18:25-30]; 2 Kin. 21:11

27 ^aGen. 37:34; 2 Sam. 3:31; 2 Kin. 6:30

28 ^a[2 Kin. 22:19] ^b2 Kin. 9:25; 10:11, 17

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2 ^a1 Kin. 15:24; 2 Chr. 18:2

3 ^aDeut. 4:43; Josh. 21:38; 1 Kin. 4:13

4 ^a2 Kin. 3:7

5 ^a2 Kin. 3:11

6 ^a1 Kin. 18:19 ^bThe false prophets

7 ^a2 Kin. 3:11 ^bOr him

11 ^aZech. 1:18-21 ^bDeut. 33:17

14 ^aNum. 22:38; 24:13

17 ^aNum. 27:17; 1 Kin. 22:34-36; 2 Chr. 18:16; Matt. 9:36; Mark 6:34

19 ^a[Is. 6:1; Ezek. 1:26-28; Dan. 7:9] ^bJob 1:6; 2:1; Ps. 103:20; Dan. 7:10; Zech. 1:10; [Matt. 18:10; Heb. 1:7, 14]

22 ^aJudg. 9:23; 1 Sam. 16:14; 18:10; 19:9; Job 12:16; [Ezek. 14:9; 2 Thess. 2:11]

hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say such things!"

9 Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly!"

10 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on their robes, sat each on his throne, at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'With these you shall destroy the Syrians until they are destroyed.'"

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into the king's hand."

13 Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement."

14 And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that I will speak."

15 Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we refrain?" And he answered him, "Go and prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into the hand of the king!"

16 So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

17 Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.'"

18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

19 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: 'I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.

20 "And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.

21 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.'

22 "The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, "You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so."

23 "Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you."

24 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and "struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from me to speak to you?" 25 And Micaiah said, "Indeed, you shall see on that day when you go into an 'inner chamber to hide!"

26 So the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son;

27 "and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this fellow in 'prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction, until I come in peace.'"

28 But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in peace, 'the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Take heed, all you people!"

Ahab Dies in Battle

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle; but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel "disguised himself and went into battle.

31 Now the 'king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two 'captains of his chariots, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the king of Israel."

32 So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "Surely it is the king of Israel!" Therefore they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat 'cried out.

33 And it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 Now a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded."

35 The battle increased that day; and the king was propped up in his chariot, facing the Syrians, and died at evening. The blood ran out from the wound onto the floor of the chariot.

36 Then, as the sun was going down, a shout went throughout the army, saying, "Every man to his city, and every man to his own country!"

37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria.

38 Then someone washed the char-

23 ^a[Ezek. 14:9]

24 ^aJer. 20:2; ^{b2}Chr. 18:23

25 ^{a1}Kin. 20:30

27 ^{a2}Chr. 16:10;

18:25-27

28 ^aNum. 16:29; Deut. 18:20-22

30 ^{a2}Chr. 35:22

31 ^{a1}Kin. 20:1; ^{b1}Kin. 20:24;

2 Chr. 18:30

32 ^{a2}Chr. 18:31

38 ^{a1}Kin. 21:19 ¹Tg.,

Syr. they washed his armor

39 ^aPs. 45:8; Amos 3:15

40 ^{a2}Kin. 1:2; 18 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

41 ^{a2}Chr. 20:31

43 ^{a2}Chr. 17:3; 20:32, 33

^{b1}Kin. 14:23; 15:14; 2 Kin. 12:3

44 ^{a2}Chr. 19:2; ^{b2}Chr. 18:1

45 ^{a2}Chr. 20:34

46 ^aGen. 19:5; Deut. 23:17;

1 Kin. 14:24; 15:12; 2 Kin. 23:7; Jude 7

¹Heb. *qadesh*, one practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals

47 ^{a2}Sam. 8:14; 2 Kin. 3:9; 8:20

48 ^{a2}Chr. 20:35-37

^{b1}Kin. 10:22

^{c1}Kin. 9:28

^{d2}Chr. 20:37

^{e1}Kin. 9:26

¹Or ships of Tarshish

50 ^{a2}Chr. 21:1; ¹Died and joined his ancestors

51 ^{a1}Kin. 22:40

52 ^{a1}Kin. 15:26; 21:25

53 ^aJudg. 2:11

^{b1}Kin. 16:30-32 ¹In the same way that

iot at a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood while 'the harlots bathed, according 'to the word of the LORD which He had spoken.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, 'the ivory house which he built and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab 'rested with his fathers. Then 'Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah

41 'Jehoshaphat the son of Asa had become king over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And 'he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, doing what was right in the eyes of the LORD. Nevertheless 'the high places were not taken away, for the people offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

44 Also 'Jehoshaphat made 'peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the might that he showed, and how he made war, are they not written 'in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 'And the rest of the 'perverted persons, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he banished from the land.

47 'There was then no king in Edom, only a deputy of the king.

48 'Jehoshaphat 'made 'merchant ships to go to 'Ophir for gold; 'but they never sailed, for the ships were wrecked at 'Ezion Geber.

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat would not.

50 And 'Jehoshaphat 'rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

Ahaziah Reigns in Israel

51 'Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and 'walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin; 53 for 'he served Baal and worshiped him, and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger, 'according to all that his father had done.

KINGS

THE Book of Second Kings continues the drama begun in First Kings—the tragic history of two nations on a collision course with captivity. The author systematically traces the reigning monarchs of Israel and Judah, first by carrying one nation's history forward, then retracing the same period for the other nation.

Nineteen consecutive evil kings rule in Israel, leading to the captivity by Assyria. The picture is somewhat brighter in Judah, where godly kings occasionally emerge to reform the evils of their predecessors. In the end, however, sin outweighs righteousness and Judah is marched off to Babylon.

God Judges Ahaziah

MOAB rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub,¹ the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury."

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?'"

4 "Now therefore, thus says the LORD: 'You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'"

5 And when the messengers returned to him, he said to them, "Why have you come back?"

6 So they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.''"

7 Then he said to them, "What kind of man was it who came up to meet you and told you these words?"

8 So they answered him, "A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

9 Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down!'"

10 So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a2 Sam. 8:2
^b2 Kin. 3:5

2 ^a1 Kin. 22:40
^b2 Kin. 1:3, 6, 16; Matt. 10:25; Mark 3:22 ^c1 Sam. 5:10 ¹Lit. Lord of Flies

3 ¹Or Angel

5 ¹Ahaziah

8 ^aZech. 13:4; Matt. 3:4; Mark 1:6
^b1 Kin. 18:7

10 ^a1 Kin. 18:36–38; Luke 9:54

13 ^a1 Sam. 26:21; Ps. 72:14 ¹Lit. bowed down

15 ¹Or Angel

17 ^a1 Kin. 22:50; 2 Kin. 8:16; Matt. 1:8
¹The son of Ahab king of Israel, 2 Kin. 3:1

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aGen. 5:24; [Heb. 11:5] ^b1 Kin. 19:16–21

2 ^aRuth 1:15, 16

11 Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he answered and said to him: "Man of God, thus has the king said, 'Come down quickly!'"

12 So Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

13 Again, he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: "Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight."

14 "Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight."

15 And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king.

16 Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'"

17 So Ahaziah died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. Because he had no son, Jehoram¹ became king in his place, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

2 And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent

me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and ^{bas} your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel.

3 Now ^athe sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master ¹from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!"

4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho.

5 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!"

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and ^ait was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ^bground.

9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly ^aa chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah ^bwent up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, ^ait was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

15 Now when the sons of the prophets who were ^afrom¹ Jericho saw

2 ^{b1} Sam. 1:26;
2 Kin. 2:4, 6;
4:30

3 ^{a1} Kin.
20:35; 2 Kin.
2:5, 7, 15; 4:1,
38; 9:1 ¹Lit.
from your
head

8 ^aEx. 14:21,
22; Josh. 3:16;
2 Kin. 2:14
^bJosh. 3:17

11 ^{a2} Kin. 6:17;
Ps. 104:4
^bGen. 5:24;
Heb. 11:5

12 ^{a2} Kin.
13:14

14 ^{a2} Kin. 2:8

15 ^{a2} Kin. 2:7
¹Or *at Jericho*
opposite him
saw

16 ^{a1} Kin.
18:12; Ezek.
8:3; Acts 8:39

17 ^{a2} Kin. 8:11

21 ^aEx. 15:25,
26; 2 Kin.
4:41; 6:6; John
9:6 ¹*purified*

22 ^aEzek.
47:8, 9

24 ^aDeut.
27:13-26

25 ^{a1} Kin.
18:19, 20;
2 Kin. 4:25

CHAPTER 3

1 ^{a2} Kin. 1:17

2 ^{a1} Kin.
16:31, 32

3 ^{a1} Kin.
12:28-32

4 ^{a2} Sam. 8:2

him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

16 Then they said to him, "Look now, there are fifty strong men with your servants. Please let them go and search for your master, ^alest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send anyone."

17 But when they urged him till he was ^aashamed, he said, "Send *them!*" Therefore they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days but did not find him.

18 And when they came back to him, for he had stayed in Jericho, he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go?'"

Elisha Performs Miracles

19 Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren."

20 And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him.

21 Then he went out to the source of the water, and ^acast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have ¹healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'"

22 So the water remains ^ahealed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

23 Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!"

24 So he turned around and looked at them, and ^apronounced a curse on them in the name of the LORD. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.

25 Then he went from there to ^aMount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

Moab Rebels Against Israel

3 Now ^aJehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father and mother; for he put away the *sacred* pillar of Baal ^athat his father had made.

3 Nevertheless he persisted in ^athe sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin; he did not depart from them.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheepbreeder, and he ^aregularly

paid the king of Israel one hundred thousand ^blambs and the wool of one hundred thousand rams.

5 But it happened, when ^aAhab died, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 So King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time and mustered all Israel.

7 Then he went and sent to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?" And he said, "I will go up; ^cI am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

8 Then he said, "Which way shall we go up?" And he answered, "By way of the Wilderness of Edom."

9 So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they marched on that roundabout route seven days; and there was no water for the army, nor for the animals that followed them.

10 And the king of Israel said, "Alas! For the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab."

11 But ^aJehoshaphat said, "*Is there* no prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?" So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, "Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who ^bpoured¹ water on the hands of Elijah."

12 And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom ^awent down to him.

13 Then Elisha said to the king of Israel, "^aWhat have I to do with you? ^bGo to ^cthe prophets of your father and the ^dprophets of your mother." But the king of Israel said to him, "No, for the LORD has called these three kings ^etogether to deliver them into the hand of Moab."

14 And Elisha said, "^aAs the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not look at you, nor see you."

15 "But now bring me ^aa musician." Then it happened, when the musician ^bplayed, that ^cthe hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said, "Thus says the LORD: ^a'Make this valley full of ^bditches.'

17 "For thus says the LORD: 'You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.'

18 "And this is a simple matter in the sight of the LORD; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.

19 "Also you shall attack every for-

4 ^bIs. 16:1, 2

5 ^a2 Kin. 1:1

7 ^a1 Kin. 22:4

11 ^a1 Kin. 22:7
^b1 Kin. 19:21;
[John 13:4, 5,
13, 14] ¹Was
the personal
servant of

12 ^a2 Kin. 2:25

13 ^a[Ezek.
14:3] ^bJudg.
10:14; Ruth
1:15 ^c1 Kin.
22:6-11
^d1 Kin. 18:19

14 ^a1 Kin. 17:1;
2 Kin. 5:16

15 ^a1 Sam.
10:5 ^b1 Sam.
16:16, 23;
1 Chr. 25:1
^cEzek. 1:3;
3:14, 22; 8:1

16 ^aJer. 14:3
¹water canals

20 ^aEx. 29:39,
40

21 ¹summoned

25 ^aIs. 16:7,
11; Jer.
48:31, 36

27 ^a[Deut.
18:10; Amos
2:1; Mic. 6:7]
^b2 Kin. 8:20
¹wrath

CHAPTER 4

1 ^a1 Kin.
20:35; 2 Kin.
2:3 ^b[Lev.
25:39-41, 48];
1 Sam. 22:2;
Neh. 5:2-5;
Matt. 18:25

3 ^a2 Kin. 3:16

tified city and every choice city, and shall cut down every good tree, and stop up every spring of water, and ruin every good piece of land with stones."

20 Now it happened in the morning, when ^athe grain offering was offered, that suddenly water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, all who were able to bear arms and older were ¹gathered; and they stood at the border.

22 Then they rose up early in the morning, and the sun was shining on the water; and the Moabites saw the water on the other side ^aas red as blood.

23 And they said, "This is blood; the kings have surely struck swords and have killed one another; now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!"

24 So when they came to the camp of Israel, Israel rose up and attacked the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they entered ^atheir land, killing the Moabites.

25 Then they destroyed the cities, and each man threw a stone on every good piece of land and filled it; and they stopped up all the springs of water and cut down all the good trees. But they left the stones of ^aKir Haraseth ^bintact. However the slingers surrounded and attacked it.

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom, but they could not.

27 Then ^ahe took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him ^aas a burnt offering upon the wall; and there was great ¹indignation against Israel. ^bSo they departed from him and returned to ^ctheir own land.

Elisha and the Widow's Oil

4 A certain woman of the wives of ^athe sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming ^bto take my two sons to be his slaves."

2 So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil."

3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; ^ado not gather just a few.

4 "And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."

5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured it out.

6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "*There is not another vessel.*" So the oil ceased.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son

8 Now it happened one day that Elisha went to "Shunem, where there was a ¹notable woman, and she ²persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food.

9 And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly.

10 "Please, let us make ^{1a} a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."

11 And it happened one day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there.

12 Then he said to "Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite woman." When he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What *can I do* for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?" She answered, "I dwell among my own people."

14 So he said, "What then *is* to be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old."

15 So he said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway.

16 Then he said, ^{1a} "About this time next year you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord. Man of God, ^{do not} lie to your maidservant!"

17 But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.

18 And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers.

19 And he said to his father, "My head, my head!" So he said to a servant, "Carry him to his mother."

20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

21 And she went up and laid him

8 ^aJosh. 19:18
¹Lit. *great*
²Lit. *laid hold on him*

10 ¹Or *a small walled upper chamber*

12 ^{a2} Kin. 4:29-31;
5:20-27; 8:4, 5

16 ^{a2} Kin. 4:28
¹Lit. *About this season, as the time of life*

23 ^aNum. 10:10; 28:11;
1 Chr. 23:31
¹Or *It will be well*

25 ^{a2} Kin. 2:25

28 ^{a2} Kin. 4:16

29 ^{a1} Kin. 18:46; 2 Kin. 9:1 ^bLuke 10:4
^cEx. 7:19;
14:16; 2 Kin. 2:8, 14; Acts 19:12 ¹Lit. *Gird up your loins. The skirt of the robe was wrapped around the legs and tucked in the belt to gain freedom of movement.*

30 ^{a2} Kin. 2:2
^{b2} Kin. 2:4

31 ^aJohn 11:11

33 ^{a2} Kin. 4:4;
[Matt. 6:6];
Luke 8:51
^{b1} Kin. 17:20

34 ^{a1} Kin. 17:21-23; Acts 20:10

35 ^{a1} Kin. 17:21 ^{b2} Kin. 8:1, 5

on the bed of the man of God, shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

22 Then she called to her husband, and said, "Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back."

23 So he said, "Why are you going to him today? *It is* neither the "New Moon nor the Sabbath." And she said, ¹"*It is well.*"

24 Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you."

25 And so she departed, and went to the man of God ^{at} Mount Carmel.

So it was, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, "Look, the Shunammite woman!"

26 "Please run now to meet her, and say to her, '*Is it well* with you? *Is it well* with your husband? *Is it well* with the child?' " And she answered, "*It is well.*"

27 Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, "Let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress, and the LORD has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me."

28 So she said, "Did I ask a son of my lord? ^aDid I not say, 'Do not deceive me'?"

29 Then he said to Gehazi, "^aGet¹ yourself ready, and take my staff in your hand, and be on your way. If you meet anyone, ^bdo not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him; but ^clay my staff on the face of the child."

30 And the mother of the child said, "^aAs the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not ^bleave you." So he arose and followed her.

31 Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but *there* was neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, "The child has ^anot awakened."

32 When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed.

33 He ^awent in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, ^band prayed to the LORD.

34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and ^ahe stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.

35 He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up ^aand stretched himself out on him; then ^bthe child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son."

37 So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.

Elisha Purifies the Pot of Stew

38 And Elisha returned to "Gilgal, and there was a famine in the land. Now the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets."

39 So one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, and came and sliced them into the pot of stew, though they did not know what they were.

40 Then they served it to the men to eat. Now it happened, as they were eating the stew, that they cried out and said, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it.

41 So he said, "Then bring some flour." And he put it into the pot, and said, "Serve it to the people, that they may eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men

42 Then a man came from "Baal Shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, "Give it to the people, that they may eat."

43 But his servant said, "'What? Shall I set this before one hundred men?" He said again, "Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says the LORD: 'They shall eat and have some left over.'"

44 So he set it before them; and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

Naaman's Leprosy Healed

5 Now "Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife.

3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy."

4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus

37 ^a1 Kin. 17:23; [Heb. 11:35]

38 ^a2 Kin. 2:1
^b2 Kin. 8:1
^cLuke 10:39; Acts 22:3

40 ^aEx. 10:17

41 ^aEx. 15:25; 2 Kin. 2:21

42 ^a1 Sam. 9:4
^b1 Sam. 9:7; [1 Cor. 9:11; Gal. 6:6]

43 ^aLuke 9:13; John 6:9
^bLuke 9:17; John 6:11

44 ^aMatt. 14:20; 15:37; John 6:13

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1 ^aLuke 4:27
^bEx. 11:3

2 ^a2 Kin. 6:23; 13:20 ¹Or in bands
²Served, lit. was before

5 ^a1 Sam. 9:8; 2 Kin. 8:8, 9

7 ^a[Gen. 30:2; Deut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:6]

10 ^a2 Kin. 4:41; John 9:7

12 ¹So with Kt., LXX, Vg.; Or., Syr., Tg. Amanah

13 ^a1 Sam. 28:23

14 ^a2 Kin. 5:10; Job 33:25
^bLuke 4:27; 5:13

15 ^aDan. 2:47; 3:29; 6:26, 27
^bGen. 33:11

16 ^a2 Kin. 3:14

said the girl who is from the land of Israel."

5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing.

6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said,

Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.

7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me."

8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.'"

12 "Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

16 But he said, "As the LORD lives,

before whom I stand, ^bI will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

17 So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.

18 "Yet in this thing may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to worship there, and ^ahe leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD please pardon your servant in this thing."

19 Then he said to him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him a short distance.

Gehazi's Greed

20 But ^aGehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him."

21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw *him* running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, "Is all well?"

22 And he said, "All is ^awell. My master has sent me, saying, 'Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.'"

23 So Naaman said, "Please, take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed *them* to two of his servants; and they carried *them* on ahead of him.

24 When he came to ¹the citadel, he took *them* from their hand, and stored *them* away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed.

25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where *did you go*, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go *with you* when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it ^atime to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants?"

27 "Therefore the leprosy of Naaman ^ashall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence ^bleprous, as white as snow.

The Floating Ax Head

6 And ^athe sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the

16 ^bGen. 14:22, 23; 2 Kin. 5:20, 26; [Matt. 10:8]; Acts 8:18, 20

18 ^a2 Kin. 7:2, 17

20 ^a2 Kin. 4:12; 8:4, 5

22 ^a2 Kin. 4:26

24 ¹Lit. *the hill*

26 ^a[Eccl. 3:1, 6]

27 ^a[1 Tim. 6:10] ^bEx. 4:6; Num. 12:10; 2 Kin. 15:5

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1 ^a2 Kin. 4:38

3 ^a2 Kin. 5:23

5 ^a[Ex. 22:14]

6 ^aEx. 15:25; 2 Kin. 2:21; 4:41

8 ^a2 Kin. 8:28, 29

13 ^aGen. 37:17

16 ^aEx. 14:13; 1 Kin. 17:13 ^b2 Chr. 32:7; Ps. 55:18; [Rom. 8:31]

17 ^aNum. 22:31; Luke 24:31

place where we dwell with you is too small for us.

2 "Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go."

3 Then one said, ^a"Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go."

4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.

5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax *head* fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was ^bborrowed."

6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So ^ahe cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float.

7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

The Blinded Syrians Captured

8 Now the ^aking of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp *will be* in such and such a place."

9 And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there."

10 Then the king of Israel sent *someone* to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely *he is* in ^aDothan."

14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16 So he answered, ^a"Do not fear, for ^bthose who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them."

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD ^aopened the eyes of the young man, and he saw.

And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18 So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And he struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 Now Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." But he led them to Samaria.

20 So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and there they were, inside Samaria!

21 Now when the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?"

22 But he answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."

23 Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian raiders came no more into the land of Israel.

Syria Besieges Samaria in Famine

24 And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five shekels of silver.

26 Then, as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!"

27 And he said, "If the LORD does not help you, where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?"

28 Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'

29 "So we boiled my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."

30 Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and there underneath he had sackcloth on his body.

31 Then he said, "God do so to me

17 ^{b2} Kin. 2:11; Ps. 34:7; 68:17; Zech. 1:8; 6:1-7

18 ^aGen. 19:11; Acts 13:11

21 ^{a2} Kin. 2:12; 5:13; 8:9

22 ^a[Rom. 12:20]

23 ^{a2} Kin. 5:2; 6:8, 9

24 ^{a1} Kin. 20:1

25 ^{a2} Kin. 4:38; 8:1 ¹Approximately 1 pint

29 ^aLev. 26:27-29; Deut. 28:52-57; Lam. 4:10

30 ^{a1} Kin. 21:27

31 ^aRuth 1:17; 1 Kin. 19:2

32 ^aEzek. 8:1; 14:1; 20:1 ^bLuke 13:32 ^{c1} Kin. 18:4, 13, 14; 21:10, 13

33 ^aJob 2:9

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1 ^{a2} Kin. 7:18, 19 ¹A third of an ephah, or about 8 gallons

2 ^{a2} Kin. 5:18; 7:17, 19, 20 ^bGen. 7:11; Mal. 3:10

3 ^a[Lev. 13:45, 46; Num. 5:2-4; 12:10-14]

4 ^{a2} Kin. 6:24

6 ^{a2} Sam. 5:24; 2 Kin. 19:7; Job 15:21 ^{b1} Kin. 10:29

7 ^aPs. 48:4-6; [Prov. 28:1]

and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today!"

32 But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And the king sent a man ahead of him, but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, ^b"Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent someone to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

33 And while he was still talking with them, there was the messenger, coming down to him; and then the king said, "Surely this calamity is from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

7 Then Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD: ^a'Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.'

2 "So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, "Look, ^bif the LORD would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" And he said, "In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."

The Syrians Flee

3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die?"

4 "If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die."

5 And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there.

6 For the LORD had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!"

7 Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives.

8 And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them; then they came back and entered an-

other tent, and carried *some* from there *also*, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some ¹punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household."

10 So they went and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, saying, "We went to the Syrian camp, and surprisingly no one was there, not a human sound—only horses and donkeys tied, and the tents intact."

11 And the gatekeepers called out, and they told *it* to the king's household inside.

12 So the king arose in the night and said to his servants, "Let me now tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *are* hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to ¹hide themselves in the field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.'"

13 And one of his servants answered and said, "Please, let several *men* take five of the remaining horses which are left in the city. Look, they *may either become* like all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; or indeed, *I say*, they *may become* like all the multitude of Israel left from those who are consumed; so let us send them and see."

14 Therefore they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent them in the direction of the Syrian army, saying, "Go and see."

15 And they went after them to the Jordan; and indeed all the road was full of garments and weapons which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king.

16 Then the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, "according to the word of the LORD."

17 Now the king had appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate. But the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, just ^aas the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

18 So it happened just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour for a shekel, shall be *sold* tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria."

19 Then that officer had answered the man of God, and said, "Now look, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?" And he had said, "In fact, you

9 ¹Calamity

12 ^{a2} Kin. 6:24–29 ¹Hide themselves in ambush

16 ^{a2} Kin. 7:1

17 ^{a2} Kin. 6:32; 7:2

18 ^{a2} Kin. 7:1

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1 ^{a2} Kin. 4:18, 31–35 ^bPs. 105:16; Hag. 1:11 ^{c2} Sam. 21:1; 1 Kin. 18:2; 2 Kin. 4:38; 6:25

4 ^{a2} Kin. 4:12; 5:20–27

5 ^{a2} Kin. 4:35

7 ^{a2} Kin. 6:24

8 ^{a1} Kin. 19:15 ^{b1} Sam. 9:7; 1 Kin. 14:3; 2 Kin. 5:5 ^{c2} Kin. 1:2

9 ^{a1} Kin. 19:15

10 ^{a2} Kin. 8:15

11 ^aLuke 19:41 ¹fixed his gaze

shall see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."

20 And so it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

The King Restores the Shunammite's Land

8 Then Elisha spoke to the woman ^awhose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for the LORD ^bhas called for a ^cfamine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven years."

2 So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and she went with her household and dwelt in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 It came to pass, at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went to make an appeal to the king for her house and for her land.

4 Then the king talked with ^aGehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done."

5 Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had ^arestored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life."

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed a certain officer for her, saying, "Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now."

Death of Ben-Hadad

7 Then Elisha went to Damascus, and ^aBen-Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, "The man of God has come here."

8 And the king said to ^aHazael, ^b"Take a present in your hand, and go to meet the man of God, and ^cinquire of the LORD by him, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'"

9 So ^aHazael went to meet him and took a present with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty camel-loads; and he came and stood before him, and said, "Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'"

10 And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover.' However the LORD has shown me that ^ahe will really die."

11 Then he ^aset his countenance in a stare until he was ashamed; and the man of God ^awept.

12 And Hazael said, "Why is my

lord weeping?" He answered, "Because I know ^athe evil that you will do to the children of Israel: Their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword; and you ^bwill dash their children, and rip open their women with child."

13 So Hazael said, "But what ^ais your servant—a dog, that he should do this gross thing?" And Elisha answered, ^b"The LORD has shown me that you *will become* king over Syria."

14 Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me you would surely recover."

15 But it happened on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it over his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.

Jehoram Reigns in Judah

16 Now ^ain the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *having been* king of Judah, ^bJehoram the son of Jehoshaphat began to reign as ^cking of Judah.

17 He was ^athirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for ^athe daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah, for the sake of His servant David, ^aas He promised him to give a lamp to him and his sons forever.

20 In his days ^aEdom revolted against Judah's authority, ^band made a king over themselves.

21 So ^bJoram went to Zair, and all his chariots with him. Then he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; and the troops fled to their tents.

22 Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. ^aAnd Libnah revolted at that time.

23 Now the rest of the acts of ^bJoram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 So Joram ^brested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then ^aAhaziah² his son reigned in his place.

Ahaziah Reigns in Judah

25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign.

26 Ahaziah was ^atwenty-two years old when he became king, and he

12 ^{a2} Kin.
10:32; 12:17;
13:3, 7; Amos
1:3, 4 ^{b2} Kin.
15:16; Hos.
13:16; Amos
1:13; Nah.
3:10
13 ^{a1} Sam.
17:43; 2 Sam.
9:8 ^{b1} Kin.
19:15
16 ^{a2} Kin. 1:17;
3:1 ^{b2} Chr.
21:3
17 ^aCo-regent
with his
father
17 ^{a2} Chr.
21:5-10
18 ^{a2} Kin. 8:26,
27
19 ^{a2} Sam.
7:13; 1 Kin.
11:36; 15:4;
2 Chr. 21:7
20 ^aGen. 27:40;
2 Chr. 21:8-10
21 Kin. 22:47

21 ^bJehoram,
v. 16
22 ^aJosh.
21:13; 2 Kin.
19:8; 2 Chr.
21:10
23 ^bJehoram,
v. 16
24 ^{a2} Chr. 22:1,
7 ^bDied and
joined his
ancestors ²Or
Azariah ²Or
Jehoahaz
26 ^{a2} Chr. 22:2
27 ^{a2} Chr.
22:3, 4
28 ^{a2} Chr. 22:5
29 ^{b1} Kin. 22:3,
29
29 ^{a2} Kin. 9:15
2 Kin. 9:16;
2 Chr. 22:6, 7
1 ^bRamoth, v.
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1 ^{a1} Kin. 20:35
2 Kin. 4:29;
Jer. 1:17
2 Kin. 8:28,
29 ¹Lit. *Gird
up your loins*
2 ^{a2} Kin. 9:5,
11
3 ^{a1} Kin. 19:16
6 ^{a1} Sam. 2:7,
8; 1 Kin.
19:16; 2 Kin.
9:3; 2 Chr.
22:7
7 ^a[Deut.
32:35, 41]
21 ^{b1} Kin. 18:4;
21:15
8 ^{a1} Kin.
14:10; 21:21;
2 Kin. 10:17
21 ^{b1} Sam. 25:22
2 ^aDeut. 32:36;
2 Kin. 14:26
9 ^{a1} Kin.
14:10; 15:29;
21:22 ^{b1} Kin.
16:3, 11
10 ^{a1} Kin.
21:23; 2 Kin.
9:35, 36

reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri, king of Israel.

27 ^aAnd he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab, for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 Now he went ^awith Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria at ^bRamoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29 Then ^aKing Joram went back to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him at ^bRamah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. ^bAnd Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

Jehu Anointed King of Israel

9 And Elisha the prophet called one of ^athe sons of the prophets, and said to him, ^b"Get¹ yourself ready, take this flask of oil in your hand, ^cand go to Ramoth Gilead.

2 "Now when you arrive at that place, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in and make him rise up from among ^ahis associates, and take him to an inner room.

3 "Then ^atake the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "I have anointed you king over Israel." ' Then open the door and flee, and do not delay."

4 So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead.

5 And when he arrived, there were the captains of the army sitting; and he said, "I have a message for you, Commander." Jehu said, "For which *one* of us?" And he said, "For you, Commander."

6 Then he arose and went into the house, And he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, ^a"Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel.

7 'You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may ^aavenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, ^bat the hand of Jezebel.

8 'For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and ^aI will cut off from Ahab all ^bthe males in Israel, both ^cbond and free.

9 'So I will make the house of Ahab like the house of ^aJeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of ^bBaasha the son of Ahijah.

10 ^a"The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the plot of ground at Jezreel, and *there shall be none to bury her.*" And he opened the door and fled.

11 Then Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, "Is all well? Why did this madman come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the man and his babble."

12 And they said, "A lie! Tell us now." So he said, "Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "I have anointed you king over Israel."'"

13 Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, "Jehu is king!"

Joram of Israel Killed

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had been defending Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, against Hazael king of Syria.)

15 But King Joram had returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, "If you are so minded, let no one leave or escape from the city to go and tell it in Jezreel."

16 So Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was laid up there; and Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

17 Now a watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company of men." And Joram said, "Get a horseman and send him to meet them, and let him say, 'Is it peace?'"

18 So the horseman went to meet him, and said, "Thus says the king: 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu said, "What have you to do with peace? Turn around and follow me." So the watchman reported, saying, "The messenger went to them, but is not coming back."

19 Then he sent out a second horseman who came to them, and said, "Thus says the king: 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu answered, "What have you to do with peace? Turn around and follow me."

20 So the watchman reported, saying, "He went up to them and is not coming back; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!"

21 Then Joram said, "Make ready." And his chariot was made ready. Then Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot; and they went out to meet Jehu, and met him on the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" So he answered, "What peace, as long as the harlotries of

11 ^aJer. 29:26; Hos. 9:7; Mark 3:21; John 10:20; Acts 26:24; [1 Cor. 4:10]

13 ^aMatt. 21:7, 8; Mark 11:7, 8 ¹Lit. under his feet

14 ^a2 Kin. 8:28

15 ^a2 Kin. 8:29 ¹Jehoram, v. 24

16 ^a2 Kin. 8:29

17 ¹Are you peaceful?

18 ¹Lit. Turn behind me

21 ^a1 Kin. 19:17; 2 Chr. 22:7 ^b1 Kin. 21:1-14 ¹Harcness up ²Lit. found

24 ¹Lit. filled his hand

25 ^a1 Kin. 21:19, 24-29 ^bIs. 13:1

26 ^a1 Kin. 21:13, 19 ¹on this property

27 ^a2 Chr. 22:7, 9 ¹Lit. The Garden House ²Lit. Strike

30 ^a[Jer. 4:30]; Ezek. 23:40

31 ^a1 Kin. 16:9-20; 2 Kin. 9:18-22

34 ^a[Ex. 22:28]; 1 Kin. 16:31

36 ^a1 Kin. 21:23

your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?"

23 Then Joram turned around and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!"

24 Now Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Jehoram between his arms; and the arrow came out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

25 Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, "Pick him up, and throw him into the tract of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember, when you and I were riding together behind Ahab his father, that the LORD laid this burden upon him:

26 'Surely I saw yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says the LORD, 'and I will repay you in this plot,' says the LORD. Now therefore, take and throw him on the plot of ground, according to the word of the LORD."

Ahaziah of Judah Killed

27 But when Ahaziah king of Judah saw this, he fled by the road to Beth Haggan. So Jehu pursued him, and said, "Shoot him also in the chariot." And they shot him at the Ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. Then he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

28 And his servants carried him in the chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David.

29 In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king over Judah.

Jezebel's Violent Death

30 Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window.

31 Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?"

32 And he looked up at the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" So two or three eunuchs looked out at him.

33 Then he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot.

34 And when he had gone in, he ate and drank. Then he said, "Go now, see to this accursed woman, and bury her, for she was a king's daughter."

35 So they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

36 Therefore they came back and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'On the plot of ground at

Jezreel dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel;
37 "and the corpse of Jezebel shall be ^aas refuse on the surface of the field, in the plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say, "Here lies Jezebel." "

Ahab's Seventy Sons Killed

10 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote and sent letters to Samaria, to the rulers of ¹Jezreel, to the elders, and to ²those who reared Ahab's sons, saying:

- 2 Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, and you have chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and weapons,
- 3 choose the ¹best qualified of your master's sons, set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, "Look, ^atwo kings could not ¹stand up to him; how then can we stand?"

5 And he who was in charge of the house, and he who was in charge of the city, the elders also, and those who reared *the sons*, sent to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants, we will do all you tell us; but we will not make anyone king. Do *what is good in your sight*."

6 Then he wrote a second letter to them, saying:

If you are for me and will obey my voice, take the heads of the men, your master's sons, and come to me at Jezreel by this time tomorrow.

Now the king's sons, seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who were rearing them.

7 So it was, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons and ^aslaughtered seventy persons, put their heads in baskets and sent *them* to him at Jezreel.

8 Then a messenger came and told him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons." And he said, "Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning."

9 So it was, in the morning, that he went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are righteous. Indeed ^aI conspired against my master and killed him; but who killed all these?"

10 "Know now that nothing shall ^afall to the earth of the word of the LORD which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab; for the LORD has done what He spoke ^bby His servant Elijah."

11 So Jehu killed all who remained

37 ^aPs. 83:10

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¹So with MT, Syr., Tg.; LXX Samaria; Vg. city ²the guardians of

³most upright

⁴^a2 Kin. 9:24; ²⁷¹Lit. stand before

⁷^aJudg. 9:5; ¹Kin. 21:21; ²Kin. 11:1

⁹^a2 Kin. 9:14-24

¹⁰^a1 Sam. 3:19; ¹Kin. 8:56; Jer. 44:28 ^b1 Kin. 21:17-24, 29

¹²¹Or The Shearing House

¹³^a2 Chr. 22:8

¹⁴^a2 Chr. 22:8 ¹Or The Shearing House

¹⁵^aJer. 35:6 ^b1 Chr. 2:55; ^cEzra 10:19; Ezek. 17:18 ¹Lit. found

¹⁶^a1 Kin. 19:10

¹⁷^a2 Kin. 9:8; ²Chr. 22:8 ^b1 Kin. 21:21, 29

¹⁸^a1 Kin. 16:31, 32

¹⁹^a1 Kin. 18:19; 22:6

²⁰¹Consecrate

²¹^a1 Kin. 16:32; ²Kin. 11:18 ¹Lit. house

of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men and his close acquaintances and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

Ahaziah's Forty-two Brothers Killed

12 And he arose and departed and went to Samaria. On the way, at ¹Beth Eked of the Shepherds, ¹³ ^aJehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, "Who are you?" So they answered, "We are the brothers of Ahaziah; we have come down to greet the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother."

14 And he said, "Take them alive!" So they took them alive, and ^akilled them at the well of ¹Beth Eked, forty-two men; and he left none of them.

The Rest of Ahab's Family Killed

15 Now when he departed from there, he ¹met ^aJehonadab the son of ^bRechab, coming to meet him; and he greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart is toward your heart?" And Jehonadab answered, "It is." *Jehu said*, "If it is, ^cgive me your hand." So he gave *him* his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 Then he said, "Come with me, and see my ^azeal for the LORD." So they had him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, ^ahe killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed them, according to the word of the LORD ^bwhich He spoke to Elijah.

Worshippers of Baal Killed

18 Then Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, "^aAhab served Baal a little, Jehu will serve him much.

19 "Now therefore, call to me all the ^aprophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal. Whoever is missing shall not live." But Jehu acted deceptively, with the intent of destroying the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, ¹"Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal." So they proclaimed *it*.

21 Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel; and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. So they came into the ¹temple of Baal, and the ^atemple of Baal was full from one end to the other.

22 And he said to the one in charge of the wardrobe, "Bring out vestments for all the worshippers of Baal." So he brought out vestments for them.

23 Then Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab went into the temple of Baal, and said to the worshippers

of Baal, "Search and see that no servants of the LORD are here with you, but only the worshipers of Baal."

24 So they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed for himself eighty men on the outside, and had said, "If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escapes, whoever lets him escape, it shall be his life for the life of the other."

25 Now it happened, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in and kill them; let no one come out!" And they killed them with the edge of the sword; then the guards and the officers threw them out, and went into the inner room of the temple of Baal. 26 And they brought the sacred pillars out of the temple of Baal and burned them.

27 Then they broke down the sacred pillar of Baal, and tore down the temple of Baal and made it a refuse dump to this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.

29 However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that is, from the golden calves that were at Bethel and Dan.

30 And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in doing what is right in My sight, and have done to the house of Ahab all that was in My heart, your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation."

31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart; for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin.

Death of Jehu

32 In those days the LORD began to cut off parts of Israel; and Hazael conquered them in all the territory of Israel

33 from the Jordan eastward: all the land of Gilead—Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh—from Aroer, which is by the River Arnon, including Gilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 So Jehu rested with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place.

36 And the period that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

Athaliah Reigns in Judah

11 When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son

24 ^{a1} Kin. 20:39

25 ¹ Lit. city

26 ^a [Deut. 7:5, 25]; 1 Kin. 14:23; 2 Kin. 3:2

27 ^a Ezra 6:11; Dan. 2:5; 3:29 ¹ Lit. house

29 ^{a1} Kin. 12:28–30; 13:33, 34

30 ^{a2} Kin. 9:6, 7 ^{b2} Kin. 13:1, 10; 14:23; 15:8, 12

31 ^{a1} Kin. 14:16 ¹ was not careful

32 ^{a1} Kin. 19:17; 2 Kin. 8:12; 13:22

33 ^a Deut. 2:36 ^b Amos 1:3–5

35 ^{a2} Kin. 13:1 ¹ Died and joined his ancestors

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1 ^{a2} Chr. 22:10 ^{b2} Kin. 8:26 ^{c2} Kin. 9:27

2 ^{a2} Kin. 8:25 ¹ Jehoshabe-thath, 2 Chr. 22:11 ² Or Jehoash

4 ^{a2} Kin. 12:2; 2 Chr. 23:1 ¹ guards

5 ^{a1} Chr. 9:25 ¹ Lit. enter in

7 ¹ companies

9 ^{a2} Chr. 23:8

10 ^{a2} Sam. 8:7; 1 Chr. 18:7

11 ¹ Lit. shoul-der

12 ^a Ex. 25:16; 31:18 ^{b1} Sam. 10:24 ¹ Law, Ex. 25:16, 21; Deut. 31:9

13 ^{a2} Kin. 8:26; 2 Chr. 23:12

was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs.

2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered; and they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, so that he was not killed.

3 So he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

Joash Crowned King of Judah

4 In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the captains of hundreds—of the bodyguards and the escorts—and brought them into the house of the LORD to him. And he made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son.

5 Then he commanded them, saying, "This is what you shall do: One-third of you who come on duty on the Sabbath shall be keeping watch over the king's house,

6 "one-third shall be at the gate of Sur, and one-third at the gate behind the escorts. You shall keep the watch of the house, lest it be broken down.

7 "The two contingents of you who go off duty on the Sabbath shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD for the king.

8 "But you shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within range, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in."

9 So the captains of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. Each of them took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And the priest gave the captains of hundreds the spears and shields which had belonged to King David, that were in the temple of the LORD.

11 Then the escorts stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, all around the king, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, by the altar and the house.

12 And he brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, and gave him the Testimony;¹ they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "Long live the king!"

Death of Athaliah

13 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the escorts and the people, she came to the people in the temple of the LORD.

14 When she looked, there was the

king standing by ^aa pillar according to custom; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. So Athaliah tore her clothes and cried out, "Treason! Treason!"

15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, "Take her outside ¹under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her." For the priest had said, "Do not let her be killed in the house of the LORD."

16 So they seized her; and she went by way of the horses' entrance into the king's house, and there she was killed.

17 ^aThen Jehoiada ^bmade a covenant between the LORD, the king, and the people, that they should be the LORD's people, and also ^cbetween the king and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went to the ^atemple of Baal, and tore it down. They thoroughly ^bbroke in pieces its altars and ¹images, and ^ckilled Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And ^dthe priest appointed ²officers over the house of the LORD.

19 Then he took the captains of hundreds, the bodyguards, the escorts, and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and went by way of the gate of the escorts to the king's house. Then he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword in the king's house.

21 Jehoash was ^aseven years old when he became king.

Jehoash Repairs the Temple

12 In the seventh year of Jehu, ^aJehoash¹ became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 Jehoash did *what* was right in the sight of the LORD all the days in which ^aJehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 But ^athe ¹high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 And Jehoash said to the priests, ^a"All the money of the dedicated gifts that are brought into the house of the LORD—each man's ^bcensus¹ money, each man's ^cassessment money—and all the money that ^aa man ^dpurposes in his heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 "let the priests take *it* themselves, each from his constituency; and let them repair the ¹damages of

14 ^a2 Kin. 23:3; 2 Chr. 34:31

15 ¹Lit. *between ranks*

17 ^a2 Chr. 23:16 ^bJosh. 24:24, 25; 2 Chr. 15:12–15 ^c2 Sam. 5:3

18 ^a2 Kin. 10:26, 27 ^b[Deut. 12:3] ^c1 Kin. 18:40; 2 Kin. 10:11 ^d2 Chr. 23:18 ¹Idols ²Lit. *offices*

21 ^a2 Chr. 24:1–14

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1 ^a2 Chr. 24:1 ¹Josiah, 2 Kin. 11:2ff.

2 ^a2 Kin. 11:4

3 ^a1 Kin. 15:14; 22:43; 2 Kin. 14:4; 15:35 ¹Places for pagan worship

4 ^a2 Kin. 22:4 ^bEx. 30:13–16 ^cLev. 27:2–28 ^dEx. 35:5; 1 Chr. 29:3–9 ¹Lit. *the money coming over ²any man's heart prompts him to bring*

5 ¹Lit. *breaches*

6 ^a2 Chr. 24:5

7 ^a2 Chr. 24:6

9 ^a2 Chr. 23:1; 24:8 ^bMark 12:41; Luke 21:1 ¹guarded at the door

10 ^a2 Sam. 8:17; 2 Kin. 19:2; 22:3, 4, 12 ¹secretary ²tied it up

11 ¹Lit. *weighed*

12 ^a2 Kin. 22:5, 6

13 ^a2 Chr. 24:14

15 ^a2 Kin. 22:7; [1 Cor. 4:2]; 2 Cor. 8:20

16 ^a[Lev. 5:15, 18] ^b[Lev. 7:7; Num. 18:9]

17 ^a2 Kin. 8:12 ²2 Chr. 24:23 ¹Advance upon

18 ^a1 Kin. 15:18; 2 Kin. 16:8; 18:15, 16

the temple, wherever any dilapidation is found."

6 Now it was so, by the twenty-third year of King Jehoash, ^athat the priests had not repaired the damages of the temple.

7 ^aSo King Jehoash called Jehoiada the priest and the *other* priests, and said to them, "Why have you not repaired the damages of the temple? Now therefore, do not take *more* money from your constituency, but deliver it for repairing the damages of the temple."

8 And the priests agreed that they would neither receive *more* money from the people, nor repair the damages of the temple.

9 Then Jehoiada the priest took ^aa chest, bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the LORD; and the priests who ¹kept the door put ^bthere all the money brought into the house of the LORD.

10 So it was, whenever they saw that *there* was much money in the chest, that the king's ^ascribe¹ and the high priest came up and ²put it in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD.

11 Then they gave the money, which had been apportioned, into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they ¹paid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked on the house of the LORD.

12 and to masons and stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone, to ^arepair the damage of the house of the LORD, and for all that was paid out to repair the temple.

13 However ^athere were not made for the house of the LORD basins of silver, trimmers, sprinkling-bowls, trumpets, any articles of gold or articles of silver, from the money brought into the house of the LORD.

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and they repaired the house of the LORD with it.

15 Moreover ^athey did not require an account from the men into whose hand they delivered the money to be paid to workmen, for they dealt faithfully.

16 ^aThe money from the trespass offerings and the money from the sin offerings was not brought into the house of the LORD. ^bIt belonged to the priests.

Hazael Threatens Jerusalem

17 ^aHazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and took it; then ^bHazael set his face to ¹go up to Jerusalem.

18 And Jehoash king of Judah ^atook all the sacred things that his fathers, Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own sacred things, and all

the gold found in the treasuries of the house of the LORD and in the king's house, and sent *them* to Hazael king of Syria. Then he went away from Jerusalem.

Death of Joash

19 Now the rest of the acts of ¹Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And ^ahis servants arose and formed a conspiracy, and killed Joash in the house of ¹the Millo, which goes down to Silla.

21 For ¹Jozachar the son of Shimeath and Jehozabad the son of ²Shomer, his servants, struck him. So he died, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. Then ^aAmaziah his son reigned in his place.

Jehoahaz Reigns in Israel

13 In the twenty-third year of ^aJoash¹ the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, ^bJehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the ^asins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He did not ¹depart from them.

3 Then ^athe anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of ^bHazael king of Syria, and into the hand of ^bBen-Hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

4 So Jehoahaz ^apleaded with the LORD, and the LORD listened to him; for ^aHe saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

5 ^aThen the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as before.

6 Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin, *but* walked in them; and the ¹wooden image also remained in Samaria.

7 For He left of the army of Jehoahaz only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king of Syria had destroyed them ^aand made them ^blike the dust at threshing.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

9 So Jehoahaz ¹rested with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then ²Joash his son reigned in his place.

Jehoash Reigns in Israel

10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, ¹Jehoash

19 ¹Jehoash, vv. 1-18

20 ^{a2} Kin. 14:5;

2 Chr. 24:25

¹Lit. *The*

Landfill

21 ^{a2} Chr.

24:27 ¹Zabad,

²Chr. 24:26

²Shimrith,

2 Chr. 24:26

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1 ^{a2} Kin. 12:1

^{b2} Kin. 10:35

¹Jehoash,

2 Kin. 12:1-18

2 ^{a1} Kin.

12:26-33 ¹Lit.

turn

3 ^aJudg. 2:14

^{b2} Kin. 8:12

^cAmos 1:4

4 ^a[Ps. 78:34]

^b[Ex. 3:7, 9;

Judg. 2:18];

2 Kin. 14:26

5 ^{a2} Kin.

13:25; 14:25,

27; Neh. 9:27

6 ^{a1} Kin. 16:33

¹Heb. *Ashe-*

rah, a Canaan-

ite goddess

7 ^{a2} Kin. 10:32

^b[Amos 1:3]

9 ¹Died and

joined his

ancestors ²Or

Jehoash

10 ¹Joash, v. 9

12 ^{a2} Kin.

14:8-15

^{b2} Kin.

13:14-19, 25

^{c2} Kin. 14:9;

2 Chr.

25:17-25

13 ^{a2} Kin.

14:16 ¹Died

and joined his

ancestors

14 ^{a2} Kin. 2:12

17 ^{a1} Kin.

20:26

19 ^{a2} Kin.

13:25

20 ^{a2} Kin. 3:5;

24:2 ¹Having

prophesied at

least 55 years

22 ^{a2} Kin.

8:12, 13

23 ^{a2} Kin.

14:27 ^b[Ex.

2:24, 25]

^cGen. 13:16,

17; 17:2-7;

Ex. 32:13

the son of Jehoahaz became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.

11 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, *but* walked in them.

12 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Joash, ^ball that he did, and ^chis might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13 So Joash ^arested¹ with his fathers. Then Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

Death of Elisha

14 Elisha had become sick with the illness of which he would die. Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "O my father, my father, ^athe chariots of Israel and their horsemen!"

15 And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and some arrows." So he took himself a bow and some arrows.

16 Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." So he put his hand on it, and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands.

17 And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the LORD's deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at ^aAphek till you have destroyed *them*."

18 Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so he took *them*. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck three times, and stopped.

19 And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed *it*! ^aBut now you will strike Syria *only* three times."

20 Then Elisha ¹died, and they buried him. And the ^araiding bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year.

21 So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of *raiders*; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

Israel Recaptures Cities from Syria

22 And ^aHazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 But the LORD was ^agracious to them, had compassion on them, and ^bregarded them, ^cbecause of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and

Jacob, and would not yet destroy them or cast them from His presence.

24 Now Hazael king of Syria died. Then Ben-Hadad his son reigned in his place.

25 And ¹Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz recaptured from the hand of Ben-Hadad, the son of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. ^aThree times Joash defeated him and recaptured the cities of Israel.

Amaziah Reigns in Judah

14 In ^athe second year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, ^bAmaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, became king.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *what* was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like his father David; he did everything ^aas his father Joash had done.

4 ^aHowever the ¹high places were not taken away, and the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5 Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he executed his servants ^awho had murdered his father the king.

6 But the children of the murderers he did not execute, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, in which the LORD commanded, saying, ^a"Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall be put to death for his own sin."

7 ^aHe killed ten thousand Edomites in ^bthe Valley of Salt, and took ¹Sela by war, ^aand called its name Joktheel to this day.

8 ^aThen Amaziah sent messengers to ¹Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face one another in battle."

9 And Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, ^a"The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the ^bcedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife'; and a wild beast that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle.

10 "You have indeed defeated Edom, and ^ayour heart has ¹lifted you up. Glory in *that*, and stay at home; for why should you meddle with trouble so that you fall—you and Judah with you?"

11 But Amaziah would not heed. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went out; so he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at ^aBeth

25 ^{a2} Kin. 13:18, 19
^{b2} Joash, vv. 12–14, 25

CHAPTER 14

1 ^{a2} Kin. 13:10
^{b2} Chr. 25:1, 2

3 ^{a2} Kin. 12:2

4 ^{a2} Kin. 12:3
¹Places for pagan worship

5 ^{a2} Kin. 12:20

6 ^a[Ezek. 18:4, 20]

7 ^{a2} Chr. 25:5–16
^{b2} Sam. 8:13
^cJosh. 15:38
¹It. The Rock; the city of Petra

8 ^{a2} Chr. 25:17, 18
¹Joash, 2 Kin. 13:9, 12–14, 25;
2 Chr. 25:17ff.

9 ^aJudg. 9:8–15 ^{b1} Kin. 4:33

10 ^aDeut. 8:14
¹Made you proud

11 ^aJosh. 19:38; 21:16

13 ^aNeh. 8:16; 12:39 ^bJer. 31:38 ¹About 600 feet

14 ^{a1} Kin. 7:51

15 ^{a2} Kin. 13:12, 13

16 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

17 ^{a2} Chr. 25:25–28

19 ^{a2} Chr. 25:27 ^bJosh. 10:31

21 ^{a2} Kin. 15:13
¹Uzziah,
2 Chr. 26:1ff.; Is. 6:1; etc.

22 ^{a2} Kin. 16:6
¹Heb. Eloth
²Amaziah died and joined his ancestors.

24 ^{a1} Kin. 12:26–33

25 ^{a2} Kin. 10:32; 13:5, 25
^{b1} Kin. 8:65
^cDeut. 3:17
^dJon. 1:1
^eJosh. 19:13
¹border ²The Dead Sea

26 ^{a2} Kin. 13:4
^bDeut. 32:36

Shemesh, which *belongs* to Judah. 12 And Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled to his tent.

13 Then Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh; and he went to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from ^athe Gate of Ephraim to ^bthe Corner Gate—¹four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all ^athe gold and silver, all the articles that were found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did—his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah—are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 So Jehoash ¹rested with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. Then Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.

17 ^aAmaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 And ^athey formed a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to ^bLachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

20 Then they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took ^aAzariah, ¹who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built ^aElath ¹and restored it to Judah, after ²the king rested with his fathers.

Jeroboam II Reigns in Israel

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years.

24 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the ^asins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

25 He ^arestored the ¹territory of Israel ^bfrom the entrance of Hamath to ^cthe ²Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant ^aJonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who was from ^aGath Hopher.

26 For the LORD ^asaw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter; and whether bond or free, ^bthere was no helper for Israel.

27 ^aAnd the LORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did—his might, how he made war, and how he recaptured for Israel, from ^aDamascus and Hamath, ^bwhat had belonged to Judah—are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 So Jeroboam ¹rested with his fathers, the kings of Israel. Then ^aZechariah his son reigned in his place.

Azariah Reigns in Judah

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, ^aAzariah the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, ^bbecame king.

2 He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *what* was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

4 ^aexcept that the ¹high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5 Then the LORD ^astruck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his ^bdeath; so he ^cdwelt in an isolated house. And Jotham the king's son was over the royal house, judging the people of the land.

6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah ¹rested with his fathers, and ^athey buried him with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

Zechariah Reigns in Israel

8 In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, ^aZechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months.

9 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aas his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

10 Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and ^astruck and killed him in front of the people; and he reigned in his place.

11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, indeed they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This was the word of the LORD which He spoke to Jehu, saying, ^a"Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth *generation*." And so it was.

27 ^a[2 Kin. 13:5, 23]

28 ^a1 Kin. 11:24 ^b2 Sam. 8:6; 1 Kin. 11:24; 2 Chr. 8:3

29 ^a2 Kin. 15:8 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

CHAPTER 15

1 ^a2 Kin. 15:13, 30 ^b2 Kin. 14:21; 2 Chr. 26:1, 3, 4

4 ^a2 Kin. 12:3; 14:4; 15:35 ¹Places for pagan worship

5 ^a2 Chr. 26:19-23; Ps. 78:31 ^bIs. 6:1 ^c[Lev. 13:46]; Num. 12:14

7 ^a2 Chr. 26:23 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

8 ^a2 Kin. 14:29

9 ^a2 Kin. 14:24

10 ^aAmos 7:9

12 ^a2 Kin. 10:30

13 ¹Azariah, 2 Kin. 14:21ff.; 15:1ff.

14 ^a1 Kin. 14:17; Song 6:4

15 ¹Lit. conspired

16 ^a1 Kin. 4:24 ^b2 Kin. 8:12; Hos. 13:16

19 ^a1 Chr. 5:26; Is. 66:19; Hos. 8:9 ^b2 Kin. 14:5 ¹Tiglath-Pileser III, v. 29 ²Support

20 ^a2 Kin. 23:35 ¹took

22 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

25 ^a1 Kin. 16:18 ¹Lit. struck

Shallum Reigns in Israel

13 Shallum the son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of ¹Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from ^aTirzah, came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria and killed him; and he reigned in his place.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he ¹led, indeed they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 Then from Tirzah, Menahem attacked ^aTiphsah, all who *were* there, and its territory. Because they did not surrender, therefore he attacked *it*. All ^bthe women there who were with child he ripped open.

Menahem Reigns in Israel

17 In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi became king over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

19 ^aPul¹ king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his ²hand might be with him to ^bstrengthen the kingdom under his control.

20 And Menahem ^aexact¹ed the money from Israel, from all the very wealthy, from each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and did not stay there in the land.

21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 So Menahem ¹rested with his fathers. Then Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

Pekahiah Reigns in Israel

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.

24 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

25 Then Pekah the son of Remaliah, an officer of his, conspired against him and ¹killed him in Samaria, in the ^acitadel of the king's house, along with Argob and Arieah; and with him were fifty men of Gilead. He killed him and reigned in his place.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, indeed they

are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

Pekah Reigns in Israel

27 In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, ^aPekah the son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

28 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, ¹Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria ^acame and took ^bIjon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he ^ccarried them captive to Assyria.

30 Then Hoshea the son of Elah led a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck and killed him; so he ^areigned in his place in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

Jotham Reigns in Judah

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, ^aJotham the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign.

33 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was ¹Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did *what was right* in the sight of the LORD; he did ^aaccording to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 ^aHowever the ¹high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. ^bHe built the Upper Gate of the house of the LORD.

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send ^aRezin king of Syria and ^bPekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.

38 So Jotham ¹rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

Ahaz Reigns in Judah

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham, king of Judah, began to reign.

2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do *what was right* in the sight

²⁷ ^{a2} Chr. 28:6; Is. 7:1

²⁹ ^{a2} Kin.

16:7, 10;

¹ Chr. 5:26

^{b1} Kin. 15:20

^{c2} Kin. 17:6

¹A later name of

^a Pul, v. 19

³⁰ ^{a2} Kin. 17:1;

[Hos. 10:3, 7,

15]

³² ^{a2} Chr. 27:1

³³ ¹Jerushah,

² Chr. 27:1

³⁴ ^{a2} Kin.

15:3, 4, 4;

² Chr. 26:4, 5

³⁵ ^{a2} Kin. 15:4

^{b2} Chr. 23:20;

27:3 ¹Places

for pagan

worship

³⁷ ^{a2} Kin.

16:5-9; Is.

7:1-17 ^{b2} Kin.

15:26, 27

³⁸ ¹Died and

joined his

ancestors

CHAPTER 16

³ ^a[Lev. 18:21];

² Kin. 17:17;

² Chr. 28:3;

Ps. 106:37, 38;

Is. 1:1 ^b[Deut.

12:31]; ² Kin.

21:2, 11

⁴ ^{a2} Kin.

15:34, 35

^b[Deut. 12:2];

¹ Kin. 14:23

⁵ ^{a2} Kin.

15:37;

Is. 7:1, 4

⁶ ^{a2} Kin.

14:22; ² Chr.

26:2 ¹Lit.

^aLarge Tree;

sing. of Elloth

²A few

ancient mss.

^aSyrians

⁷ ^{a2} Kin.

15:29; ¹ Chr.

5:26; ² Chr.

28:20 ¹A later

name of ^a Pul,

² Kin. 15:19

⁸ ^{a2} Kin.

12:17, 18;

² Chr. 28:21

⁹ ^{a2} Kin. 14:28

^bAmos 1:5 ^cIs.

22:6; Amos

9:7

¹¹ ^aIs. 8:2

¹² ^{a2} Chr.

26:16, 19

¹⁴ ^aEx. 27:1, 2;

40:6, 29;

² Chr. 4:1 ¹Lit.

house

¹⁵ ^aEx.

29:39-41

of the LORD his God, as his father David *had done*.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed ^ahe made his son pass through the fire, according to the ^babominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burned incense on the ^ahigh places, ^bon the hills, and under every green tree.

5 ^aThen Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to *make war*; and they besieged Ahaz but could not overcome *him*.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria ^acaptured ¹Elath for Syria, and drove the men of Judah from Elath. Then the ²Edomites went to Elath, and dwell there to this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to ^aTiglath-Pileser¹ king of Assyria, saying, "I *am* your servant and your son. Come up and save me from the hand of the king of Syria and from the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me."

8 And Ahaz ^atook the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house, and sent *it as a present* to the king of Assyria.

9 So the king of Assyria heeded him; for the king of Assyria went up against ^aDamascus and ^btook it, carried *its people* captive to ^aKir, and killed Rezin.

10 Now King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus; and King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the design of the altar and its pattern, according to all its workmanship.

11 Then ^aUrijah the priest built an altar according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus. So Urijah the priest made *it* before King Ahaz came back from Damascus.

12 And when the king came back from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and ^athe king approached the altar and made offerings on it.

13 So he burned his burnt offering and his grain offering; and he poured his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar.

14 He also brought ^athe bronze altar which was before the LORD, from the front of the ¹temple—from between the *new* altar and the house of the LORD—and put it on the north side of the *new* altar.

15 Then King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, "On the great *new* altar burn ^athe morning burnt offering, the evening grain offering, the king's burnt sacrifice, and his grain offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, their grain offering, and their drink

offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice. And the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by.”

16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that King Ahaz commanded.

17 ^aAnd King Ahaz cut off ^bthe panels of the carts, and removed the lavers from them; and he took down ^cthe Sea from the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it on a pavement of stones.

18 Also he removed the Sabbath pavilion which they had built in the temple, and he removed the king's outer entrance from the house of the LORD, on account of the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and ^awas buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

Hoshea Reigns in Israel

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, ^aHoshea the son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

3 ^aShalmaneser king of Assyria came up against him; and Hoshea ^bbecame his vassal, and paid him tribute money.

4 And the king of Assyria uncovered a conspiracy by Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and brought no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

Israel Carried Captive to Assyria

5 Now ^athe king of Assyria went throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years.

6 ^aIn the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and ^bcarried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For ^aso it was that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and they had ^bfeared other gods,

8 and ^ahad walked in the statutes of the nations whom the LORD had cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

17 ^{a2} Chr.
28:24 ^{b1} Kin.
7:27-29
^{c1} Kin.
7:23-25

20 ^{a2} Chr.
28:27

CHAPTER 17

1 ^{a2} Kin. 15:30

3 ^{a2} Kin.
18:9-12
^{b2} Kin. 24:1

5 ^aHos. 13:16

6 ^aHos. 1:4;
13:16 ^b[Deut.
28:36, 64;
29:27, 28]
^{c1} Chr. 5:26

7 ^a[Josh.
23:16] ^bJudg.
6:10

8 ^a[Lev. 18:3]

9 ^{a2} Kin. 18:8
¹Places for
pagan wor-
ship

10 ^aIs. 57:5
^b[Ex. 34:12-14]
^c[Deut. 12:2]
¹Heb. *Ashe-
rim*, Canaan-
ite deities

12 ^a[Ex.
20:3-5]
^b[Deut. 4:19]

13 ^aNeh. 9:29,
30 ^{b1} Sam.
9:9 ^cJer.
18:11; 25:5;
35:15]

14 ^a[Acts 7:51]
^bDeut. 9:23

15 ^aJer. 44:3
^bDeut. 29:25
^cDeut. 32:21
^d[Rom.
1:21-23]
^e[Deut. 12:30,
31]

16 ^{a1} Kin.
12:28 ^{b1} Kin.
14:15] ^c[Deut.
4:19] ^{d1} Kin.
16:31; 22:53

17 ^{a2} Kin. 16:3
^b[Deut.
18:10-12]
^{c1} Kin. 21:20

18 ^{a1} Kin.
11:13, 32

19 ^aJer. 3:8

20 ^{a2} Kin.
13:3; 15:29
^{b2} Kin. 24:20

21 ^{a1} Kin.
11:11, 31
^{b1} Kin.
12:20, 28

9 Also the children of Israel secretly did against the LORD their God things that were not right, and they built for themselves ¹high places in all their cities, ^afrom watchtower to fortified city.

10 ^aThey set up for themselves *sacred pillars* and ^bwooden images ¹on every high hill and under every green tree.

11 There they burned incense on all the high places, like the nations whom the LORD had carried away before them; and they did wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger, ¹²for they served idols, ^aof which the LORD had said to them, ^b“You shall not do this thing.”

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His ^a“prophets, ^bevery seer, saying, ^c“Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments *and* My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.”

14 Nevertheless they would not hear, but ^a“stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who ^bdid not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And they ^a“rejected His statutes ^band His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them; they followed ^c“idols, ^d“became idolaters, and went after the nations who were all around them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them that they should ^e“not do like them.

16 So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, ^amade for themselves a molded image and two calves, ^bmade a wooden image and worshiped all the ^c“host of heaven, ^dand served Baal.

17 ^aAnd they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, ^bpracticed witchcraft and soothsaying, and ^csold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left ^a“but the tribe of Judah alone.

19 Also ^a“Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and ^a“delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His ^bsight.

21 For ^a“He tore Israel from the house of David, and ^bthey made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them commit a great sin.

22 For the children of Israel walked

in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them, 23 until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, ^aas He had said by all His servants the prophets. ^bSo Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, *as it is to this day.*

Assyria Resettles Samaria

24 ^aThen the king of Assyria brought *people* from Babylon, Cuthah, ^bAva, Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities.

25 And it was so, at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they did not fear the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed *some* of them.

26 So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations whom you have removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the rituals of the God of the land; therefore He has sent lions among them, and indeed, they are killing them because they do not know the rituals of the God of the land."

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Send there one of the priests whom you brought from there; let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the rituals of the God of the land."

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 However every nation continued to make gods of its own, and put *them* ^ain the shrines on the high places which the Samaritans had made, *every* nation in the cities where they dwelt.

30 The men of ^aBabylon made Succoth Benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 ^aand the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites ^bburned their children in fire to Adramelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared the LORD, ^aand from every class they appointed for themselves priests of the ¹high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places.

33 ^aThey feared the LORD, yet served their own gods—according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away.

34 To this day they continue practicing the former rituals; they do not fear the LORD, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances, or the law and commandment which the LORD had commanded the children of Jacob, ^awhom He named Israel,

23 ^{a1} Kin. 14:16; Is. 8:4
^{b2} Kin. 17:6

24 ^aEzra 4:2, 10
^{b2} Kin. 18:34

29 ^{a1} Kin. 12:31; 13:32

30 ^{a2} Kin. 17:24

31 ^aEzra 4:9
^bLev. 18:21; Deut. 12:31]

32 ^{a1} Kin. 12:31; 13:33
¹Places for pagan worship

33 ^aZeph. 1:5

34 ^aGen. 32:28; 35:10

35 ^aJudg. 6:10
^bEx. 20:5]

36 ^aEx. 14:15–30
^bEx. 6:6; 9:15
^c[Deut. 10:20]

37 ^aDeut. 5:32

38 ^aDeut. 4:23; 6:12

41 ^{a2} Kin. 17:32, 33

CHAPTER 18

1 ^{a2} Kin. 17:1
^{b2} Chr. 28:27; 29:1

2 ^aIs. 38:5
¹*Abijah*, 2 Chr. 29:1ff.

4 ^{a2} Chr. 31:1
^bNum. 21:5–9
¹Places for pagan worship
²Heb. *Asherah*, a Canaanite goddess
³Lit. *Bronze Thing*, also similar to Heb. *nahash*, serpent

5 ^{a2} Kin. 19:10; [Job 13:15; Ps. 13:5]
^{b2} Kin. 23:25

6 ^aDeut. 10:20; Josh. 23:8

7 ^{a2} Chr. 15:21
^bGen. 39:2, 3; 1 Sam. 18:5; 14; Ps. 60:12
^{c2} Kin. 16:7

8 ^{a1} Chr. 4:41; 2 Chr. 28:18; Is. 14:29
^{b2} Kin. 17:9
¹Lit. *struck*

9 ^{a2} Kin. 17:3

35 with whom the LORD had made a covenant and charged them, saying: ^a"You shall not fear other gods, nor ^bbow down to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them;

36 ^a"but the LORD, who ^abrought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and ^aan outstretched arm, ^aHim you shall fear, Him you shall worship, and to Him you shall offer sacrifice.

37 ^a"And the statutes, the ordinances, the law, and the commandment which He wrote for you, ^ayou shall be careful to observe forever; you shall not fear other gods.

38 ^a"And the covenant that I have made with you, ^ayou shall not forget, nor shall you fear other gods.

39 ^a"But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies."

40 However they did not obey, but they followed their former rituals.

41 ^a"So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children's children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day.

Hezekiah Reigns in Judah

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of ^aHoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, *that* ^bHezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was ^aAbi¹ the daughter of Zechariah.

3 And he did *what* was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

4 ^aHe removed the ¹high places and broke the *sacred* pillars, cut down the ²wooden image and broke in pieces the ^bbronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it ³Nehushtan.

5 He ^atrusted in the LORD God of Israel, ^bso that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him.

6 For he ^aheld fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

7 The LORD ^awas with him; he ^bprospered wherever he went. And he ^arebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

8 ^aHe ¹subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, ^bfrom watchtower to fortified city.

9 Now ^ait came to pass in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is, ^athe ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

11 ^aThen the king of Assyria carried Israel away captive to Assyria, and put them ^bin Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

12 because they ^adid not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded; and they would neither hear nor do *them*.

13 And ^ain the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.

14 Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have done wrong; turn away from me; whatever you impose on me I will pay." And the king of Assyria assessed Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 So Hezekiah ^agave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house.

16 At that time Hezekiah stripped *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave ¹it to the king of Assyria.

Sennacherib Boasts Against the LORD

17 Then the king of Assyria sent the ¹Tartan, the ²Rabsaris, and the ³Rabshakeh from Lachish, with a great army against Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. When they had come up, they went and stood by the ^aaqueduct from the upper pool, ^bwhich was on the highway to the Fuller's Field.

18 And when they had called to the king, ^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the ¹scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to them.

19 Then *the* Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: ^aWhat confidence is this in which you trust?'"

20 "You speak of *having* plans and power for war; but *they are* ¹mere words. And in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?"

21 ^a"Now look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.

10 ^{a2} Kin. 17:6

11 ^{a2} Kin. 17:6; Hos. 1:4; Amos 4:2 ^{b1} Chr. 5:26

12 ^{a2} Kin. 17:7-18

13 ^{a2} Chr. 32:1; Is. 36:1-39:8

15 ^{a1} Kin. 15:18, 19; 2 Kin. 12:18; 16:8

16 ¹Lit. *them*

17 ^{a2} Kin. 20:20 ^{b1s} Is. 7:3 ^{1A} A title, probably *Com-mander in Chief*; ^{2A} A title, probably *Chief Officer* ^{3A} A title, probably *Chief of Staff* or *Gov-ernor*

18 ^{a2} Kin. 19:2; Is. 22:20 ¹sec-retary

19 ^{a2} Chr. 32:10; [Ps. 118:8, 9]

20 ¹Lit. *a word of the lips*

21 ^{a1s} Is. 30:2-7; Ezek. 29:6, 7

22 ^{a2} Kin. 18:4; 2 Chr. 31:1; 32:12 ¹Places for pagan worship

26 ^{a1s} Is. 36:11-39:8 ^bEzra 4:7; Dan. 2:4 ¹Lit. *Judean*

28 ¹Lit. *Judean*

29 ^{a2} Chr. 32:15

31 ^{a1} Kin. 4:20, 25 ¹By paying tribute

32 ^aDeut. 8:7-9; 11:12

33 ^{a2} Kin. 19:12; Is. 10:10, 11

34 ^{a2} Kin. 19:13 ^{b2} Kin. 17:24

22 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He ^awhose ¹high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?'"

23 "Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses—if you are able on your part to put riders on them!"

24 "How then will you repel one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen?"

25 "Have I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'"

26 ^aThen Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, Shebna, and Joah said to *the* Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in ^bAramaic, for we understand *it*; and do not speak to us in ¹Hebrew in the hearing of the people who *are* on the wall."

27 But *the* Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat and drink their own waste with you?"

28 Then *the* Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in ¹Hebrew, and spoke, saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria!"

29 "Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you from his hand;

30 'nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, 'The LORD will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'"

31 "Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make peace with me ¹by a present and come out to me; and every one of you eat from his own ^avine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you drink the waters of his own cistern;

32 'until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, ^aa land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive groves and honey, that you may live and not die. But do not listen to Hezekiah, lest he persuade you, saying, 'The LORD will deliver us.'"

33 ^aHas any of the gods of the nations at all delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria?"

34 ^aWhere *are* the gods of ^aHamath and Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim and Hena and ^bIvah? Indeed, have they delivered Samaria from my hand?"

35 ^aWho among all the gods of the lands have delivered their countries

from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?"

36 But the people held their peace and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

37 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of the Rabshakeh.

Isaiah Assures Deliverance

19 And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth.'

4 "It may be that the LORD your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left."

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.'

7 "Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land." "

Sennacherib's Threat and Hezekiah's Prayer

8 Then the Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish.

9 And the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Look, he has come out to make war with you." So he again sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

11 'Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all

35 Dan. 3:15

37 Is. 33:7

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1 ^a2 Kin. 18:13; 2 Chr. 32:20-22; Is. 37:1 ^bPs. 69:11

3 ¹give birth

4 ^a2 Sam. 16:12 ^b2 Kin. 18:35 ^cPs. 50:21

6 ^aIs. 37:6 ^b[Ps. 112:7] ^c2 Kin. 18:17

7 ^a2 Kin. 19:35-37; Jer. 51:1

8 ^a2 Kin. 18:14, 17

9 ^a1 Sam. 23:27; Is. 37:9

10 ^a2 Kin. 18:5

12 ^a2 Kin. 18:33, 34 ^bEzek. 27:23

13 ^a2 Kin. 18:34

14 ^aIs. 37:14

15 ^aEx. 25:22; Ps. 80:1; Is. 37:16 ^bIs. 44:6]

16 ^aPs. 31:2; Is. 37:17 ^b1 Kin. 8:29; 2 Chr. 6:40 ^c2 Kin. 19:4

18 ^a[Is. 44:9-20; Jer. 10:3-5] ^bPs. 115:4; Jer. 10:3; [Acts 17:29]

19 ^aPs. 83:18 ^b1 Kin. 8:42, 43

20 ^aIs. 37:21 ^b2 Kin. 20:5; Ps. 65:2

21 ^aJer. 14:17; Lam. 2:13 ^bPs. 22:7, 8

22 ^aJer. 51:5

23 ^a2 Kin. 18:17 ^bPs. 20:7

lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered?

12 "Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezech, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar?

13 "Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?"

14 "And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: "O LORD God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

16 "Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

17 "Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands,

18 "and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them.

19 "Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD God, You alone."

The Word of the LORD Concerning Sennacherib

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard."

21 "This is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him:

'The virgin, the daughter of Zion,
Has despised you, laughed you
to scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem
^bHas shaken her head behind
your back!

22 'Whom have you reproached and blasphemed?
Against whom have you raised your voice,
And lifted up your eyes on high?
Against the Holy One of Israel.

23 'By your messengers you have reproached the Lord,
And said: "By the multitude of my chariots

- I have come up to the height of the mountains,
To the limits of Lebanon;
I will cut down its tall cedars
And its choice cypress trees;
I will enter the extremity of its borders,
To its fruitful forest.
- 24 I have dug and drunk strange water,
And with the soles of my feet I have ^adried up
All the brooks of defense."
- 25 'Did you not hear long ago
How ^aI made it,
From ancient times that I formed it?
Now I have brought it to pass,
That ^byou should be
For crushing fortified cities into
heaps of ruins.
- 26 Therefore their inhabitants had little power;
They were dismayed and confounded;
They were as the grass of the field
And the green herb,
As ^athe grass on the housetops
And grain blighted before it is grown.
- 27 'But ^aI know your dwelling place,
Your going out and your coming in,
And your rage against Me.
- 28 Because your rage against Me and your tumult
Have come up to My ears,
Therefore ^aI will put My hook in your nose
And My bridle in your lips,
And I will turn you back
^bBy the way which you came.
- 29 'This shall be a ^asign to you:
You shall eat this year such as grows ¹of itself,
And in the second year what springs from the same;
Also in the third year sow and reap,
Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.
- 30 'And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah
Shall again take root downward,
And bear fruit upward.
- 31 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant,
And those who escape from Mount Zion.
^aThe zeal of the LORD ¹of hosts will do this.'
- 32 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria:

24 ^aIs. 19:625 ^a[Is. 45:7]
^bIs. 10:5, 626 ^aPs. 129:627 ^aPs.
139:1-3; Is.
37:2828 ^aJob 41:2;
Ezek. 29:4;
38:4; Amos
4:2 ^{b2} Kin.
19:33, 3629 ^aEx. 3:12;
1 Sam. 2:34;
2 Kin. 20:8, 9;
Is. 7:11-14;
Luke 2:12
¹Without cultivation30 ^{a2} Kin. 19:4;
2 Chr. 32:22,
2331 ^{a2} Kin.
25:26; Is. 9:7
¹So with many Heb.
mss. and ancient vss.
(cf. Is. 37:32);
MT omits of
hosts32 ^aIs. 8:7-1034 ^{a2} Kin. 20:6;
2 Chr. 32:21
^bIs. 31:5
^{c1} Kin. 11:12,
1335 ^aEx. 12:29;
Is. 10:12-19;
37:36; Hos. 1:7
¹Or Angel36 ^aGen. 10:1137 ^{a2} Kin.
17:31 ^{b2} Kin.
19:7; 2 Chr.
32:21 ^cEzra
4:2

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1 ^{a2} Kin.
18:13; 2 Chr.
32:24; Is.
38:1-223 ^{a2} Kin.
18:3-6; Neh.
13:225 ^{a1} Sam. 9:16;
10:1 ^{b2} Kin.
19:20; Ps. 65:2
^cPs. 39:12;
56:86 ^{a2} Kin.
19:34; 2 Chr.
32:217 ^aIs. 38:218 ^aJudg. 6:17,
37, 39; Is.
7:11, 14; 38:22

'He shall ^anot come into this city,
Nor shoot an arrow there,
Nor come before it with shield,
Nor build a siege mound against it.

33 By the way that he came,
By the same shall he return;
And he shall not come into this city,'
Says the LORD.

34 'For ^aI will ^bdefend this city, to save it
For My own sake and ^cfor My servant David's sake.' "

Sennacherib's Defeat and Death

35 And ^ait came to pass on a certain night that the ¹angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at ^aNineveh.

37 Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, that his sons ^aAdrammelech and Sharezer ^bstruck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then ^cEsarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

Hezekiah's Life Extended

20 In ^athose days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.' "

2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying,

3 ^a"Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

5 "Return and tell Hezekiah ^athe leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: ^b"I have heard your prayer, I have seen ^cyour tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

6 "And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and ^aI will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.' "

7 Then ^aIsaiah said, "Take a lump of figs." So they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, ^a"What is the sign that the LORD will

heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?"

9 Then Isaiah said, "This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing which He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?"

10 And Hezekiah answered, "It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten ¹degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees."

11 So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the LORD, and "He brought the shadow ten ¹degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.

The Babylonian Envoys

12 "At that time ¹Berodach-Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And "Hezekiah was attentive to them, and showed them all the house of his treasures—the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and ¹all ²this armory—all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

14 Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?" So Hezekiah said, "They came from a far country, from Babylon."

15 And he said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD:

17 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD.

18 'And they shall take away some of your sons who will ¹descend from you, whom you will beget; ²and they shall be 'eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'

19 So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good!" For he said, "Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?"

Death of Hezekiah

20 "Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah—all his might, and how he ¹made a ²pool and a ³tunnel and ⁴brought water into the city—are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 So "Hezekiah ¹rested with his

9 ^aIs. 38:7, 8

10 ¹Lit. *steps*

11 ^aIs. 38:8

¹Lit. *steps*

12 ^aIs. 39:1-8

¹*Merodach-Baladan*, Is.

39:1

13 ^a2 Chr.

32:27, 31 ¹So

with many

Heb. mss.,

Syr. Tg.; MT

omits *all* ²Lit.

the house of

his armor

15 ^a2 Kin.

20:13

17 ^aJer. 27:21,

22; 52:17

18 ^a2 Kin.

24:12 ^bDan.

1:3-7 ^cDan.

1:11, 18 ¹*be*

born from

19 ^a1 Sam.

3:18

20 ^a2 Chr.

32:32 ^bNeh.

3:16 ^cIs. 7:3

^a2 Chr. 32:3,

30 ¹*aqueduct*

21 ^a2 Chr.

32:33 ¹Died

and joined his

ancestors

CHAPTER 21

1 ^a2 Chr.

33:1-9

2 ^a2 Kin. 16:3

3 ^a2 Kin. 18:4,

22 ^b1 Kin.

16:31-33

^c[Deut. 4:19;

17:2-5]

¹Places for

pagan wor-

ship ²Heb.

Asherah, a

Canaanite

goddess ³The

gods of the

Assyrians

4 ^aJer. 7:30;

32:34 ^b1 Kin.

11:13

5 ^a1 Kin. 6:36;

7:12

6 ^a[Lev. 18:21;

20:2] ^b[Deut.

18:10-14]

7 ^a1 Kin. 8:29;

9:3 ¹A

Canaanite

goddess

²Temple

8 ^a2 Sam. 7:10

9 ^a[Prov.

29:12]

10 ^a2 Kin.

17:13

11 ^a2 Kin.

23:26, 27;

24:3, 4 ^b1 Kin.

21:26 ^cGen.

15:16 ^a2 Kin.

21:9

12 ^aJer. 19:3

13 ^aAmos 7:7,

8 ^b2 Kin.

22:16-19;

25:4-11

fathers. Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

Manasseh Reigns in Judah

21 Manasseh "was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, "according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he rebuilt the ¹high places "which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a ²wooden image, ³as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he "worshiped all ³the host of heaven and served them.

4 "He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, ^b"In Jerusalem I will put My name."

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the "two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 "Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced ^bsooth-saying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *Him* to anger.

7 He even set a carved image of ¹Asherah that he had made, in the ²house of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;

8 "and I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers—only if they are careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them."

9 But they paid no attention, and Manasseh "seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spoke "by His servants the prophets, saying,

11 "Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations (he has acted more wickedly than all the "Amorites who were before him, and "has also made Judah sin with his idols),

12 "therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Behold, I am bringing *such* calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both "his ears will tingle.

13 "And I will stretch over Jerusalem "the measuring line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab; ^b1 will wipe Jerusalem as *one*

wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.

14 "So I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become victims of plunder to all their enemies.

15 "because they have done evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day."

16 "Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD.

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh—all that he did, and the sin that he committed—are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

Amon's Reign and Death

19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done.

21 So he walked in all the ways that his father had walked; and he served the idols that his father had served, and worshiped them.

22 He forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

23 "Then the servants of Amon conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house.

24 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. Then Josiah his son reigned in his place.

Josiah Reigns in Judah

22 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.

2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

14 ^aJer. 6:9

16 ^{a2} Kin. 24:4

17 ^{a2} Chr. 33:11–19
^{b2} Kin. 20:21

18 ^{a2} Chr. 33:20 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

19 ^{a2} Chr. 33:21–23

20 ^{a2} Kin. 21:2–6, 11, 16

22 ^aJudg. 2:12, 13; 1 Kin. 11:33; 1 Chr. 28:9

23 ^{a1} Chr. 3:14; 2 Chr. 33:24, 25; Matt. 1:10
^{b2} Kin. 12:20; 14:19

24 ^{a2} Kin. 14:5

CHAPTER 22

1 ^{a1} Kin. 13:2; 2 Chr. 34:1
^bJosh. 15:39

2 ^aDeut. 5:32; Josh. 1:7

3 ^{a2} Chr. 34:8

4 ^{a2} Kin. 12:4
^{b2} Kin. 12:9, 10

5 ^{a2} Kin. 12:11–14

7 ^{a2} Kin. 12:15; [1 Cor. 4:2]

8 ^aDeut. 31:24–26; 2 Chr. 34:14

9 ¹Lit. poured out

12 ^{a2} Kin. 25:22; Jer. 26:24 ¹Abdon the son of Micah, 2 Chr. 34:20

13 ^a[Deut. 29:23–28; 31:17, 18]

14 ^{a2} Chr. 34:22

Hilkiah Finds the Book of the Law

3 "Now it came to pass, in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the scribe, the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the house of the LORD, saying:

4 "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money which has been brought into the house of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have gathered from the people.

5 "And let them deliver it into the hand of those doing the work, who are the overseers in the house of the LORD; let them give it to those who are in the house of the LORD doing the work, to repair the damages of the house—

6 "to carpenters and builders and masons—and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 "However there need be no accounting made with them of the money delivered into their hand, because they deal faithfully."

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 So Shaphan the scribe went to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of the LORD."

10 Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes.

12 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son of Michaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,

13 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.) And they spoke with her.

15 Then she said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me,

16 "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read—

17 "because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath shall be aroused against this place and shall not be quenched.' "

18 "But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, in this manner you shall speak to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard—

19 "because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the LORD.

20 "Surely, therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place.' " So they brought back word to the king.

Josiah Restores True Worship

23 Now the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him.

2 The king went up to the house of the LORD with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD.

3 Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the articles that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

5 Then he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal,

16 ^aDeut. 29:27

17 ^aDeut. 29:25–27

18 ^{a2} Chr. 34:26

19 ^a[Ps. 51:17] ^{b1} Kin. 21:29 ^cLev. 26:31, 32 ^dJer. 26:6; 44:22

20 ^a[Is. 57:1, 2] ¹Cause you to join your ancestors in death ²Die a natural death

CHAPTER 23

1 ^{a2} Chr. 34:29, 30

2 ^aDeut. 31:10–13 ^{b2} Kin. 22:8

3 ^{a2} Kin. 11:14 ^{b2} Kin. 11:17

4 ^{a2} Kin. 25:18 ^{b2} Kin. 21:3–7 ¹A Canaanite goddess ²The gods of the Assyrians

5 ^{a2} Kin. 21:3 ¹Of the Zodiac

6 ^{a2} Kin. 21:7 ^bEx. 32:20 ^{c2} Chr. 34:4 ¹Heb. Asherah, a Canaanite goddess

7 ^{a1} Kin. 14:24; 15:12 ^bEzek. 16:16 ^cEx. 38:8 ¹Lit. houses ²Heb. qedeshim, those practicing sodomy and prostitution in religious rituals

8 ^aJosh. 21:17

9 ^a[Ezek. 44:10–14] ^{b1} Sam. 2:36

10 ^aIs. 30:33 ^bJosh. 15:8 ^c[Lev. 18:21] ^{d2} Kin. 21:6 ¹Kt. Sons

11 ¹given

12 ^aJer. 19:13 ^{b2} Kin. 21:5

13 ^{a1} Kin. 11:5–7 ¹Places for pagan worship ²Lit. right of ³The Mount of Olives

14 ^a[Ex. 23:24]

15 ^{a1} Kin. 12:28–33 ¹A place for pagan worship

to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the wooden image from the house of the LORD, to the Brook Kidron outside Jerusalem, burned it at the Brook Kidron and ground it to ashes, and threw its ashes on the graves of the common people.

7 Then he tore down the ritual booths of the perverted persons that were in the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the wooden image.

8 And he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba; also he broke down the high places at the gates which were at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were to the left of the city gate.

9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.

11 Then he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech, the officer who was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 The altars that were on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king broke down and pulverized there, and threw their dust into the Brook Kidron.

13 Then the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, which were on the south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ash-toreth the abomination of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon.

14 And he broke in pieces the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and crushed it to powder, and burned the wooden image.

16 As Josiah turned, he saw the tombs that were there on the moun-

tain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned *them* on the altar, and defiled it according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

17 Then he said, "What gravestone is this that I see?" So the men of the city told him, "It is the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel."

18 And he said, "Let him alone; let no one move his bones." So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

19 Now Josiah also took away all the shrines of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the LORD to anger; and he did to them according to all the deeds he had done in Bethel.

20 He executed all the priests of the high places who were there, on the altars, and burned men's bones on them; and he returned to Jerusalem.

21 Then the king commanded all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant."

22 Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah.

23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was held before the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 Moreover Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him.

Impending Judgment on Judah

26 Nevertheless the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath, with which His anger was aroused against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.

27 And the LORD said, "I will also remove Judah from My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, 'My name shall be there.'"

16 ^{a1} Kin. 13:2

17 ^{a1} Kin. 13:1, 30, 31

18 ^{a1} Kin. 13:11, 31

19 ^{a2} Chr. 34:6, 7 ¹Lit. *houses*
²Places for pagan worship
³So with LXX, Syr., Vg.; MT, Tg. omit *the* LORD

20 ^{a1} Kin. 13:2
^{b2} Kin. 10:25; 11:18 ^{c2} Chr. 34:5 ¹Places for pagan worship

21 ^{a2} Chr. 35:1
^bDeut. 16:2-8

22 ^{a2} Chr. 35:18, 19

24 ^a[Lev. 19:31; 20:27]
^{b2} Kin. 22:8

25 ^{a2} Kin. 18:5

26 ^aJer. 15:4

27 ^{a2} Kin. 17:18, 20; 18:11; 21:13
^{b1} Kin. 8:29; 9:3

29 ^aJer. 2:16; 46:2 ^bZech. 12:11 ^{c2} Kin. 14:8 ¹Or to attack, Heb. al can mean together with or against

30 ^{a2} Chr. 35:24 ^{b2} Chr. 36:1-4

31 ^aJer. 22:11
^{b2} Kin. 24:18

33 ^{a2} Kin. 25:6

34 ^{a2} Chr. 36:4
^bDan. 1:7
^cMatt. 1:11
^dEzek. 19:3, 4
¹Jehoahaz

35 ^{a2} Kin. 23:33

36 ^{a2} Chr. 36:5

CHAPTER 24

1 ^aDan. 1:1
^{b2} Kin. 20:14

2 ^aJer. 25:9; 32:28; 35:11
¹troops

Josiah Dies in Battle

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 In his days Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went to the aid of the king of Assyria, to the River Euphrates; and King Josiah went against him. And Pharaoh Necho killed him at Megiddo when he confronted him.

30 Then his servants moved his body in a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.

The Reign and Captivity of Jehoahaz

31 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 Now Pharaoh Necho put him in prison at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

34 Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah, and changed his name to Jehoikim. And Pharaoh took Jehoahaz and went to Egypt, and he died there.

Jehoikim Reigns in Judah

35 So Jehoikim gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give money according to the command of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, from every one according to his assessment, to give it to Pharaoh Necho.

36 Jehoikim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

Judah Overrun by Enemies

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoikim became his vassal for three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him raiding bands of Chaldeans, bands of Syrians, bands of Moabites, and bands of the people of Ammon; He

sent them against Judah to destroy it, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD which He had spoken by His servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His sight ^abecause of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done,

4 ^aand also because of the innocent blood that he had shed; for he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which the LORD would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 ^aSo Jehoiakim rested with his fathers. Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

7 And ^athe king of Egypt did not come out of his land anymore, for ^bthe king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from the Brook of Egypt to the River Euphrates.

The Reign and Captivity of Jehoiachin

8 ^aJehoiachin¹ was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. His mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 ^aAt that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city ¹was besieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, as his servants were besieging it.

12 ^aThen Jehoiachin king of Judah, his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers went out to the king of Babylon; and the king of Babylon, ^bin the eighth year of his reign, took him prisoner.

The Captivity of Jerusalem

13 ^aAnd he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and he ^bcut in pieces all the articles of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, ^cas the LORD had said.

14 Also ^ahe carried into captivity all Jerusalem: all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ^bten thousand captives, and ^call the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except ^athe poorest people of the land.

15 And ^ahe carried Jehoiachin captive to Babylon. The king's mother, the king's wives, his officers, and the mighty of the land he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 ^aAll the valiant men, seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths, one

2 ^{b2} Kin. 20:17;
21:12-14;
23:27

3 ^{a2} Kin. 21:2,
11; 23:26

4 ^{a2} Kin. 21:16

6 ^aJer. 22:18,
19

7 ^aJer. 37:5-7
^bJer. 46:2

8 ^{a2} Chr. 36:9
¹*Jehoiachin*,
1 Chr. 3:16;
Jer. 24:1; or
Coniah, Jer.
22:24, 28

10 ^aDan. 1:1
¹*Lit. came into siege*

12 ^aJer. 22:24-30; 24:1;
29:1, 2 ^{b2} Chr. 36:10

13 ^aIs. 39:6
^bDan. 5:2, 3
^cJer. 20:5

14 ^aJer. 24:1
^{b2} Kin. 24:16
^{c1} Sam. 13:19
^{d2} Kin. 25:12

15 ^aJer. 22:24-28

16 ^aJer. 52:28

17 ^aJer. 37:1
^{b2} Chr. 36:10
^{c2} Chr. 36:4
¹*Lit. his*

18 ^aJer. 52:1
^{b2} Kin. 23:31

19 ^{a2} Chr. 36:12

20 ^aEzek. 17:15

CHAPTER 25

1 ^aJer. 6:6;
34:2

3 ^aLam. 4:9, 10

4 ^aJer. 39:2
^bEzek. 12:12
¹*Lit. he* ²*Or Arabah, the Jordan Valley*

6 ^aJer. 52:9

7 ^aJer. 39:7
¹*blinded*

8 ^aJer. 52:12
^{b2} Kin. 24:12
^cJer. 39:9

9 ^{a2} Chr. 36:19 ^bJer. 39:8 ^cJer. 17:27

thousand, all *who were* strong and fit for war, these the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

Zedekiah Reigns in Judah

17 Then ^athe king of Babylon made Mattaniah, ^b*Jehoiachin's*¹ uncle, king in his place, and ^cchanged his name to Zedekiah.

18 ^aZedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was ^bHamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 ^aHe also did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For because of the anger of the LORD *this* happened in Jerusalem and Judah, that He finally cast them out from His presence. ^aThen Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

The Fall and Captivity of Judah

25 Now it came to pass ^ain the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around.

2 So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 3 By the ninth day of the ^afourth month the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

4 Then ^athe city wall was broken through, and all the men of war *fled* at night by way of the gate between two walls, which was by the king's garden, even though the Chaldeans were still encamped all around against the city. And ^bthe king¹ went by way of the ²plain.

5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him.

6 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon ^aat Riblah, and they pronounced judgment on him.

7 Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, ^aput¹ out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon.

8 And in the fifth month, ^aon the seventh day of the month (which was ^bthe nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), ^cNebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

9 ^aHe burned the house of the LORD ^band the king's house; all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, ^che burned with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of

the guard ^abroke down the walls of Jerusalem all around.

11 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive ^athe rest of the people ^{who} remained in the city and the defectors who had deserted to the king of Babylon, with the rest of the multitude.

12 But the captain of the guard ^aleft some of the poor of the land as vine-dressers and farmers.

13 ^aThe bronze ^bpillars that *were* in the house of the LORD, and ^athe carts and ^athe bronze Sea that *were* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and ^acarried their bronze to Babylon.

14 They also took away ^athe pots, the shovels, the trimmers, the spoons, and all the bronze utensils with which the priests ministered.

15 The firepans and the basins, the things of solid gold and solid silver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, one Sea, and the carts, which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD, ^athe bronze of all these articles was beyond measure.

17 ^aThe height of one pillar was ¹eighteen cubits, and the capital on it was of bronze. The height of the capital was three cubits, and the network and pomegranates all around the capital were all of bronze. The second pillar was the same, with a network.

18 ^aAnd the captain of the guard took ^bSeraiah the chief priest, ^cZephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers.

19 He also took out of the city an officer who had charge of the men of war, ^afive men of ¹the king's close associates who were found in the city, the chief recruiting officer of the army, who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land *who were* found in the city.

20 So Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, took these and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

21 Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. ^aThus Judah was carried away captive from its own land.

10 ^{a2} Kin.
14:13; Neh.
1:3

11 ^aIs. 1:9;
Jer. 5:19; 39:9

12 ^{a2} Kin.
24:14; Jer.
39:10; 40:7;
52:16

13 ^aJer. 52:17
^{b1} Kin. 7:15
^{c1} Kin. 7:27

^{d1} Kin. 7:23
^{e2} Kin. 20:17;
Jer. 27:19–22

14 ^aEx. 27:3;
1 Kin. 7:45

16 ^{a1} Kin. 7:47

17 ^{a1} Kin.
7:15–22; Jer.
52:21 ¹About
27 feet

18 ^aJer.
39:9–13;
52:12–16, 24
^{b1} Chr. 6:14;
Ezra 7:1 ^cJer.
21:1; 29:25, 29

19 ^aEsth. 1:14;
Jer. 52:25 ¹Lit.
*those seeing
the king's
face*

21 ^aLev. 26:33;
Deut. 28:36,
64; 2 Kin.
23:27

22 ^{a2} Kin.
22:12 bIs. 1:9;
Jer. 40:5

23 ^aJer. 40:7–9
¹Jezaniah, Jer.
40:8

25 ^aJer. 41:1–3

26 ^{a2} Kin.
19:31; Jer.
43:4–7

27 ^{a2} Kin.
24:12, 15; Jer.
52:31–34
^bGen. 40:13,
20 ¹Lit. *Man
of Marduk*

29 ^{a2} Sam. 9:7
¹Food

30 ¹Lit.
allowance
²Lit.
allowance

Gedaliah Made Governor of Judah

22 Then he made Gedaliah the son of ^aAhikam, the son of Shaphan, governor over ^bthe people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left.

23 Now when all the ^acaptains of the armies, they and *their* men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah—Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Johanan the son of Careah, Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and ¹Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah took an oath before them and their men, and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you."

25 But ^ait happened in the seventh month that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family, came with ten men and struck and killed Gedaliah, the Jews, as well as the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.

26 And all the people, small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose ^aand went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

Jehoiachin Released from Prison

27 ^aNow it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, *that* ¹Evil-Merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, ^breleased Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison.

28 He spoke kindly to him, and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

29 So Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, and he ^aate ^bbread regularly before the king all the days of his life.

30 And as for his ¹provisions, *there* was a ²regular ration given him by the king, a portion for each day, all the days of his life.

The First Book of the CHRONICLES

THE books of First and Second Chronicles cover the same period of Jewish history described in Second Samuel through Second Kings, but the perspective is different. These books are no mere repetition of the same material, but rather form a divine editorial on the history of God's people. While Second Samuel and First and Second Kings give a political history of Israel and Judah, First and Second Chronicles present a religious history of the Davidic dynasty of Judah. The former are written from a prophetic and moral viewpoint and the latter from a priestly and spiritual perspective. The Book of First Chronicles begins with the royal line of David and then traces the spiritual significance of David's righteous reign.

The books of First and Second Chronicles were originally one continuous work in the Hebrew. The title was *Dibere Hayyamim*, meaning "The Words [accounts, events] of the Days." The equivalent meaning today would be "The Events of the Times." Chronicles was divided into two parts in the third-century B.C. Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible (the Septuagint). At that time it was given the name *Paraleipomenon*. "Of Things Omitted," referring to the things omitted from Samuel and Kings. Some copies add the phrase, *Basileon Iouda*, "Concerning the Kings of Judah." The first book of Chronicles was called *Paraleipomenon Primus*, "The First Book of Things Omitted." The name "Chronicles" comes from Jerome in his Latin Vulgate Bible (A.D. 385–405): *Chronicorum Liber*. He meant his title in the sense of the "Chronicles of the Whole of Sacred History."

The Family of Adam—Seth to Abraham

ADAM,^a ^bSeth, Enosh,
2 Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared,
3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,
4 ^aNoah,¹ Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 ^aThe sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
6 The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, ¹Diphath, and Togarmah.
7 The sons of Javan were Elishah, ¹Tarshishah, Kittim, and ²Rodanim.
8 ^aThe sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
9 The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, ¹Sabta, ²Raama, and Sabtecha. The sons of Raama were Sheba and Dedan.
10 Cush ^abegot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.
11 Mizraim begot Ludim, Ananim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
12 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and the ^aCaphtorim).
13 ^aCanaan begot Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth;
14 the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite;
15 the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite;
16 the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.
17 The sons of ^aShem were Elam, Asshur, ^bArphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and ¹Meshech.
18 Arphaxad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber.

CHAPTER I

1 ^aGen. 1:27;
2:7; 5:1, 2, 5
^bGen. 4:25, 26;
5:3–9
4 ^aGen.
5:28–10:1
¹So with MT.
Vg.: LXX
adds the sons
of Noah
5 ^aGen. 10:2–4
6 ¹Riphath,
Gen. 10:3
7 ¹Tarshish,
Gen. 10:4
²Dodanim,
Gen. 10:4
8 ^aGen. 10:6
9 ¹Sabtah,
Gen. 10:7
²Raamah,
Gen. 10:7
10 ^aGen.
10:8–10, 13
12 ^aDeut. 2:23
13 ^aGen. 9:18,
25–27; 10:15
17 ^aGen.
10:22–29;
11:10 ^bLuke
3:36 ¹Mash,
Gen. 10:23
19 ¹Lit. Divi-
sion, Gen.
10:25 ²Or land
20 ^aGen. 10:26
22 ¹Obal, Gen.
10:28
24 ^aLuke
3:34–36
25 ^aGen. 11:15
27 ^aGen. 17:5

19 To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was ¹Peleg, for in his days the ²earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.
20 ^aJoktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
22 ¹Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,
23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.
24 ^aShem, Arphaxad, Shelah,
25 ^aEber, Peleg, Reu,
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
27 and ^aAbram, who is Abraham.
28 ^aThe sons of Abraham were ^bIsaac and ^cIshmael.

The Family of Ishmael

29 These are their genealogies: The ^afirstborn of Ishmael was Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, ¹Haddad, Tema,
31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael.

The Family of Keturah

32 Now ^athe sons born to Keturah, Abraham's concubine, were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan.
33 The sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephraim, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.
28 ^aGen. 21:2, 3 ^bGen. 21:2 ^cGen. 16:11, 15
29 ^aGen. 25:13–16 30 ¹Hadad, Gen. 25:15
32 ^aGen. 25:1–4

The Family of Isaac

34 And "Abraham begot Isaac. ^bThe sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.
 35 The sons of "Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.
 36 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, ¹Zephi, Gatam, and Kenaz; and by "Timna, Amalek.
 37 The sons of Reuel were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

The Family of Seir

38 "The sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.
 39 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and ¹Homam; Lotan's sister was Timna.
 40 The sons of Shobal were ¹Alian, Manahath, Ebal, ²Shephi, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon were Ajah and Anah.
 41 The son of Anah was "Dishon. The sons of Dishon were ¹Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.
 42 The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, Zaavan, and ¹Jaakan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.

The Kings of Edom

43 Now these were the "kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
 44 And when Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.
 45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.
 46 And when Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who "attacked Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. The name of his city was Avith.
 47 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.
 48 "And when Samlah died, Saul of Rehoboth-by-the-River reigned in his place.
 49 When Saul died, Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.
 50 And when Baal-Hanan died, ¹Hadad reigned in his place; and the name of his city was ²Pai. His wife's name was Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.
 51 Hadad died also. And the chiefs of Edom were Chief Timnah, Chief ¹Aliah, Chief Jethemah,
 52 Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,
 53 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,
 54 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

The Family of Israel

2 These were the "sons of ¹Israel: ^bReuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,

34 ^aGen. 21:2
^bGen. 25:9, 25, 26, 29; 32:28
 35 ^aGen. 36:10-19

36 ^aGen. 36:12
¹Zepho, Gen. 36:11

38 ^aGen. 36:20-28

39 ¹Hemam or Heman, Gen. 36:22

40 ¹Alvan, Gen. 36:23
²Shepho, Gen. 36:23

41 ^aGen. 36:25
¹Hemdan, Gen. 36:26

42 ¹Akan, Gen. 36:27

43 ^aGen. 36:31-43

46 ¹Lit. struck

48 ^aGen. 36:37

50 ¹Hadar, Gen. 36:39
²Pau, Gen. 36:39

51 ¹Alvah, Gen. 36:40

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aGen. 29:32-35;
 35:23, 26;
 46:8-27 ^bGen. 29:32; 35:22
¹Jacob, Gen. 32:28

3 ^aNum. 26:19
^bGen. 38:2

4 ^aGen. 38:6
^bMatt. 1:3

5 ^aRuth 4:18

6 ^a1 Kin. 4:31
¹Zabdi, Josh. 7:1
²Darda, 1 Kin. 4:31

7 ^a1 Chr. 4:1
^bJosh. 6:18

1 ^aAchan, Josh. 7:1

7:1 ²banned or devoted

9 ¹Aram, Matt. 1:3, 4

2 ^aCaleb, vv. 18, 42

10 ^aMatt. 1:4
^bNum. 1:7; 2:3

11 ¹Salmon, Ruth 4:21;
 Luke 3:32

13 ^a1 Sam. 16:6

1 ^aShammah, 1 Sam. 16:9

15 ^a1 Sam. 16:10, 11;
 17:12

16 ^a2 Sam. 2:18

17 ¹Jithra the Israelite, 2 Sam. 17:25

19 ^a1 Chr. 2:50
¹Lit. took to himself ²Or Ephrathah

20 ^aEx. 31:2;
 38:22

21 ^aNum. 27:1

2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

From Judah to David

3 The sons of "Judah were Er, Onan, and Shelah. These three were born to him by the daughter of ^bShua, the Canaanitess. "Er, the firstborn of Judah, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; so He killed him.

4 And "Tamar, his daughter-in-law, ^bbore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

5 The sons of "Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

6 The sons of Zerah were ¹Zimri, "Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and ²Dara—five of them in all.

7 The son of "Carmi was ¹Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the "accursed² thing.

8 The son of Ethan was Azariah.

9 Also the sons of Hezron who were born to him were Jerahmeel, ¹Ram, and ²Chelubai.

10 Ram "begot Amminadab, and Amminadab begot Nahshon, ^bleader of the children of Judah;

11 Nahshon begot ¹Salma, and Salma begot Boaz;

12 Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse;

13 "Jesse begot Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab the second, ¹Shimea the third,

14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 "Ozem the sixth, and David the "seventh.

16 Now their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. "And the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai, Joab, and Asahel—three.

17 Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa was ¹Jether the Ishmaelite.

The Family of Hezron

18 Caleb the son of Hezron had children by Azubah, his wife, and by Jerioth. Now these were her sons: Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.

19 When Azubah died, Caleb "took "Ephrath² as his wife, who bore him Hur.

20 And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot "Bezalel.

21 Now afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of "Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub.

22 Segub begot "Jair,¹ who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

23 "Geshur and Syria took from them the towns of Jair, with Kenath

22 ^aJudg. 10:3 ¹Reckoned to Manasseh through the daughter of Machir, Num. 32:41; Deut. 3:14; 25:5, 6; 1 Kin. 4:13; 1 Chr. 7:14 ²³^aDeut. 3:14

and its towns—sixty towns.) All these *belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead*.
 24 After Hezron died in Caleb Ephrathah, Hezron's wife Abijah bore him ^aAshhur the father of Tekoa.

The Family of Jerahmeel

25 The sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were Ram, the firstborn, and Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

27 The sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

28 The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.

30 The sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim; Seled died without children.

31 The son of Appaim was Ishi, the son of Ishi was Sheshan, and ^aSheshan's son was Ahlai.

32 The sons of Jada, the brother of Shammai, were Jether and Jonathan; Jether died without children.

33 The sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha.

35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as wife, and she bore him Attai.

36 Attai begot Nathan, and Nathan begot ^aZabad;

37 Zabad begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot ^aObed;

38 Obed begot Jehu, and Jehu begot Azariah;

39 Azariah begot Helez, and Helez begot Eleasah;

40 Eleasah begot Sismai, and Sismai begot Shallum;

41 Shallum begot Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begot Elishama.

The Family of Caleb

42 The descendants of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha, his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43 The sons of Hebron were Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.

44 Shema begot Raham the father of Jorkoam, and Rekem begot Shammai.

45 And the son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was the father of Beth Zur.

46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore

24 ^a1 Chr. 4:5

31 ^a1 Chr. 2:34, 35

36 ^a1 Chr. 11:41

37 ^a2 Chr. 23:1

49 ^aJosh. 15:17
¹Or *Achsa*

50 ^a1 Chr. 4:4
^bJosh. 9:17; 18:14
¹Ephrath, v. 19

52 ¹Reaiah, 1 Chr. 4:2 ²Or *Manuhothites*, same as *Manahethites*, v. 54

54 ¹Or *Ataroth of the house of Joab*

55 ^aJudg. 1:16
^b2 Kin. 10:15; Jer. 35:2

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a2 Sam. 3:2-5 ^b1 Sam. 25:43 ^cJosh. 15:56 ^d1 Sam. 25:39-42
¹Chileab, 2 Sam. 3:3

2 ^a2 Sam. 13:37; 15:1
^b1 Kin. 1:5

3 ^a2 Sam. 3:5

4 ^a2 Sam. 2:11
^b2 Sam. 5:5

5 ^a1 Chr. 14:4-7
^b2 Sam. 12:24, 25 ¹Shammua, 1 Chr. 14:4; 2 Sam. 5:14
²Bathsheba, 2 Sam. 11:3
³Eliam, 2 Sam. 11:3

6 ¹Elishua, 1 Chr. 14:5; 2 Sam. 5:15
²Elpelet, 1 Chr. 14:5

8 ^a2 Sam. 5:14-16 ¹Be-elada, 1 Chr. 14:7

9 ^a2 Sam. 13:1

10 ^a1 Kin. 11:43; Matt. 1:7-10 ¹Abijam, 1 Kin. 15:1

Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begot Gazez.

47 And the sons of Jahdai were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah and the father of Gibeaz. And the daughter of Caleb was ^aAchsa.¹

50 These were the descendants of Caleb: The sons of ^aHur, the firstborn of ¹Ephrathah, were Shobal the father of ¹Kirjath Jearim.

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, and Hareph the father of Beth Gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath Jearim had descendants: ¹Hareh, and half of the ²families of Manuhoth.

53 The families of Kirjath Jearim were the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites. From these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

54 The sons of Salma were Bethlehem, the Netophathites, ¹Atroth Beth Joab, half of the Manahethites, and the Zorites.

55 And the families of the scribes who dwelt at Jabez were the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Suchathites. These were the ^aKenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of ^bRechab.

The Family of David

3 Now these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: The firstborn was ^aAmnon, by ^bAhinoam the ^cJezreelitess; the second, ¹Daniel, by ^aAbigail the Carmelitess;

2 the third, ^aAbsalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmi, king of Geshur; the fourth, ^bAdonijah the son of Haggith;

3 the fifth, Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth, Ithream, by his wife ^aEglah.

4 These six were born to him in Hebron. ^aThere he reigned seven years and six months, and ^bin Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

5 ^aAnd these were born to him in Jerusalem: ¹Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and ^bSolomon—four by ²Bathshua the daughter of ³Ammiel.

6 Also there were Ibhar, ¹Elishama, ²Eliphelet,

7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, 8 Elishama, ¹Eliada, and Eliphelet—^anine in all.

9 These were all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and ^aTamar their sister.

The Family of Solomon

10 Solomon's son was ^aRehoboam; ¹Abijah was his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11 ¹Joram his son, ²Ahaziah his son, ³Joash his son,
 12 Amaziah his son, ¹Azariah his son, Jotham his son,
 13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,
 14 Amon his son, and Josiah his son.
 15 The sons of Josiah were Johanan the firstborn, the second ¹Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, and the fourth ²Shallum.
 16 The sons of ¹Jehoiakim were ¹Jeconiah his son and ²Zedekiah his son.

The Family of Jeconiah

17 And the sons of ¹Jeconiah ²were Assir, Shealtiel ¹his son,
 18 and Malchiram, Pedaiah, She-nazzar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
 19 The sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel were Meshullam, Hananiah, Shelomith their sister,
 20 and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-Hesed—five in all.
 21 The sons of Hananiah were Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, and the sons of Shechaniah.
 22 The son of Shechaniah was She-maiah. The sons of Shemaiah were ¹Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat—six in all.
 23 The sons of Neariah were Elioenai, Hezekiah, and Azrikam—three in all.
 24 The sons of Elioenai were Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani—seven in all.

The Family of Judah

4 The sons of Judah were ¹Perez, Hezron, ¹Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.
 2 And ¹Reaiah the son of Shobal begot Jahath, and Jahath begot Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.
 3 These were the sons of the father of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazeleponi;
 4 and Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer was the father of Hushah. These were the sons of ¹Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah the father of Bethlehem.
 5 And ¹Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.
 6 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hopher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.
 7 The sons of Helah were Zereth, Zohar, and Ethnan;
 8 and Koz begot Anub, Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

¹¹ ¹Jehoram,
 2 Kin. 1:17; 8:16
²Or Azariah or Jehoahaz
³Jehoash,
 2 Kin. 12:1

¹² ¹Uzziah, Is. 6:1

¹⁵ ¹Eliakim,
 2 Kin. 23:34
²Jehoahaz,
 2 Kin. 23:31

¹⁶ ¹Matt. 1:11
¹Jehoiachin,
 2 Kin. 24:8, or Coniah, Jer. 22:24

²Mattaniah,
 2 Kin. 24:17

¹⁷ ¹Matt. 1:12
¹Jehoiachin,
 2 Kin. 24:8, or Coniah, Jer. 22:24
²Or the captive were

²² ¹Ezra 8:2

CHAPTER 4

¹ ¹Gen. 38:29;
 46:12 ¹Chelubai,
 1 Chr. 2:9 or Caleb, 1 Chr. 2:18

² ¹Haroeah,
 1 Chr. 2:52

⁴ ¹Ex. 31:2;
 1 Chr. 2:50

⁵ ¹1 Chr. 2:24

⁹ ¹ ¹Gen. 34:19
¹Lit. He Will Cause Pain

¹⁰ ¹border

¹¹ ¹Gen. 38:1-5

¹² ¹Lit. City of Nahash

¹³ ¹Josh. 15:17; Judg. 3:9, 11 ¹LXX, Vg. add and Meonothai

¹⁴ ¹Neh. 11:35
¹Lit. Valley of Craftsmen

¹⁵ ¹Josh. 14:6, 14; 15:13, 17; 1 Chr. 6:56
¹Or Uknaz

¹⁷ ¹Lit. she
¹⁸ ¹Or His Judean wife
 19 ²2 Kin. 25:23

²¹ ¹Gen. 38:11,
 14 ¹Gen. 38:1-5; 46:12

²² ¹Lit. words

²³ ¹Lit. Plants
²Lit. Hedges

²⁴ ¹Num. 26:12-14

¹Jemuel, Gen. 46:10; Ex. 6:15; Num. 26:12

²Jachin, Gen. 46:10; Num. 26:12

³Zohar, Gen. 46:10; Ex. 6:15

9 Now Jabez was ¹more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name ¹Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain."

10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

11 Chelub the brother of ¹Shuhah begot Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton begot Beth-Rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of ¹Ir-Nahash. These were the men of Rechah.

13 The sons of Kenaz were ¹Othniel and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel were ¹Hathath,

14 and Meonothai who begot Ophrah. Seraiah begot Joab the father of ¹Ge Harashim,¹ for they were craftsmen.

15 The sons of ¹Caleb the son of Jephunneh were Iru, Elah, and Naam. The son of Elah was ¹Kenaz.

16 The sons of Jehallelel were Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

17 The sons of Ezrah were Jether, Mered, Ephraim, and Jalon. And ¹Mered's wife bore Miriam, Sham-mai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 (¹His wife Jehudiah bore Jered the father of Gedor, Heber the father of Sochoh, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.) And these were the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took.

19 The sons of Hodiah's wife, the sister of Naham, were the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and of Eshtemoa the ¹Maachathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon were Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-Hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were Zoheth and Ben-Zoheth.

21 The sons of ¹Shelah ²the son of Judah were Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen workers of the house of Ashbea;

22 also Jokim, the men of Chozoba, and Joash; Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and Jashubi-Lehem. Now the ¹records are ancient.

23 These were the potters and those who dwell at ¹Netaim and ²Gederah; there they dwelt with the king for his work.

The Family of Simeon

24 The ¹sons of Simeon were ¹Nemuel, Jamin, ²Jarib, ³Zerah, and Shaul,

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, and Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma were Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, and Shimei his son.

27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many children, nor did any of their families multiply as much as the children of Judah.

28 They dwelt at Beersheba, Moladah, Hazar Shual,

29 ¹Bilhah, Ezem, ²Tolad,

30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

31 Beth Marcaboth, ¹Hazar Susim, Beth Biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.

32 And their villages were ¹Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan—five cities—

33 and all the villages that were around these cities as far as ¹Baal. These were their dwelling places, and they maintained their genealogy:

34 Meshobab, Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah;

35 Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel;

36 Elieonai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, and Benaiah;

37 Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah—

38 these mentioned by name were leaders in their families, and their father's house increased greatly.

39 So they went to the entrance of Gedor, as far as the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found rich, good pasture, and the land was broad, quiet, and peaceful; for some Hamites formerly lived there.

41 These recorded by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and they attacked¹ their tents and the Meunites who were found there, and utterly destroyed them, as it is to this day. So they dwelt in their place, because there was pasture for their flocks there.

42 Now some of them, five hundred men of the sons of Simeon, went to Mount Seir, having as their captains Pelatiah, Neriaah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

43 And they defeated¹ the rest of the Amalekites who had escaped. They have dwelt there to this day.

The Family of Reuben

5 Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright;

2 yet ¹Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although ¹the birthright was Joseph's—

27 ^aNum. 2:9

29 ¹Balah,

Josh. 19:3

²Eltolad,

Josh. 19:4

31 ¹Hazar

Susah, Josh.

19:5

32 ¹Ether,

Josh. 19:7

33 ¹Baalath

Beer, Josh.

19:8

41 ^{a2} Kin. 18:8

^{b2} Kin. 19:11

¹Lit. struck

43 ^aEx. 17:14;

1 Sam. 15:8;

30:17 ¹Lit.

struck

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aGen. 29:32;

49:3 ^bGen.

35:22; 49:4

^cGen.

48:15, 22

2 ^aGen. 49:8,

10; Ps. 60:7;

108:8 ^bMic.

5:2; Matt. 2:6

¹the right of

the firstborn

3 ^aGen. 46:9;

Ex. 6:14;

Num. 26:5

6 ^{a2} Kin. 18:11

¹Heb. Tilgath-

Pilneser

7 ^{a1} Chr. 5:17

8 ^aNum. 32:34;

Josh. 12:2;

13:15, 16

9 ^aJosh. 22:8,

9 ¹beginning

²increased

10 ^aGen. 25:12

11 ^aNum.

26:15–18

^bJosh. 13:11,

24–28 ^cDeut.

3:10

16 ^{a1} Chr.

27:29; Song

2:1; Is. 35:2;

65:10 ¹open

lands

17 ^{a2} Kin.

15:5, 32

^{b2} Kin. 14:16,

28

19 ^aGen. 25:15;

1 Chr. 1:31

20 ^{a1} Chr.

5:22] ^{b2} Chr.

14:11–13 ^cPs.

9:10; 20:7, 8;

22:4, 5 ¹Lit.

was en-

treated for

them

3 the sons of ^aReuben the firstborn of Israel were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

4 The sons of Joel were Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

6 and Beerah his son, whom ¹Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria

^acarried into captivity. He was leader of the Reubenites.

7 And his brethren by their families, ^awhen the genealogy of their generations was registered: the

chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah.

8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in ^aAroer, as far as Nebo and Baal Meon.

9 Eastward they settled as far as the ¹entrance of the wilderness this side of the River Euphrates, because their cattle had ²multiplied ^ain the land of Gilead.

10 Now in the days of Saul they made war ^awith the Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents throughout the entire area east of Gilead.

The Family of Gad

11 And the ^achildren of Gad dwelt next to them in the land of ^bBashan as far as ^aSalcah:

12 Joel was the chief, Shapham the next, then Jaanai and Shaphat in Bashan,

13 and their brethren of their father's house: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jachan, Zia, and Eber—seven in all.

14 These were the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, was chief of their father's house.

16 And the Gadites dwelt in Gilead, in Bashan and in its villages, and in all the ¹common-lands of ^aSharon within their borders.

17 All these were registered by genealogies in the days of ^aJotham king of Judah, and in the days of ^bJeroboam king of Israel.

18 The sons of Reuben, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh had forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty valiant men, men able to bear shield and sword, to shoot with the bow, and skillful in war, who went to war.

19 They made war with the Hagrites, ^aJetur, Naphish, and Nodab.

20 And ^athey were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them, for they ^bcried out to God in the battle. He ¹heeded their prayer, because they ^cput their trust in Him.

21 Then they took away their livestock—fifty thousand of their camels, two hundred and fifty thousand of their sheep, and two thousand of their donkeys—also one hundred thousand of their men; 22 for many fell dead, because the war ^awas God's. And they dwelt in their place until ^bthe captivity.

The Family of Manasseh (East)

23 So the children of the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land. Their numbers increased from Bashan to Baal Hermon, that is, to ^aSenir, or Mount Hermon.

24 These were the heads of their fathers' houses: Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel. They were mighty men of valor, famous men, and heads of their fathers' houses.

25 And they were unfaithful to the God of their fathers, and ^aplayed the harlot after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them.

26 So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of ^aPul king of Assyria, that is, ^bTiglath-Pileser¹ king of Assyria. He carried the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh into captivity. He took them to ^aHalah, Habor, Hara, and the river of Gozan to this day.

The Family of Levi

6 The sons of Levi were ^aGershon,¹ Kohath, and Merari.

2 The sons of Kohath were Amram, ^aIzhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

3 The children of Amram were Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron were ^aNadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 Eleazar begot Phinehas, and Phinehas begot Abishua;

5 Abishua begot Bukki, and Bukki begot Uzzi;

6 Uzzi begot Zeremiah, and Zeremiah begot Meraioth;

7 Meraioth begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub;

8 Ahitub begot ^bZadok, and Zadok begot Ahimaaz;

9 Ahimaaz begot Azariah, and Azariah begot Johanan;

10 Johanan begot Azariah (it was he ^awho ministered as priest in the ^btemple¹ that Solomon built in Jerusalem);

11 ^aAzariah begot ^bAmariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub;

12 Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot ¹Shallum;

13 Shallum begot Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begot Azariah;

14 Azariah begot ^aSeraiah, and Seraiah begot Jehozadak.

15 Jehozadak went into captivity ^awhen the LORD carried Judah and Jerusalem into captivity by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

22 ^aJosh. 23:10; 2 Chr. 32:8; Rom. 8:31; ^b2 Kin. 15:29; 17:6
23 ^aDeut. 3:9
25 ^a2 Kin. 17:7
26 ^a2 Kin. 15:19; ^b2 Kin. 15:29; ^c2 Kin. 17:6; 18:11
¹Heb. *Tilgath-Pileser*

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1 ^aGen. 46:11; Ex. 6:16; Num. 26:57; 1 Chr. 23:6
¹Or *Gershom*, v. 16
2 ^a1 Chr. 6:18, 22
3 ^aLev. 10:1, 2
8 ^a2 Sam. 8:17
^b2 Sam. 15:27
10 ^a2 Chr. 26:17, 18
^b1 Kin. 6:1; 2 Chr. 3:1
¹Lit. *house*
11 ^aEzra 7:3
^b2 Chr. 19:11
12 ¹*Mesheul-lam*, 1 Chr. 9:11
14 ^a2 Kin. 25:18-21; Neh. 11:11
15 ^a2 Kin. 25:21
16 ^aGen. 46:11; Ex. 6:16
¹Heb. *Gershom*, an alternate spelling for *Gershon*, vv. 1, 17, 20, 43, 62, 71
20 ^a1 Chr. 6:42
21 ¹*Ethan*, v. 42
^a2 *Adaiah*, v. 41
³*Ethni*, v. 41
22 ^aNum. 16:1
¹*Izhar*, vv. 2, 18
25 ^a1 Chr. 6:35, 36
26 ¹*Zuph*, v. 35; 1 Sam. 1:1
²*Toah*, v. 34
27 ¹*Eliel*, v. 34
28 ¹So with LXX, Syr., Arab.; cf. v. 33 and 1 Sam. 8:2
²Heb. *Vashenti*
31 ^a1 Chr. 15:16-22, 27; 16:4-6
^b2 Sam. 6:17; 1 Kin. 8:4; 1 Chr. 15:25-16:1
33 ^aNum. 26:57
¹Lit. *stood with*
34 ¹*Elihu*, 1 Sam. 1:1
²*Tohu*, 1 Sam. 1:1
37 ^aEx. 6:24
39 ^a2 Chr. 5:12

16 The sons of Levi were ^aGershon,¹ Kohath, and Merari.

17 These are the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.

18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. Now these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers:

20 Of Gershon were Libni his son, Jahath his son, ^aZimma his son, 21 ¹Joah his son, ²Iddo his son, Zerah his son, and ³Jeatherai his son. 22 The sons of Kohath were ^aAmminadab his son, ^aKorah his son, Assir his son,

23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son,

24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziab his son, and Shaul his son.

25 The sons of Elkanah were ^aAmasai and Ahimoth.

26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah were ¹Zophai his son,

²Nahath his son,

27 ¹Eliab his son, Jeroham his son,

and Elkanah his son.

28 The sons of Samuel were ¹Joel the firstborn, and Abijah ²the second.

29 The sons of Merari were Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzziab his son,

30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, and Asaiah his son.

Musicians in the House of the LORD

31 Now these are ^athe men whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after the ^bark came to rest.

32 They were ministering with music before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they served in their office according to their order.

33 And these are the ones who ¹ministered with their sons: Of the sons of the ^aKohathites were Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,

34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of ¹Eliel, the son of ²Toah,

35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of ^aEbiasaph, the son of Korah.

38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And his brother ^aAsaph, who stood at his right hand, was Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,

40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,

41 the son of ^aEthni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,
 42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,
 43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi.
 44 Their brethren, the sons of Merari, on the left hand, were ¹Ethan the son of ²Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,
 45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,
 46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,
 47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
 48 And their brethren, the Levites, were appointed to every ^akind of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

The Family of Aaron

49 ^aBut Aaron and his sons offered sacrifices ^bon the altar of burnt offering and ^con the altar of incense, for all the work of the Most Holy Place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.
 50 Now these are the ^asons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,
 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,
 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,
 53 Zadok his son, and Ahimaaz his son.

Dwelling Places of the Levites

54 ^aNow these are their dwelling places throughout their settlements in their territory, for they were given by lot to the sons of Aaron, of the family of the Kohathites:
 55 ^aThey gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, with its surrounding ¹common-lands.
 56 ^aBut the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.
 57 And ^ato the sons of Aaron they gave *one* of the cities of refuge, Hebron; also Libnah with its common-lands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its common-lands,
 58 ¹Hilen with its common-lands, Debir with its common-lands,
 59 ¹Ashan with its common-lands, and Beth Shemesh with its common-lands.
 60 And from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its common-lands, ¹Alemeth with its common-lands, and Anathoth with its common-lands. All their cities among their families were thirteen.
 61 ^aTo the rest of the family of the tribe of the Kohathites they gave ^bby lot ten cities from half the tribe of Manasseh.

41 ^{a1} Chr. 6:21

44 ¹Jeduthun, 1 Chr. 9:16; 25:1, 3, 6; 2 Chr. 35:15; Ps. 62:title ²Or Kushaiah

48 ^{a1} Chr. 9:14-34

49 ^aEx. 28:1; [Num. 18:1-8] ^bLev. 1:8, 9 ^cEx. 30:7

50 ^{a1} Chr. 6:4-8; Ezra 7:5

54 ^aJosh. 21

55 ^aJosh. 14:13; 21:11, 12 ¹open lands

56 ^aJosh. 14:13; 15:13

57 ^aJosh. 21:13, 19

58 ¹Holon, Josh. 21:15

59 ¹Ain, Josh. 21:16

60 ¹Almon, Josh. 21:18

61 ^{a1} Chr. 6:66-70 ^bJosh. 21:5

63 ^aJosh. 21:7, 34-40

64 ¹open lands

66 ^{a1} Chr. 6:61

67 ^aJosh. 21:21

68 ^aJosh. 21:22

71 ¹Beesh-terah, Josh. 21:27

72 ¹Kishon, Josh. 21:28

77 ¹Heb. Rimmono, an alternate spelling of Rimmon, 1 Chr. 4:32

62 And to the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, they gave thirteen cities from the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

63 To the sons of Merari, throughout their families, they gave twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben, from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun.

64 So the children of Israel gave these cities with their ¹common-lands to the Levites.

65 And they gave by lot from the tribe of the children of Judah, from the tribe of the children of Simeon, and from the tribe of the children of Benjamin these cities which are called by their names.

66 Now ^asome of the families of the sons of Kohath were given cities as their territory from the tribe of Ephraim.

67 ^aAnd they gave them *one* of the cities of refuge, Shechem with its common-lands, in the mountains of Ephraim, also Gezer with its common-lands,

68 ^aJokmeam with its common-lands, Beth Horon with its common-lands,

69 Ajalon with its common-lands, and Gath Rimmon with its common-lands.

70 And from the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with its common-lands and Bileam with its common-lands, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.

71 From the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh the sons of Gershon were given Golan in Bashan with its common-lands and ¹Ashtaroth with its common-lands.

72 And from the tribe of Issachar: ¹Kedesh with its common-lands, Daberath with its common-lands,

73 Ramoth with its common-lands, and Anem with its common-lands.

74 And from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its common-lands, Abdon with its common-lands,

75 Hukok with its common-lands, and Rehob with its common-lands.

76 And from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its common-lands, Hammon with its common-lands, and Kirjathaim with its common-lands.

77 From the tribe of Zebulun the rest of the children of Merari were given ¹Rimmon with its common-lands and Tabor with its common-lands.

78 And on the other side of the Jordan, across from Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, they were given from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness with its common-lands, Jahzah with its common-lands,

79 Kedemoth with its common-

lands, and Mephaath with its common-lands.

80 And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its common-lands, Mahanaim with its common-lands,

81 Heshbon with its common-lands, and Jazer with its common-lands.

The Family of Issachar

7 The sons of Issachar were ^aTola, ¹Puah, ²Jashub, and Shimron—four in all.

² The sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house. *The sons of Tola were mighty men of valor in their generations; their number in the days of David was twenty-two thousand six hundred.*

³ The son of Uzzi was Izrahiah, and the sons of Izrahiah were Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Ishiah. All five of them were chief men.

⁴ And with them, by their generations, according to their fathers' houses, were thirty-six thousand troops ready for war; for they had many wives and sons.

⁵ Now their brethren among all the families of Issachar were mighty men of valor, listed by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand in all.

The Family of Benjamin

6 *The sons of* ^aBenjamin were Bela, Becher, and Jediael—three in all.

⁷ The sons of Bela were Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri—five in all. They were heads of their fathers' houses, and they were listed by their genealogies, twenty-two thousand and thirty-four mighty men of valor.

⁸ The sons of Becher were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elieonai, Omri, Jerimoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these are the sons of Becher.

⁹ And they were recorded by genealogy according to their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, twenty thousand two hundred mighty men of valor.

¹⁰ The son of Jediael was Bilhan, and the sons of Bilhan were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tharshish, and Ahishahar.

¹¹ All these sons of Jediael were heads of their fathers' houses; there were seventeen thousand two hundred mighty men of valor fit to go out for war and battle.

¹² ¹Shuppim and ²Huppim were the sons of ³Ir, and Hushim were the son of ⁴Aher.

The Family of Naphtali

13 The ^asons of Naphtali were ¹Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and ²Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

¹ ^aNum. 26:23–25
¹ ^{Puvah}, Gen. 46:13 ² ^{Job}, Gen. 46:13

² ^{a2} Sam. 24:1–9; 1 Chr. 27:1

⁶ ^aGen. 46:21; Num. 26:38–41; 1 Chr. 8:1

¹² ¹ ^{Shupham}, Num. 26:39
² ^{Hupham}, Num. 26:39
³ ^{Iri}, v. 7 ⁴ ^{Ahiram}, Num. 26:38

¹³ ^aNum. 26:48–50
¹ ^{Jahzeel}, Gen. 46:24
² ^{Shillem}, Gen. 46:24

¹⁴ ^aNum. 26:29–34
^{b1} 1 Chr. 2:21

¹⁵ ^aNum. 26:30–33; 27:1
¹ ^{Hupham}, v. 12; Num. 26:39
² ^{Shupham}, v. 12; Num. 26:39
³ ^{Lit.} the second

¹⁷ ^{a1} Sam. 12:11

¹⁸ ¹ ^{Jeezer}, Num. 26:30

²⁰ ^aNum. 26:35–37

²³ ¹ ^{Lit.} In Tragedy

²⁴ ^aJosh. 16:3, 5; 2 Chr. 8:5

²⁶ ^aNum. 10:22

²⁷ ^aEx. 17:9, 14; 24:13; 33:11 ¹ ^{Heb.} Non

²⁸ ^aJosh. 16:1–10
¹ ^{Naarath}, Josh. 16:7
² ^{Many} Heb. mss., Bg., LXX, 17g., Vg. Gaza

²⁹ ^aGen. 41:51; Josh. 17:7
^bJosh. 17:11

³⁰ ^aGen. 46:17; Num. 26:44–47

³¹ ¹ ^{Or} Birzavith or Birzoth

The Family of Manasseh (West)

14 The ^adescendants of Manasseh: his Syrian concubine bore him ^bMachir the father of Gilead, the father of Asriel.

¹⁵ Machir took as his wife the sister of ¹Huppim and ²Shuppim, whose name was Maachah. The name of Gilead's ³grandson was ^aZelophehad, but Zelophehad begot only daughters.

¹⁶ (Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh. The name of his brother was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.)

¹⁷ The son of Ulam was ^a(Bedan.) These were the descendants of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

¹⁸ His sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, ¹Abiezer, and Mahlah.

¹⁹ And the sons of Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

The Family of Ephraim

20 ^aThe sons of Ephraim were Shuthelah, Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eladah his son, Tahath his son, ²¹ Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer and Elead. The men of Gath who were born in that land killed them because they came down to take away their cattle.

²² Then Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

²³ And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bore a son; and he called his name ¹Beriah, because tragedy had come upon his house.

²⁴ Now his daughter was Sheerah, who built Lower and Upper ^aBeth Horon and Uzzen Sheerah;

²⁵ and Repah was his son, as well as Resheph, and Telah his son, Tahan his son,

²⁶ Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, ^aElishama his son,

²⁷ ¹Unih his son, and ^aJoshua his son.

²⁸ Now their ^apossessions and dwelling places were Bethel and its towns: to the east ¹Naaran, to the west Gezer and its towns, and Shechem and its towns, as far as ²Ayyah and its towns;

²⁹ and by the borders of the children of ^aManasseh were Beth Shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, ^bMegiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph, the son of Israel.

The Family of Asher

30 ^aThe sons of Asher were Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah.

³¹ The sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of ¹Birzaith.

³² And Heber begot Japhlet,

¹Shomer, ²Hotham, and their sister Shua.

33 The sons of Japhlet were Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were the children of Japhlet.

34 The sons of ^aShemer were Ahi, Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the sons of his brother Helem were Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sons of Zophah were Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah, 37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, ¹Jithran, and Beera.

38 The sons of Jether were Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.

39 The sons of Ulla were Arah, Haniel, and Rizia.

40 All these were the children of Asher, heads of their fathers' houses, choice men, mighty men of valor, chief leaders. And they were recorded by genealogies among the army fit for battle; their number was twenty-six thousand.

The Family Tree of King Saul of Benjamin

8 Now Benjamin begot ^aBela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, ¹Aharah the third,

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 The sons of Bela were ¹Addar, Gera, Abihud,

4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah, 5 Gera, ¹Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 These are the sons of Ehud, who were the heads of the fathers' houses of the inhabitants of ^aGeba, and who forced them to move to ^bManahath:

7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera who forced them to move. He begot Uzza and Ahihud.

8 Also Shaharaim had children in the country of Moab, after he had sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

9 By Hodesh his wife he begot Jobab, Zibia, Meshah, Malcam,

10 Jeuz, Sachiah, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of their fathers' houses.

11 And by Hushim he begot Abitub and Elpaal.

12 The sons of Elpaal were Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod with its towns;

13 and Beriah and ^aShema, who were heads of their fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove out the inhabitants of Gath.

14 Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,

15 Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,

16 Michael, Ispah, and Joha were the sons of Beriah.

17 Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,

18 Ishmerai, Jizliah, and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal.

19 Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

³² ¹Shemer.

¹ Chr. 7:34

²Helem.

¹ Chr. 7:35

34 ^a1 Chr. 7:32

37 ¹Jether, v.

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¹ Gen. 46:21;

Num. 26:38;

¹ Chr. 7:6

¹Ahram.

Num. 26:38

3 ¹Ard, Num.

26:40

5 ¹Shupham.

Num. 26:39;

or Shuppim.

¹ Chr. 7:12

6 ^a1 Chr. 6:60

¹ Chr. 2:52

13 ^a1 Chr. 8:21

21 ¹Shema.

¹ Chr. 7:13

29 ^a1 Chr.

9:35-38 ¹Jeiel.

¹ Chr. 9:35

31 ¹Zechariah.

¹ Chr. 9:37

32 ¹Shimeam.

¹ Chr. 9:38

²Lit. opposite

³brethren

33 ^a1 Sam.

14:51 ¹Also

the son of

Gibeon, ¹ Chr.

9:36, 39

²Jishui.

¹ Sam. 14:49

³Ishbosheth.

² Sam. 2:8

34 ^a2 Sam.

9:12 ¹Mephib-

osheth.

² Sam. 4:4

35 ¹Tahrea.

¹ Chr. 9:41

36 ¹Jarah.

¹ Chr. 9:42

37 ¹Raphaiah.

¹ Chr. 9:43

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¹ Ezra 2:59

¹enrolled

2 ^aEzra 2:70;

Neh. 7:73

^bEzra 2:43;

8:20

3 ^aNeh. 11:1, 2

21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were the sons of ¹Shimei.

22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,

23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

24 Hananiah, Elam, Antothijah,

25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the sons of Shashak.

26 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah, 27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri were the sons of Jeroham.

28 These were heads of the fathers' houses by their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

29 Now ¹the father of Gibeon, whose ^awife's name was Maacah, dwelt at Gibeon.

30 And his firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab, 31 Gedor, Ahio, ¹Zechar,

32 and Mikloth, who begot ¹Shimeah. They also dwelt ²alongside their ³relatives in Jerusalem, with their brethren.

33 ^aNer¹ begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua, ²Abinadab, and ³Esh-Baal.

34 The son of Jonathan was ¹Merib-Baal, and Merib-Baal begot ^aMicah.

35 The sons of Micah were Piton, Melech, ¹Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz begot ¹Jehoaddah; Jehoaddah begot Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza.

37 Moza begot Binea, ^aRaphah his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.

38 Azel had six sons whose names were these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.

39 And the sons of Eshek his brother were Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

40 The sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor—archers. They had many sons and grandsons, one hundred and fifty in all. These were all sons of Benjamin.

9 So ^aall Israel was ¹recorded by genealogies, and indeed, they were inscribed in the book of the kings of Israel. But Judah was carried away captive to Babylon because of their unfaithfulness.

2 ^aAnd the first inhabitants who dwelt in their possessions in their cities were Israelites, priests, Levites, and ^bthe Nethinim.

Dwellers in Jerusalem

3 Now in ^aJerusalem the children of Judah dwelt, and some of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim and Manasseh:

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the descendants of Perez, the son of Judah.

5 Of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.

6 Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their brethren—six hundred and ninety.

7 Of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah;

8 Ibneiah the son of Jeroham; Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri; Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibmijah;

9 and their brethren, according to their generations—nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men were heads of a father's house in their fathers' houses.

The Priests at Jerusalem

10 ^aOf the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, and Jachin;

11 ¹Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ^aofficer over the house of God;

12 Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah; Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 and their brethren, heads of their fathers' houses—one thousand seven hundred and sixty. They were ¹very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

The Levites at Jerusalem

14 Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of ^aZichri, the son of Asaph;

16 ^aObadiah the son of ^bShemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

The Levite Gatekeepers

17 And the gatekeepers were Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their brethren. Shallum was the chief.

18 Until then they had been gatekeepers for the camps of the children of Levi at the King's Gate on the east.

19 Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, from his father's house, the Korahites, were in charge of the work of the service, ¹gatekeepers of the tabernacle. Their fathers had been keepers of the entrance to the camp of the LORD.

20 And ^aPhinehas the son of Eleazar had been the officer over them in time past; the LORD was with him.

21 ^aZechariah the son of Meshlemiah was ¹keeper of the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

22 All those chosen as gatekeepers

10 ^aNeh. 11:10-14

11 ^a2 Chr. 31:13; Jer. 20:1 ¹Seraiah, Neh. 11:11

13 ¹Lit. *mighty men of strength*

15 ^aNeh. 11:17

16 ^aNeh. 11:17 ^bNeh. 11:17

19 ¹Lit. *thresh-olds*

20 ^aNum. 25:6-13; 31:6

21 ^a1 Chr. 26:2, 14 ¹gate-keeper

22 ^a1 Chr. 26:1, 2 ^b1 Sam. 9:9

25 ^a2 Kin. 11:4-7; 2 Chr. 23:8

27 ^a1 Chr. 23:30-32 ¹the watch was committed to them

29 ^a1 Chr. 23:29

30 ^aEx. 30:22-25

31 ^aLev. 2:5; 6:21

32 ^aLev. 24:5-8

33 ^a1 Chr. 6:31; 25:1

35 ^a1 Chr. 8:29-32

37 ¹Zecher, 1 Chr. 8:31

38 ¹Shimeah, 1 Chr. 8:32

39 ^a1 Chr. 8:33-38

were two hundred and twelve. ^aThey were recorded by their genealogy, in their villages. David and Samuel ^bthe seer had appointed them to their trusted office.

23 So they and their children were in charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, the house of the tabernacle, by assignment.

24 The gatekeepers were assigned to the four directions: the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their brethren in their villages had to come with them from time to time ^afor seven days.

26 For in this trusted office were four chief gatekeepers; they were Levites. And they had charge over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

27 And they lodged all around the house of God because they had the ^aresponsibility, and they were in charge of opening it every morning.

Other Levite Responsibilities

28 Now some of them were in charge of the serving vessels, for they brought them in and took them out by count.

29 Some of them were appointed over the furnishings and over all the implements of the sanctuary, and over the ^afine flour and the wine and the oil and the incense and the spices.

30 And some of the sons of the priests made ^athe ointment of the spices.

31 Mattithiah of the Levites, the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the trusted office ^aover the things that were baked in the pans.

32 And some of their brethren of the sons of the Kohathites ^awere in charge of preparing the showbread for every Sabbath.

33 These are ^athe singers, heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites, who lodged in the chambers, and were free from other duties; for they were employed in that work day and night.

34 These heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites were heads throughout their generations. They dwelt at Jerusalem.

The Family of King Saul

35 Jeiel the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name was ^aMaacah, dwelt at Gibeon.

36 His firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, 37 Gedor, Ahio, ¹Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth begot ¹Shimeam. They also dwelt alongside their relatives in Jerusalem, with their brethren.

39 ^aNer begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.

40 The son of Jonathan was Merib-Baal, and Merib-Baal begot Micah.
41 The sons of Micah were Pithon, Melech, ¹Tahrea, and ²Ahaz.

42 And Ahaz begot ¹Jarah; Jarah begot Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza;

43 Moza begot Binea, ¹Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.

44 And Azel had six sons whose names were these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan; these were the sons of Azel.

Tragic End of Saul and His Sons

10 Now ^athe Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

2 Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, ¹Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons.

3 The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers.

4 Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and abuse me." But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it.

5 And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died.

6 So Saul and his three sons died, and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; then the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 So it happened the next day, when the Philistines came to ¹strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9 And they stripped him and took his head and his armor, and sent word throughout the land of the Philistines to proclaim the news in *the temple* of their idols and among the people.

10 ^aThen they put his armor in the ¹temple of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 And when all Jabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 all the ^avaliant men arose and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons; and they brought them to ^bJabesh, and buried their bones under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had ¹committed against the LORD, ^abecause he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also

41 ^{a1} Chr. 8:35
¹Tarea, 1 Chr. 8:35 ²So with Arab., Syr., Tg., Vg. (cf. 8:35); MT, LXX omit and Ahaz

42 ¹Jehoadadah, 1 Chr. 8:36

43 ¹Raphah, 1 Chr. 8:37

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^{a1} Sam. 31:1, 2

² Jishui, 1 Sam. 14:49

⁸ ¹plunder

¹⁰ ^{a1} Sam. 31:10 ¹Lit. house

¹² ^{a1} Sam. 14:52 ^{b2} Sam. 21:12

¹³ ^{a1} Sam. 13:13, 14; 15:22-26
^b[Lev. 19:31; 20:6]; 1 Sam. 28:7 ¹Lit. transgressed

¹⁴ ^{a1} Sam. 15:28; ² Sam. 3:9, 10; 5:3; 1 Chr. 12:23

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¹ ^{a2} Sam. 5:1

² ^{a1} Sam. 16:1-3; Ps. 78:70-72
^{b2} Sam. 7:7

³ ^{a2} Sam. 5:3
^{b1} Sam. 16:1, 4, 12, 13 ¹Lit. by the hand of Samuel

⁴ ^{a2} Sam. 5:6
^bJosh. 15:8, 63; Judg. 1:21; 19:10, 11

⁶ ¹Lit. head

⁷ ¹Zion, 2 Sam. 5:7

⁸ ¹Lit. The Landfill ²Lit. revived

⁹ ^{a2} Sam. 3:1
^{b1} Sam. 16:18

¹⁰ ^{a2} Sam. 23:8 ^{b1} Sam. 16:1, 12

¹¹ ^{a1} Chr. 27:2
^{b1} Chr. 12:18
¹So with Qr.; Kt., LXX, Vg. the thirty (cf. 2 Sam. 23:8)

¹² ^{a1} Chr. 27:4

¹³ ¹Ephes Dammim, 1 Sam. 17:1

because ^bhe consulted a medium for guidance.

14 But *he* did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and ^aturned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

David Made King over All Israel

11 Then ^aall Israel came together to David at Hebron, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh.

2 "Also, in time past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD your ^aGod said to you, 'You shall ^bshepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel.' "

3 Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And ^athey anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD ^bby ^bSamuel.

The City of David

4 And David and all Israel ^awent to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, ^bwhere the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land.

5 But the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here!" Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David).

6 Now David said, "Whoever attacks the Jebusites first shall be ¹chief and captain." And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and became chief.

7 Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it ¹the City of David.

8 And he built the city around it, from ¹the Millo to the surrounding area. Joab ²repaired the rest of the city.

9 So David ^awent on and became great, and the LORD of hosts was with ^bhim.

The Mighty Men of David

10 Now ^athese were the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to ^athe word of the LORD concerning Israel.

11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: ^aJashobeam the son of a Hachmonite, ^bchief of ¹the captains; he had lifted up his spear against three hundred, killed *by him* at one time.

12 After him was Eleazar the son of ^aDodo, the Ahohite, who was *one* of the three mighty men.

13 He was with David at ¹Pas-dammim. Now there the Philistines were gathered for battle, and there

was a piece of ground full of barley. So the people fled from the Philistines.

14 But they ¹stationed themselves in the middle of *that* field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the LORD brought about a great victory.

15 Now three of the thirty chief men ^awent down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the army of the Philistines encamped ^bin the Valley of ¹Rephaim.

16 David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

17 And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

18 So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD.

19 And he said, "Far be it from me, O my God, that I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three mighty men.

20 ^aAbishai the brother of Joab was chief of *another* ¹three. He had lifted up his spear against three hundred men, killed *them*, and won a name among *these* three.

21 ^aOf the three he was more honored than the other two men. Therefore he became their captain. However he did not attain to the *first* three.

22 Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who ¹had done many deeds. ^aHe had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

23 And he killed an Egyptian, a man of *great* height, ¹five cubits tall. In the Egyptian's hand *there was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

24 These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men.

25 Indeed he was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the *first* three. And David appointed him over his guard.

26 Also the mighty warriors *were* ^aAsahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

27 ¹Shammoth the Harorite, ^aHelez the ²Pelonite,

28 ^aIra the son of Ikesh the Tekoite, ^bAbiezer the Anathothite,

14 ¹Lit. took their stand

15 ^a2 Sam. 23:13 ^b2 Sam. 5:18; 1 Chr. 14:9 ¹Lit. Giants

20 ^a2 Sam. 23:18; 1 Chr. 18:12 ^bSo with MT, LXX, Vg.; Syr. thirty

21 ^a2 Sam. 23:19

22 ^a2 Sam. 23:20 ¹was great in deeds

23 ¹About 7½ feet

26 ^a2 Sam. 23:24

27 ^a2 Sam. 23:26; 1 Chr. 27:10

¹Shammah the Harodite, 2 Sam. 23:25 ²Paltite, 2 Sam. 23:26

28 ^a1 Chr. 27:9 ^b1 Chr. 27:12

29 ¹Mebunnai, 2 Sam. 23:27 ²Zalmon, 2 Sam. 23:28

30 ^a1 Chr. 27:13 ¹Heleb, 2 Sam. 23:29, or Heldai, 1 Chr. 27:15

31 ^a1 Chr. 27:14 ¹Uttai, 2 Sam. 23:29

32 ¹Hiddai, 2 Sam. 23:30 ²Abi-Albon, 2 Sam. 23:31

33 ¹Barhumite, 2 Sam. 23:31

34 ¹Jashen, 2 Sam. 23:32

35 ¹Sharar, 2 Sam. 23:33 ²Eliphelet, 2 Sam. 23:34

³Ahasbai, 2 Sam. 23:34

37 ¹Hezrai, 2 Sam. 23:38 ²Paarai the Arbite, 2 Sam. 23:35

39 ¹Beerothite, 2 Sam. 23:37

41 ^a2 Sam. 11 ¹The last sixteen are not added in 2 Sam. 23.

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1 ^a1 Sam. 27:2 ^b1 Sam. 27:6

2 ^aJudg. 3:15; 20:16

3 ¹Or Hasmaah

29 ¹Sibbechai the Hushathite, ²Ilai the Ahohite,

30 ^aMaharai the Netophathite, ¹Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 ¹Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeon, of the sons of Benjamin, ^aBenaiah the Pirathonite,

32 ¹Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, ²Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the ¹Baharumite, Eliabha the Shaalbomite,

34 the sons of ¹Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shageh the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the son of ¹Sacar the Hararite, ²Eliphal the son of ³Ur,

36 Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 ¹Hezro the Carmelite, ²Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the ¹Berothite (the armorbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah),

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 ^aUriah the Hittite, ¹Zabad the son of Ahlai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite (a chief of the Reubenites) and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maachah, Josphaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

45 Jedaiel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and Joshaviah the sons of Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaites.

The Growth of David's Army

12 Now ^athese were the men who came to David at ^bZiklag while he was still a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men, helpers in the war,

2 armed with bows, using both the right hand and ^athe left in hurling stones and shooting arrows with the bow. They were of Benjamin, Saul's brethren.

3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of ¹Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet the sons of Azmaveth; Berachah, and Jehu the Anathothite;

4 Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederahtite;

5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite;

6 Elkanah, Jisshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites;

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 Some Gadites ¹joined David at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were ²as swift as gazelles on the mountains;

9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbanai the eleventh.

14 These were from the sons of Gad, captains of the army; the least was over a hundred, and the greatest was over a ²thousand.

15 These are the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its ²banks; and they put to flight all *those* in the valleys, to the east and to the west.

16 Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to David at the stronghold.

17 And David went out ¹to meet them, and answered and said to them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies, since *there is no* ²wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment."

18 Then the Spirit ¹came upon ²Amasai, chief of the captains, and he said:

"We are yours, O David;
We are on your side, O son of Jesse!
Peace, peace to you,
And peace to your helpers!
For your God helps you."

So David received them, and made them captains of the troop.

19 And some from Manasseh defected to David ²when he was going with the Philistines to battle against Saul; but they did not help them, for the lords of the Philistines sent him away by agreement, saying, ³"He may defect to his master Saul and endanger our heads."

20 When he went to Ziklag, those of Manasseh who defected to him were Adnah, Jozabad, Jedaiel, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zilethai, captains of the thousands who were from Manasseh.

21 And they helped David against ²the bands of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor, and they were captains in the army.

22 For at *that* time they came to David day by day to help him, until it

8 ²Sam. 2:18

¹Lit. *separated themselves to*

14 ¹Sam. 18:13

15 ²Josh. 3:15; 4:18, 19

17 ¹Lit. *before them* ²Lit. *violence*

18 ²Sam. 17:25 ¹Lit. *clothed*

19 ¹Sam. 29:2 ²1 Sam. 29:4

21 ¹Sam. 30:1, 9, 10

22 ²Gen. 32:2; Josh. 5:13-15

23 ²Sam. 2:1-4 ¹Chr. 11:1 ²Chr. 10:14 ¹Sam. 16:1-4 ¹Lit. *heads of those*

24 ¹equipped

28 ²Sam. 8:17; 1 Chr. 6:8, 53

29 ²Sam. 2:8, 9

30 ¹Lit. *men of names*

32 ²Esth. 1:13

33 ²Ps. 12:2; [James 1:8]

38 ²Chr. 30:12

was a great army, ²like the army of God.

David's Army at Hebron

23 Now these were the numbers of the ¹divisions that were equipped for war, and ²came to David at ³Hebron to ⁴turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, ⁵according to the word of the LORD:

24 of the sons of Judah bearing shield and spear, six thousand eight hundred ¹armed for war;

25 of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor fit for war, seven thousand one hundred;

26 of the sons of Levi four thousand six hundred;

27 Jehoiada, the leader of the Aaronites, and with him three thousand seven hundred;

28 ²Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains;

29 of the sons of Benjamin, relatives of Saul, three thousand (until then ²the greatest part of them had remained loyal to the house of Saul);

30 of the sons of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, ¹famous men throughout their father's house;

31 of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were designated by name to come and make David king;

32 of the sons of Issachar ²who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

33 of Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, ²stouthearted men who could keep ranks;

34 of Naphtali one thousand captains, and with them thirty-seven thousand with shield and spear;

35 of the Danites who could keep battle formation, twenty-eight thousand six hundred;

36 of Asher, those who could go out to war, able to keep battle formation, forty thousand;

37 of the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, from the other side of the Jordan, one hundred and twenty thousand armed for battle with every *kind* of weapon of war.

38 All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of ²one mind to make David king.

39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as Issachar

and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen—provisions of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel.

The Ark Brought from Kirjath Jearim

13 Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.

2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere *who are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites *who are* in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us;

3 "and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul."

4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor in Egypt to as far as the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim.

6 And David and all Israel went up to Baalah,¹ to Kirjath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, ²who dwells between the cherubim, where His name is proclaimed.

7 So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

8 Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And when they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled.

10 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before God.

11 And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzza; therefore that place is called Perez Uzza to this day.

12 David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God to me?"

13 So David would not move the ark with him into the City of David, but took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

14 The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months. And the LORD

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¹a1 Chr. 11:15; 12:34

²a1 Sam. 31:1; Is. 37:4

³a1 Sam. 7:1, 2

⁵a1 Sam. 7:5

^bJosh. 13:3

^c1 Sam. 6:21; 7:1, 2

⁶a Josh. 15:9; 60 bEx. 25:22;

¹ Sam. 4:4;

² Kin. 19:15

¹Baale Judah,

² Sam. 6:2

⁷aNum. 4:15;

¹ Sam. 6:7

^b1 Sam. 7:1

¹Lit. caused the ark of God to ride

⁸a2 Sam. 6:5

¹songs

⁹1 Nachon,

² Sam. 6:6 ²Or let it go off

¹⁰aNum. 4:15; 1 Chr. 15:13, 15 bLev. 10:2

¹¹1 Lit. Outburst Against Uzza

¹⁴a2 Sam. 6:11 bGen. 30:27; 1 Chr. 26:4-8

CHAPTER 14

¹a2 Sam. 5:11; 1 Kin. 5:1

²aNum. 24:7

⁴a1 Chr. 3:5-8

¹Shimea,

¹ Chr. 3:5

⁵1 Elishama,

¹ Chr. 3:6

²Elphelet,

¹ Chr. 3:6

⁷1 Eliada,

² Sam. 5:6;

¹ Chr. 3:8

⁸a2 Sam. 5:17-21

⁹a Josh. 17:15;

¹⁸:16; 1 Chr. 11:15; 14:13

¹Lit. Giants

¹⁰a1 Sam. 23:2, 4; 30:8;

² Sam. 2:1;

⁵:19, 23; 21:1

¹¹1 Lit. Master of Breakthroughs

¹³a2 Sam. 5:22-25

¹⁴a2 Sam. 5:23

¹⁶1 Geba,

² Sam. 5:25

¹⁷a Josh. 6:27;

² Chr. 26:8

^bEx. 15:14-16;

Deut. 2:25;

11:25; 2 Chr. 20:29

blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he had.

David Established at Jerusalem

14 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house.

2 So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, for his kingdom was highly exalted for the sake of His people Israel.

3 Then David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David begot more sons and daughters.

4 And these are the names of his children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

⁵ Ibhar, ¹Elishua, ²Elpelet,

⁶ Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

⁷ Elishama, ¹Beeliada, and Eliph-elet.

The Philistines Defeated

8 Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went out against them.

9 Then the Philistines went and made a raid on the Valley of Rephaim.

10 And David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?" The LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will deliver them into your hand."

11 So they went up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. Then David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breakthrough of water." Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.

12 And when they left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 Then the Philistines once again made a raid on the valley.

14 Therefore David inquired again of God, and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees."

15 "And it shall be, when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

16 So David did as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer.

17 Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

15 David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.

2 Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever."

3 And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it.

4 Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites:

5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and one hundred and twenty of his brethren;

6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brethren;

7 of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief, and one hundred and thirty of his brethren;

8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and two hundred of his brethren;

9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and eighty of his brethren;

10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and one hundred and twelve of his brethren.

11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.

12 He said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it.

13 "For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16 Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of their brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

18 and with them their brethren of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni,

CHAPTER 15

¹ = 1 Chr. 16:1

² [Num. 4:15];
2 Sam. 6:1-11
Num. 4:2-15;
Deut. 10:8;
31:9

³ Ex. 40:20,
21; 2 Sam.
6:12; 1 Kin.
8:1; 1 Chr.
13:5

⁵ kinsmen

⁸ Ex. 6:22

⁹ Ex. 6:18

¹¹ = 2 Sam.
8:17; 15:24-29,
35, 36; 18:19,
22, 27; 19:11;
20:25; 1 Chr.
12:28 ¹ 1 Sam.
22:20-23; 23:6;
30:7; 1 Kin.
2:22, 26, 27;
Mark 2:6

¹² consecrate

¹³ = 2 Sam. 6:3

¹ 1 Chr.

13:7-11
regarding the
ordinance

¹⁴ consecrated

¹⁵ Ex. 25:14;
Num. 4:15; 7:9

¹⁷ = 1 Chr. 6:33;
25:1 ¹ 1 Chr.
6:39 ¹ 1 Chr.
6:44

¹⁸ ¹ So with
MT, Vg.; LXX
omits Ben

²⁰ = Ps. 46: title
¹ Jaaziel, v. 18

²¹ = Ps. 6: title

²⁴ [Num.
10:8]; Ps. 81:3
¹ 1 Chr.
13:13, 14

²⁵ = 2 Sam.
6:12, 13;
1 Kin. 8:1

²⁷ = 1 Sam.
2:18, 28

²⁸ = Num.
23:21; Josh.
6:20; 1 Chr.
13:8; Zech.
4:7; 1 Thess.
4:16

²⁹ = 1 Sam.
18:20, 27;
19:11-17;
2 Sam. 3:13,
14; 6:16, 20-23

CHAPTER 16

¹ = 2 Sam. 6:17;
1 Chr. 15:1

² = 1 Kin. 8:14

⁴ = Ps. 38: title;
70: title

Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers;

19 the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound the cymbals of bronze;

20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with strings according to Alamoth;

21 Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to direct with harps on the Sheminith;

22 Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was instructor in charge of the music, because he was skillful;

23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark;

24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nathanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah, doorkeepers for the ark.

25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

26 And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.

27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

29 And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.

The Ark Placed in the Tabernacle

16 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

2 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 Then he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins.

4 And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, *then* ^aJeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals;
6 Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly *blew* the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.

David's Song of Thanksgiving

7 On that day ^aDavid ^bfirst delivered *this psalm* into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the LORD:

8 "Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!

9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!

10 Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

11 Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!

12 Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

13 O seed of Israel His servant,
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

14 He is the LORD our God;
His judgments *are* in all the earth.

15 Remember His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

16 *The covenant which* He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac,

17 And *confirmed* it to ^bJacob for a statute,
To Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,

18 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the allotment of your inheritance,"

19 When you were ^afew in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

20 When they went from one nation to another,
And from *one* kingdom to another people,

21 He permitted no man to do them wrong;
Yes, He ^arebuked kings for their sakes,

22 *Saying*, "^aDo not touch My anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm."

5 ^{a1} Chr. 15:18

7 ^{a2} Sam. 22:1;
23:1 ^bPs.
105:1-15

8 ^{a1} Chr.
17:19, 20; Ps.
105:1-15

14 ^aPs. 48:10;
[Is. 26:9]

16 ^aGen. 17:2;
26:3; 28:13;
35:11

17 ^aGen. 35:11,
12 ^bGen.
28:10-15

19 ^aGen. 34:30;
Deut. 7:7

21 ^aGen. 12:17;
20:3; Ex.
7:15-18

22 ^aGen. 20:7;
Ps. 105:15

23 ^aPs. 96:1-13

26 ^aLev. 19:4;
[1 Cor. 8:5, 6]
¹worthless things

33 ^aIs. 55:12,
13 ^b[Joel
3:1-14]; Zech.
14:1-14;
[Matt.
25:31-46]

34 ^{a2} Chr. 5:13;
7:3; Ezra 3:11;
Ps. 106:1;
107:1; 118:1;
136:1; Jer.
33:11

35 ^aPs. 106:47,
48

36 ^{a1} Kin. 8:15,
56; Ps. 72:18
^bDeut. 27:15;
Neh. 8:6

37 ^{a1} Chr.
16:4, 5

23 ^aSing to the LORD, all the earth;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

24 Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.

25 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
He is also to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods ^aof the peoples *are* idols,
But the LORD made the heavens.

27 Honor and majesty *are* before Him;
Strength and gladness are in His place.

28 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Give to the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name;
Bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

30 Tremble before Him, all the earth.
The world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved.

31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

32 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.

33 Then the ^atrees of the woods shall rejoice before the LORD,
For He is ^bcoming to judge the earth.

34 "Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for *He* is good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.

35 ^aAnd say, "Save us, O God of our salvation;
Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles,
To give thanks to Your holy name,
To triumph in Your praise."

36 ^aBlessed *be* the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!

And all ^bthe people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

Regular Worship Maintained

37 So he left ^aAsaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before

the ark regularly, as every day's work ^brequired;

38 and "Obed-Edom with his sixty-eight brethren, including Obed-Edom the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, *to be* gatekeepers;

39 and Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests, ^abefore the tabernacle of the LORD ^bat the ^chigh place that was at Gibeon,

40 to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly ^amorning and evening, and *to do* according to all that is written in the Law of the LORD which He commanded Israel;

41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to the LORD, ^abecause His mercy *endures* forever; 42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, to sound aloud with trumpets and cymbals and the musical instruments of God. Now the sons of Jeduthun *were* gatekeepers.

43 ^aThen all the people departed, every man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

God's Covenant with David

17 Now ^ait came to pass, when David was dwelling in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under tent curtains."

2 Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you."

3 But it happened that night that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "You shall ^anot build Me a house to dwell in."

5 "For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought up Israel, even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to *another*.

6 "Wherever I have moved about with all Israel, have I ever spoken a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" "

7 "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you ^afrom the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ^bruler over My people Israel."

8 "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have ^amade you a name like the name of the great men who *are* on the earth.

9 "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will ^aplant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor

37 ^{b2} Chr. 8:14; Ezra 3:4

38 ^{a1} Chr. 13:14

39 ^{a1} Chr. 21:29; 2 Chr. 1:3 ^{b1} Kin. 3:4

¹Place for pagan worship

40 ^a[Ex. 29:38–42; Num. 28:3, 4]

41 ^{a1} Chr. 25:1–6; 2 Chr. 5:13; 7:3; Ezra 3:11; Jer. 33:11

43 ^{a2} Sam. 6:18–20

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1 ^{a2} Sam. 7:1; 1 Chr. 14:1

4 ^a[1 Chr. 28:2, 3]

7 ^{a1} Sam. 16:11–13 ¹leader

8 ¹given you prestige

9 ^a[Deut. 30:1–9; Jer. 16:14–16; 23:5–8; 24:6; Ezek. 37:21–27; Amos 9:14]

10 ¹Royal dynasty

11 ^{a1} Kin. 2:10; 1 Chr. 29:28

^{b1} Kin. 5:5; 6:12; 8:19–21; [1 Chr.

22:9–13; 28:20]; Matt. 1:6; Luke 3:31

¹Die and join your ancestors

12 ^{a1} Kin. 6:38; 2 Chr. 6:2; [Ps. 89:20–37]

13 ^{a2} Sam. 7:14, 15; Matt. 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22; 2 Cor. 6:18; Heb. 1:5

^b[1 Sam. 15:23–28]; 1 Chr. 10:14

14 ^aPs. 89:3, 4; Matt. 19:28; 25:31; [Luke 1:31–33]

16 ^{a2} Sam. 7:18

21 ^a[Deut. 4:6–8, 33–38]; Ps. 147:20

25 ¹Lit. have uncovered the ear of

shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,

10 "since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel. Also I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore I tell you that the LORD will build you a ¹house.

11 "And it shall be, when your days are ^afulfilled, when you must ¹go *to be* with your fathers, that I will set up your ^bseed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 ^a"He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

13 ^a"I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, ^bas I took it from *him* who was before you.

14 "And ^aI will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever." "

15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

16 ^aThen King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who *am* I, O LORD God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?

17 "And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 "What more can David say to You for the honor of Your servant? For You know Your servant.

19 "O LORD, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

20 "O LORD, *there is* none like You, nor *is there* any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 ^a"And who *is* like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people—to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?

22 "For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God.

23 "And now, O LORD, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, *let it be* established forever, and do as You have said.

24 "So let it be established, that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.

25 "For You, O my God, ¹have re-

vealed to Your servant that You will build him a house. Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray before You.

26 "And now, LORD, ¹You are God, and have promised this goodness to Your servant.

27 "Now You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You have blessed it, O LORD, and it shall be blessed forever."

David's Further Conquests

18 After this "it came to pass that David ¹attacked the Philistines, subdued them, and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

2 Then he ¹defeated "Moab, and the Moabites became David's "servants, and brought tribute.

3 And "David ¹defeated "Hadadezer king of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his power by the River Euphrates.

4 David took from him one thousand chariots, ¹seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David ²hamstrung all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred chariots.

5 When the "Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought tribute. So the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Also from ¹Tibhath and from ²Chun, cities of ³Hadadezer, David brought a large amount of "bronze, with which ^bSolomon made the bronze ⁴Sea, the pillars, and the articles of bronze.

9 Now when ¹Tou king of Hamath heard that David had ²defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

10 he sent ¹Hadoram his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and ²defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou); and Hadoram brought with him all kinds of "articles of gold, silver, and bronze.

11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had brought from all these nations—from Edom, from Moab, from the "people of Ammon, from the "Philistines, and from "Amalek.

12 Moreover "Abishai the son of

²⁶ ¹Or You alone are

CHAPTER 18

¹ ^{a2} Sam. 8:1-18 ¹ Lit. struck

² ^{a2} Sam. 8:2; Zeph. 2:9 ^b Ps. 60:8 ¹ Lit. struck

³ ^{a2} Sam. 8:3 ¹ Lit. struck ² Heb. Hadarezer

⁴ ¹ seven hundred, 2 Sam. 8:4 ² crippled

⁵ ^{a2} Sam. 8:5, 6; 1 Kin. 11:23-25

⁸ ^{a2} Sam. 8:8 ^{b1} Kin. 7:15, 23; 2 Chr. 4:12, 15, 16

¹ Betah, 2 Sam. 8:8 ² Berothai, 2 Sam. 8:8 ³ Heb.

Hadarezer ⁴ Great laver or basin

⁹ ¹ Toi, 2 Sam. 8:9, 10 ² Lit. struck

¹⁰ ^{a2} Sam. 8:10-12 ¹ Joram, 2 Sam. 8:10

² Lit. struck

¹¹ ^{a2} Sam. 10:14 ^{b2} Sam. 5:17-25 ^{c2} Sam. 1:1

¹² ^{a2} Sam. 23:18; 1 Chr. 2:16 ^{b2} Sam. 8:13 ¹ Syrians, 2 Sam. 8:13

¹³ "Gen. 27:29-40; Num. 24:18; 2 Sam. 8:14

¹⁶ ¹ Ahimelech, 2 Sam. 8:17 ² Seraiah, 2 Sam. 8:17, or Shisha, 1 Kin. 4:3

¹⁷ ^{a2} Sam. 8:18 ¹ Lit. at the hand of the king

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¹ ^{a1} Sam. 11:1; 2 Sam. 10:1-19

³ ¹ Lit. In your eyes is David honoring your father because

⁴ ¹ Is. 20:4 ¹ in half

⁶ ^{a1} Chr. 18:5, 9 ¹ Heb. Aram Naharaim ² Zoba, 2 Sam. 10:6

Zeruiah killed ^beighteen thousand ¹Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

13 "He also put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

David's Administration

14 So David reigned over all Israel, and administered judgment and justice to all his people.

15 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

16 Zadok the son of Ahitub and ¹Abimelech the son of Abiathar were the priests; ²Shavsha was the scribe;

17 "Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were ¹chief ministers at the king's side.

The Ammonites and Syrians Defeated

19 It^a happened after this that Nahash the king of the people of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place.

2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came to Hanun in the land of the people of Ammon to comfort him.

3 And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun, ¹"Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? Did his servants not come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?"

4 Therefore Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, and cut off their garments ¹in the middle, at their "buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then some went and told David about the men; and he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return."

6 When the people of Ammon saw that they had made themselves repulsive to David, Hanun and the people of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen from ¹Mesopotamia, from Syrian Maacah, and from ²Zobah.

7 So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, with the king of Maacah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. Also the people of Ammon gathered together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 Now when David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men.

9 Then the people of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle

array before the gate of the city, and the kings who had come *were* by themselves in the field.

10 When Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best and put *them* in battle array against the Syrians.

11 And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, and they set *themselves* in battle array against the people of Ammon.

12 Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you.

13 "Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do *what is good* in His sight."

14 So Joab and the people who *were* with him drew near for the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him.

15 When the people of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled before Abishai his brother, and entered the city. So Joab went to Jerusalem.

16 Now when the Syrians saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and brought the Syrians who were beyond ¹the River, and ²Shophach the commander of Hadadezer's army *went* before them.

17 When it was told David, he gathered all Israel, crossed over the Jordan and came upon them, and set up in *battle array* against them. So when David had set up in battle array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed ¹seven thousand charioteers and forty thousand ²foot soldiers of the Syrians, and killed Shophach the commander of the army.

19 And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and became his servants. So the Syrians were not willing to help the people of Ammon anymore.

Rabbah Is Conquered

20 ¹It happened ¹in the spring of the year, at the time kings go out to *battle*, that Joab led out the armed forces and ravaged the country of the people of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But ²David stayed at Jerusalem. And ³Joab defeated Rabbah and overthrew it.

2 Then David ⁴took their king's crown from his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it. And it was set on David's head. Also he brought

16 ¹The Euphrates
²Zoba, 2 Sam. 10:6, or Shobach.
2 Sam. 10:16

18 ¹seven hundred, 2 Sam. 10:18
²horsemen, 2 Sam. 10:18

CHAPTER 20

1 ²2 Sam. 11:1
²2 Sam. 11:2-12:25
²2 Sam. 12:26
¹Lit. at the return of the year

2 ²2 Sam. 12:30, 31
¹plunder

3 ¹LXX cut them with

4 ²2 Sam. 21:18
¹1 Chr. 11:29
¹Gob, 2 Sam. 21:18
²Saph, 2 Sam. 21:18
³Or Raphah

5 ²1 Sam. 17:7; 1 Chr. 11:23
¹Jaare-Oregim, 2 Sam. 21:19

6 ²1 Sam. 5:8; 2 Sam. 21:20
¹Or Raphah

7 ¹Shammah, 1 Sam. 16:9 or Shimeah, 2 Sam. 21:21

CHAPTER 21

1 ²2 Sam. 24:1-25; Job 1:6
¹take a census of

2 ²1 Chr. 27:23, 24

6 ²1 Chr. 27:24
¹command

7 ¹Lit. it was evil in the eyes of God

8 ²2 Sam. 24:10
²2 Sam. 12:13

out the ¹spoils of the city in great abundance.

3 And he brought out the people who *were* in it, and ¹put *them* to work with saws, with iron picks, and with axes. So David did to all the cities of the people of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

Philistine Giants Destroyed

4 Now it happened afterward ¹that war broke out at ¹Gezer with the Philistines, at which time ²Sibbechai the Hushathite killed ³Sippai, who was one of the sons of ³the giant. And they were subdued.

5 Again there was war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of ¹Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's ¹beam.

6 Yet again ¹there was war at Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature, with twenty-four fingers and toes, *six on each hand* and *six on each foot*; and he also was born to ¹the giant.

7 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of ¹Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

8 These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

The Census of Israel and Judah

21 Now ¹Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to ¹number Israel.

2 So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, ¹and bring the number of them to me that I may know it."

3 And Joab answered, "May the LORD make His people a hundred times more than they are. But, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?"

4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem.

5 Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. All Israel *had* one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and Judah *had* four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the sword.

6 ¹But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's ¹word was abominable to Joab.

7 And ¹God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel.

8 So David said to God, ¹"I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; ²but now, I pray, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying,

10 "Go and tell David, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "I offer you three things; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do it to you."'"

11 So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Choose for yourself,

12 "either three years of famine, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the sword of your enemies overtaking you, or else for three days the sword of the LORD—the plague in the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now consider what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."

13 And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are very great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

14 So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.

15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the LORD looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

16 Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

17 And David said to God, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

18 Therefore, the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 So David went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD.

20 Now Ornan turned and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat.

21 So David came to Ornan, and Ornan looked and saw David. And he went out from the threshing floor, and bowed before David with his face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, "Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the LORD. You shall grant it

9 ^{a1} Sam. 9:9;
2 Kin. 17:13;
1 Chr. 29:29;
2 Chr. 16:7;
10; Is. 30:9;
10; Amos
7:12, 13

10 ^{a2} Sam.
24:12–14

12 ^{a2} Sam.
24:13 ¹ seven.
2 Sam. 24:13
² Or Angel,
and so
throughout
the chapter

13 ^a Ps. 51:1;
130:4, 7

14 ^{a1} Chr.
27:24

15 ^{a2} Sam.
24:16 ^b Gen.
6:6 ^{c2} Chr. 3:1
¹ Or the Angel
² Or He ³ Or
Your ⁴ Arau-
nah, 2 Sam.
24:16, 18–24

16 ^a Josh. 5:13;
2 Chr. 3:1

17 ^{a2} Sam. 7:8;
Ps. 74:1

18 ^{a1} Chr.
21:11, 12;
2 Chr. 3:1

22 ¹ Lit. Give

25 ^{a2} Sam.
24:24

26 ^a Lev. 9:24;
Judg. 6:21;
1 Kin.
18:36–38;
2 Chr. 3:1; 7:1

29 ^{a1} Kin. 3:4;
2 Chr. 1:3
^{b1} Chr. 16:39

CHAPTER 22

1 ^a Deut. 12:5;
2 Sam. 24:18;
1 Chr. 21:18;
19, 26, 28;
2 Chr. 3:1

2 ^{a1} Kin. 9:20,
21; 2 Chr.
2:17, 18
^{b1} Kin. 5:17,
18

3 ^{a1} Kin. 7:47;
1 Chr. 22:14

4 ^{a1} Kin.
5:6–10

5 ^{a1} Kin. 3:7;
1 Chr. 29:1, 2

6 ¹ com-
manded

7 ^{a2} Sam. 7:1,
2; 1 Kin. 8:17;
1 Chr. 17:1;
28:2

to me at the full price, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people."

23 But Ornan said to David, "Take it to yourself, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. Look, I also give you the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing implements for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering; I give it all."

24 Then King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing."

25 So David gave Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place.

26 And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering.

27 So the LORD commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

28 At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD and the altar of the burnt offering, which Moses had made in the wilderness, were at that time at the high place in Gibeon.

30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

David Prepares to Build the Temple

22 Then David said, "This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

2 So David commanded to gather the aliens who were in the land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut hewn stones to build the house of God.

3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails of the doors of the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance beyond measure,

4 and cedar trees in abundance; for the Sidonians and those from Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

5 Now David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death.

6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind

to build a house ^{to} the name of the LORD my God;

8 "but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.

9 "Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him ^{rest} from all his enemies all around. His name shall be ¹Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

10 "He shall build a house for My name, and ^{he} shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever."

11 "Now, my son, may ^{the} LORD be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the LORD your God, as He has said to you.

12 "Only may the LORD ^{give} you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

13 "Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the LORD ^{charged} Moses concerning Israel. ^{Be} strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed.

14 "Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the LORD one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron ^{beyond} measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them.

15 "Moreover ^{there} are workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work.

16 "Of gold and silver and bronze and iron ^{there} is no limit. Arise and begin working, and ^{the} LORD be with you."

17 David also commanded all the ^{leaders} of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*,

18 "Is not the LORD your God with you? ^{And} has He ^{not} given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people.

19 "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to ^{bring} the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built ^{for} the name of the LORD."

The Divisions of the Levites

23 So when David was old and full of days, he made his son ¹Solomon king over Israel.

2 And he gathered together all the

⁷ ^bDeut. 12:5, 11

⁸ ^{a1} Chr. 28:3

⁹ ^{a1} Chr. 28:5
^{b1} Kin. 4:20, 25; 5:4 ¹Lit. Peaceful

¹⁰ ^{a1} Chr. 17:12, 13; 28:6
^bHeb. 1:5

¹¹ ^{a1} Chr. 22:16

¹² ^{a1} Kin. 3:9-12

¹³ ^{a1} Chr. 28:7
^{b1} Josh. 1:6, 7,

⁹¹ ¹com-manded

¹⁴ ^{a1} Chr. 22:3

¹⁶ ^{a1} Chr. 22:11

¹⁷ ^{a1} Chr. 28:1-6

¹⁸ ^aJosh. 22:4

¹⁹ ^{a2} Chr. 5:2-14 ^{b1} Kin. 5:3

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¹ ^{a1} Kin. 1:33-40

³ ^aNum. 4:1-3

⁴ ^aEzra 3:8, 9
^bDeut. 16:18-20

⁵ ^{a1} Chr. 15:16
^{b2} Chr. 29:25-27

⁶ ^aEx. 6:16
¹groups

⁷ ^{a1} Chr. 26:21
¹Libni, Ex. 6:17

¹⁰ ¹LXX, Vg. Zizah and v. 11

¹² ^aEx. 6:18

¹³ ^aEx. 6:20
^bHeb. 5:4

^{c1} Sam. 2:28
^d[Deut. 21:5]

^eNum. 6:23

¹consecrate

¹⁴ ^{a1} Chr. 26:20-24

¹⁵ ^aEx. 18:3, 4
¹Heb. Ger-shon, 1 Chr. 6:16

¹⁶ ^{a1} Chr. 26:24

¹Shubael, 1 Chr. 24:20

¹⁷ ^{a1} Chr. 26:25

¹⁸ ^{a1} Chr. 24:22

¹⁹ ^{a1} Chr. 24:23

²¹ ^{a1} Chr. 24:26 ^{b1} 1 Chr. 24:29

²² ^{a1} Chr. 24:28 ^bNum. 36:6 ¹kinsmen

²³ ^{a1} Chr. 24:30

leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of ^{thirty} years and above; and the number of individual males was thirty-eight thousand.

4 Of these, twenty-four thousand ^{were} to ^{look} after the work of the house of the LORD, six thousand ^{were} ^{officers} and judges,

5 four thousand ^{were} gatekeepers, and four thousand ^{praised} the LORD with *musical* instruments, ^{which} I made," *said David*, "for giving praise."

6 Also ^{David} separated them into ^{divisions} among the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 Of the ^{Gershonites}: ^{Laadan} and Shimei.

8 The sons of Laadan: the first Jehiel, then Zetham and Joel—three *in all*.

9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, Haziël, and Haran—three *in all*. These were the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Laadan.

10 And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, ^{Zina}, Jeush, and Beriah. These ^{were} the four sons of Shimei.

11 Jahath was the first and Zizah the second. But Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons; therefore they were assigned as one father's house.

12 ^{The} sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel—four *in all*.

13 The sons of ^{Amram}: Aaron and Moses; and ^{Aaron} was set apart, he and his sons forever, that he should ^{sanctify} the most holy things, ^{to} burn incense before the LORD, ^{to} minister to Him, and ^{to} give the blessing in His name forever.

14 Now ^{the} sons of Moses the man of God were reckoned to the tribe of Levi.

15 ^{The} sons of Moses ^{were} ¹Gershon and Eliezer.

16 Of the sons of Gershon, ^{Shebuel} ^{was} the first.

17 Of the descendants of Eliezer, ^{Rehabiah} ^{was} the first. And Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 Of the sons of Izhar, ^{Shelomith} ^{was} the first.

19 ^{Of} the sons of Hebron, Jeriah ^{was} the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah ^{was} the first and Jesshiah the second.

21 ^{The} sons of Merari ^{were} Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli ^{were} Eleazar and ^{Kish}.

22 And Eleazar died, and ^{had} no sons, but only daughters; and their ^{brethren}, the sons of Kish, ^{took} them as wives.

23 ^{The} sons of Mushi ^{were} Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth—three *in all*.

24 These were the sons of ^aLevi by their fathers' houses—the heads of the fathers' houses as they were counted individually by the number of their names, who did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of ^btwenty years and above.

25 For David said, "The LORD God of Israel ^ahas given rest to His people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever";

26 and also to the Levites, "They shall no longer ^acarry the tabernacle, or any of the articles for its service."

27 For by the ^alast words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above;

28 because their duty was to help the sons of Aaron in the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and in the chambers, in the purifying of all holy things and the work of the service of the house of God,

29 both with ^athe showbread and ^bthe fine flour for the grain offering, with ^cthe unleavened cakes and ^dwhat is baked in the pan, with what is mixed and with all kinds of ^emeasures and sizes;

30 to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at evening;

31 and at every presentation of a burnt offering to the LORD ^aon the Sabbaths and on the New Moons and on the ^bset¹ feasts, by number according to the ordinance governing them, regularly before the LORD;

32 and that they should ^aattend to the ^bneeds of the tabernacle of meeting, the needs of the holy place, and the ^cneeds of the sons of Aaron their brethren in the work of the house of the LORD.

The Divisions of the Priests

24 Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. ^aThe sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 And ^aNadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests.

3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and ^aAhimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to the schedule of their service.

4 There were more leaders found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar, and *thus* they were divided. Among the sons of Eleazar were sixteen heads of *their fathers'* houses, and eight heads of *their fathers'* houses among the sons of Ithamar.

5 Thus they were divided by lot, one group as another, for there were officials of the sanctuary and officials of the house of God, from the

24 ^aNum. 10:17, 21;
^bNum. 1:3;
Ezra 3:8

25 ^a1 Chr. 22:18

26 ^aNum. 4:5, 15; 7:9; Deut. 10:8

27 ^a2 Sam. 23:1

29 ^aEx. 25:30
13:10, 11
^bLev. 2:1, 4
^cLev. 2:5, 7
^eLev. 19:35

31 ^aNum. 10:10
^bLev. 23:2–4
¹appointed feasts

32 ^a2 Chr. 13:10, 11
^bNum. 1:53];
1 Chr. 9:27
^cNum. 3:6–9, 38

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1 ^aLev. 10:1–6;
Num. 26:60,
61; 1 Chr. 6:3

2 ^aNum. 3:1–4;
26:61

3 ^a1 Chr. 18:16

10 ^aNeh. 12:4,
17; Luke 1:5

15 ¹LXX, Vg.
Aphses

16 ¹MT
Jehezkel

19 ^a1 Chr. 9:25

20 ¹*Shebuel*,
1 Chr. 23:16

21 ^a1 Chr. 23:17

22 ¹*Shelomith*,
1 Chr. 23:18

23 ^a1 Chr. 23:19; 26:31
¹Supplied from 23:19 (following some Heb. mss. and LXX mss.) ²See previous note

26 ^aEx. 6:19;
1 Chr. 23:21

28 ^a1 Chr. 23:22

30 ^a1 Chr. 23:23

sons of Eleazar and from the sons of Ithamar.

6 And the scribe, Shemaiah the son of Nethanel, *one of the Levites*, wrote them down before the king, the leaders, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites, one father's house taken for Eleazar and *one for Ithamar*.

7 Now the first lot fell to Jehoia-rib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to ^aAbijah,

11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to ¹Happizzez,

16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to ¹Jehezkel,

17 the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,

18 the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

19 This was the schedule of their service ^afor coming into the house of the LORD according to their ordinance by the hand of Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

Other Levites

20 And the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, ¹Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

21 Concerning ^aRehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah.

22 Of the Izharites, ¹Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

23 Of the sons ¹of ^aHebron, Jeriah was the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

24 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah; of the sons of Michah, Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 ^aThe sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi; the son of Jaaziah, Beno.

27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah were Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli: Eleazar, ^awho had no sons.

29 Of Kish: the son of Kish, Jerahmeel.

30 Also ^athe sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

31 These also cast lots just as their

brothers the sons of Aaron did, in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites. The chief fathers *did* just as their younger brethren.

The Musicians

25 Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who *should* prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was:

2 Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nathaniah, and Ashareliah; the sons of Asaph were ²under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ³six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.

5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to exalt his horn. For God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these were under the direction of their father for the music in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were ⁶under the authority of the king.

7 So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of the LORD, all who were skillful, was two hundred and eighty-eight.

8 And they cast lots for their duty, the small as well as the great, the teacher with the student.

9 Now the first lot for Asaph came out for Joseph; the second for Gedaliah, him with his brethren and sons, twelve;

10 the third for Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

11 the fourth for Zeri, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

12 the fifth for Nathaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

13 the sixth for Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

14 the seventh for Jesharelah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

15 the eighth for Jeshaiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

16 the ninth for Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

CHAPTER 25

1 ^a1 Chr. 6:30, 33, 39, 44;
2 Chr. 5:12

2 ¹Jesharelah, v. 14 ²Lit. at the hands of

3 ^a1 Chr. 16:41, 42
¹Jizri, v. 11
²So with one Heb. ms., LXX mss.
³Shimei is the sixth, v. 17

4 ¹Azarel, v. 18 ²Shubael, v. 20 ³Jeremoth, v. 22

5 ^a1 Chr. 16:42
¹Increase his power or influence

6 ^a1 Chr. 15:16
^b1 Chr. 15:19; 25:2

7 ^a1 Chr. 23:5

8 ^a2 Chr. 23:13

11 ¹Zeri, v. 3

14 ¹Asharelah, v. 2

18 ¹Uzziel, v. 4

20 ¹Shebuel, v. 4

22 ¹Jerimoth, v. 4

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1 ^aPs. 42:title
¹Shelemiah, v. 14
²Ebiasaph, 1 Chr. 6:37; 9:19

2 ^a1 Chr. 9:21

4 ^a1 Chr. 15:18, 21

8 ^a1 Chr. 9:13

10 ^a1 Chr. 16:38

17 the tenth for Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

18 the eleventh for Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

19 the twelfth for Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

20 the thirteenth for Shubael, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

21 the fourteenth for Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

22 the fifteenth for Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

23 the sixteenth for Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

24 the seventeenth for Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25 the eighteenth for Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

26 the nineteenth for Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

27 the twentieth for Eliathah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

28 the twenty-first for Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

29 the twenty-second for Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

30 the twenty-third for Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

31 the twenty-fourth for Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

The Gatekeepers

26 Concerning the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

2 And the sons of Meshelemiah were Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

4 Moreover the sons of Obed-Edom were Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed him.

6 Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born who governed their fathers' houses, because they were men of great ability.

7 The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers Elihu and Semachiah were able men.

8 All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom, they and their sons and their brethren, able men with strength for the work: sixty-two of Obed-Edom.

9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, eighteen able men.

10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the first (for though he was not the firstborn, his father made him the first),

11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the

sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen.

12 Among these were the divisions of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, *having* duties just like their brethren, to serve in the house of the LORD.

13 And they *cast* lots for each gate, the small as well as the great, according to their father's house.

14 The lot for the East Gate fell to ¹Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and his lot came out for the North Gate;

15 to Obed-Edom the South Gate, and to his sons the ¹storehouse.

16 To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came out for the West Gate, with the Shallecheth Gate on the ^aascending highway—watchman opposite watchman.

17 On the east were six Levites, on the north four each day, on the south four each day, and for the ¹storehouse two by two.

18 As for the ¹Parbar on the west, there were four on the highway and two at the Parbar.

19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Korah and among the sons of Merari.

The Treasuries and Other Duties

20 Of the Levites, Ahijah was *over* the treasuries of the house of God and over the treasuries of the ^bdedicated¹ things.

21 The sons of ¹Laadan, the descendants of the Gershonites of Laadan, heads of their fathers' *houses*, of Laadan the Gershonite: ²Jehieli.

22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, were over the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the ^aAmramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

24 ^aShebuel the son of Gershon, the son of Moses, was overseer of the treasuries.

25 And his brethren by Eliezer were Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and ^aShelomith his son.

26 This Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the dedicated things *which* King David and the heads of fathers' *houses*, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated.

27 Some of the ¹spoils won in battles they dedicated to maintain the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel *the* seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, every dedicated *thing*, was under the hand of Shelomith and his brethren.

29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *performed* duties as ^boffi-

13 ^{a1} Chr. 24:5, 31; 25:8

14 ¹Meshelemiah, v. 1

15 ¹Heb. *asup-pim*

16 ^{a1} Kin. 10:5; 2 Chr. 9:4

17 ¹Heb. *asup-pim*

18 ¹Probably a court or colonnade extending west of the temple

20 ^{a1} Chr. 9:26
^{b2} Sam. 8:11;
1 Chr. 26:22;
24, 26; 28:12;
Ezra 2:69
¹holy things

21 ¹Libni,
1 Chr. 6:17
²Jehiel, 1 Chr.
23:8; 29:8

23 ^aEx. 6:18;
Num. 3:19

24 ^{a1} Chr.
23:16

25 ^{a1} Chr.
23:18

26 ^{a2} Sam.
8:11

27 ¹plunder

28 ^{a1} Sam. 9:9

29 ^aNeh. 11:16
^{b1} Chr. 23:4

30 ^{a1} Chr.
27:17

31 ^{a1} Chr.
23:19 ^bJosh.
21:39

32 ^{a2} Chr.
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2 ^{a1} Chr. 11:11

4 ¹Heb. *Dodai*, usually spelled *Dodo*, 2 Sam. 23:9

5 ^{a1} Chr. 18:17

6 ^{a2} Sam.
23:20-23

7 ^{a2} Sam.
23:24; 1 Chr.
11:26

8 ¹Shammah, 2 Sam. 23:11, or *Sham-moth*, 1 Chr. 11:27

9 ^{a1} Chr. 11:28

10 ^{a1} Chr.
11:27

cials and judges over Israel outside Jerusalem.

30 Of the Hebronites, ^aHashabiah and his brethren, one thousand seven hundred able men, had the oversight of Israel on the west side of the Jordan for all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. 31 Among the Hebronites, ^aJerijah was head of the Hebronites according to his genealogy of the fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought, and there were found among them capable men ^bat Jazer of Gilead.

32 And his brethren were two thousand seven hundred able men, heads of fathers' *houses*, whom King David made officials over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God and the *affairs* of the king.

The Military Divisions

27 And the children of Israel, according to their number, the heads of fathers' *houses*, the captains of thousands and hundreds and their officers, served the king in every matter of the *military* divisions. *These* divisions came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division *having* twenty-four thousand.

2 Over the first division for the first month was ^aJashobeam the son of Zabdiel, and in his division were twenty-four thousand;

3 *he* was of the children of Perez, and the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month.

4 Over the division of the second month was ¹Dodai an Ahohite, and of his division Mikloth also was the leader; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

5 The third captain of the army for the third month was ^aBenaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, who was chief; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

6 This was the Benaiah *who* was *mighty among* the thirty, and was over the thirty; in his division was Ammizabad his son.

7 The fourth *captain* for the fourth month was ^aAsahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

8 The fifth *captain* for the fifth month was ¹Shamhuth the Izrahite; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

9 The sixth *captain* for the sixth month was ^aIra the son of Ikkeish the Tekoite; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

10 The seventh *captain* for the seventh month was ^aHelez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

11 The eighth *captain* for the eighth month was ^aSibbechai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

12 The ninth *captain* for the ninth month was ^aAbiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

13 The tenth *captain* for the tenth month was ^aMaharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

14 The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month was ¹Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month was ¹Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; in his division *were* twenty-four thousand.

Leaders of Tribes

16 Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel: the officer over the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri; over the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah;

17 over the Levites, ^aHashabiah the son of Kemuel; over the Aaronites, Zadok;

18 over Judah, ^aElihu, one of David's brothers; over Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;

19 over Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; over Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel;

20 over the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; over the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;

21 over the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; over Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;

22 over Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David did not take the number of those twenty years old and under, because ^athe LORD had said He would multiply Israel like the ^bstars of the heavens.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began a census, but he did not finish, for ^awrath came upon Israel because of this census; nor was the number recorded in the account of the chronicles of King David.

Other State Officials

25 And Azmaveth the son of Adiel was over the king's treasuries; and Jehonathan the son of Uzziab was over the storehouses in the field, in the cities, in the villages, and in the fortresses.

26 Ezri the son of Chelub was over those who did the work of the field for tilling the ground.

27 And Shimei the Ramathite was

11 ^a2 Sam. 21:18; 1 Chr. 11:29; 20:4

12 ^a1 Chr. 11:28

13 ^a2 Sam. 23:28; 1 Chr. 11:30

14 ^a1 Chr. 11:31

15 ¹Heleb, 2 Sam. 23:29, or Heled, 1 Chr. 11:30

17 ^a1 Chr. 26:30

18 ^a1 Sam. 16:6

23 ^a[Deut. 6:3] ^bGen. 15:5; 22:17; 26:4; Ex. 32:13; Deut. 1:10

24 ^a2 Sam. 24:12-15; 1 Chr. 21:1-7

31 ^a1 Chr. 5:10

32 ¹secretary ²Or Hachmonite

33 ^a2 Sam. 15:12 ^b2 Sam. 15:32-37

34 ^a1 Kin. 1:7 ^b1 Chr. 11:6

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1 ^a1 Chr. 27:16 ^b1 Chr. 27:1, 2 ^c1 Chr. 27:25 ^d2 Sam. 23:8-39; 1 Chr. 11:10-47 ¹Or livestock

2 ^a2 Sam. 7:2 ^bPs. 99:5; 132:7; [Is. 66:1]

3 ^a2 Sam. 7:5; 13:1 ^b1 Kin. 5:3 ^c[1 Chr. 17:4; 22:8]

4 ^a1 Sam. 16:6-13 ^bGen. 49:8-10; 1 Chr. 5:2; Ps. 60:7 ^c1 Sam. 16:1 ^d1 Sam. 13:14; 16:12; 13; Acts 13:22

5 ^a1 Chr. 3:1-9; 14:3-7; 23:1 ^b1 Chr. 22:9; 29:1

6 ^a2 Sam. 7:13; 14:1 ^b1 Kin. 6:38; 1 Chr. 22:9, 10; 2 Chr. 1:9; 6:2

over the vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the produce of the vineyards for the supply of wine.

28 Baal-Hanan the Gederite was over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that *were* in the lowlands, and Joash was over the store of oil.

29 And Shitrai the Sharonite was over the herds that fed in Sharon, and Shaphat the son of Adlai was over the herds *that were* in the valleys.

30 Obil the Ishmaelite was over the camels, Jehdeiah the Meronothite was over the donkeys.

31 and Jaziz the ^aHagrite was over the flocks. All these were the officials over King David's property.

32 Also Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a wise man, and a ¹scribe; and Jehiel the ²son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons.

33 ^aAhithophel was the king's counselor, and ^bHushai the Archite was the king's companion.

34 After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, then ^aAbiathar. And the general of the king's army was ^bJoab.

Solomon Instructed to Build the Temple

28 Now David assembled at Jerusalem all ^athe leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and ^bthe captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and ^cthe stewards over all the substance and ^dpossessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all ^ethe mighty men of valor.

2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: ^aI *had* it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for ^bthe footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it.

3 "But God said to me, ^a"You shall not build a house for My name, because you *have been* a man of war and have shed ^bblood."

4 "However the LORD God of Israel ^achose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen ^bJudah to be the ruler. And of the house of Judah, ^cthe house of my father, and ^damong the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make *me* king over all Israel.

5 ^a"And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) ^bHe has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6 "Now He said to me, 'It is ^ayour son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to *be* My son, and I will be his Father.

7 "Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day."

8 "Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever.

9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

10 "Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

11 Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat;

12 and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things;

13 also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the articles of service in the house of the LORD.

14 He gave gold by weight for things of gold, for all articles used in every kind of service; also silver for all articles of silver by weight, for all articles used in every kind of service;

15 the weight for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, by weight for each lampstand and its lamps; for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand.

16 And by weight he gave gold for the tables of the showbread, for each table, and silver for the tables of silver;

17 also pure gold for the forks, the basins, the pitchers of pure gold, and the golden bowls—he gave gold by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls, silver by weight for every bowl;

18 and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense, and for the construction of the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim that spread their wings and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."

7^{a1} Chr. 22:13

9^{a1} [1 Sam. 12:24]; Jer. 9:24; Hos. 4:1; [John 17:3]
^{b2} Kin. 20:3
^{c1} [1 Sam. 16:7; 1 Kin. 8:39; 1 Chr. 29:17]; Jer. 11:20; 17:10; 20:12; Rev. 2:23
^{d2} Chr. 15:2; [Jer. 29:13]
^eDeut. 31:17

10^{a1} Chr. 22:13; 28:6

11^{a1} Kin. 6:3; 1 Chr. 28:19

12^aEx. 25:40; Heb. 8:5
^{b1} Chr. 26:20, 28

13^{a1} Chr. 23:6

15^aEx. 25:31–39; 1 Kin. 7:49

16^{a1} Kin. 7:48

18^aEx. 30:1–10
^bEx. 25:18–22; 1 Sam. 4:4; 1 Kin. 6:23

19^aEx. 25:40; 1 Chr. 28:11, 12
^ddetails

20^aDeut. 31:6, 7; [Josh. 1:6–9]; 1 Chr. 22:13
^bJosh. 1:5; Heb. 13:5

21^{a1} Chr. 24–26
^bEx. 35:25–35; 36:1, 2; 2 Chr. 2:13, 14

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1^{a1} Chr. 28:5
^{b1} Kin. 3:7; 1 Chr. 22:5; Prov. 4:3
¹Lit. palace

2^aIs. 54:11, 12; Rev. 21:18

4^{a1} Kin. 9:28

5^{a2} Chr. 29:31; [2 Cor. 8:5, 12]
¹Lit. fill his hand

6^{a1} Chr. 27:1; 28:1
^{b1} Chr. 27:25–31
^cEx. 35:21–35

8^{a1} Chr. 23:8
¹Possibly the same as Jehiel, 1 Chr. 26:21, 22

9^aEx. 25:2; 1 Kin. 8:61; 2 Cor. 9:7

20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

21 "Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and every willing craftsman will be with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service; also the leaders and all the people will be completely at your command."

Offerings for Building the Temple

29 Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for the LORD God.

2 "Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance.

3 "Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver:

4 "three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses;

5 "the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?"

6 Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly.

7 They gave for the work of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.

David's Praise to God

10 Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said:

"Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

11 "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness,

The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*;

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD,
And You are exalted as head over all.

12 "Both riches and honor *come* from You,

And You reign over all.
In Your hand *is* power and might;

In Your hand *it is* to make great
And to give strength to all.

13 "Now therefore, our God,
We thank You

And praise Your glorious name.

14 But who *am I*, and who *are* my people,

That we should be able to offer
so willingly as this?

For all things *come* from You,
And ¹of Your own we have given You.

15 For ²*we are* ¹aliens and ²pilgrims before You,

As *were* all our fathers;

³Our days on earth *are* as a shadow,
And without hope.

16 "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and *is* all Your own.

17 "I know also, my God, that You ^atest the heart and ^bhave pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these *things*; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

18 "O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

19 "And ^agive my son Solomon a

11 ^aMatt. 6:13;
¹Tim. 1:17;
Rev. 5:13

12 ^aRom. 11:36

14 ¹Lit. *of Your hand*

15 ^aLev. 25:23;
Ps. 39:12;
Heb. 11:13;
14; 1 Pet. 2:11
^bJob 14:2; Ps. 90:9 ¹*sojourners*, temporary residents
²*transients*, temporary residents in an even more temporary sense

17 ^a[1 Sam. 16:7; 1 Chr. 28:9] ^bProv. 11:20

19 ^a[1 Chr. 28:9]; Ps. 72:1
¹1 Chr. 29:1, 2
¹Lit. *palace*

21 ^a1 Kin. 8:62, 63

22 ^a1 Kin. 1:32-35, 39;
1 Chr. 23:1

24 ^aEcc. 8:2
¹Lit. *gave the hand*

25 ^a1 Kin. 3:13;
2 Chr. 1:12;
Ecc. 2:9

27 ^a2 Sam. 5:4;
1 Kin. 2:11
^b2 Sam. 5:5

28 ^aGen. 25:8
¹1 Chr. 23:1

29 ¹Lit. *words*

30 ^aDan. 2:21;
4:23, 25

loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all *these things*, and to build the ¹temple for which ¹I have made provision."

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." So all the assembly blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king.

Solomon Anointed King

21 And they made sacrifices to the LORD and offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the next day: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and ^asacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 So they ate and drank before the LORD with great gladness on that day. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and ^aanointed *him* before the LORD *to be* the leader, and Zadok *to be* priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

24 All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, ^asubmitted¹ themselves to King Solomon.

25 So the LORD exalted Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and ^abestowed on him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

The Close of David's Reign

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 ^aAnd the period that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; ^bseven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three *years* he reigned in Jerusalem.

28 So he ^adied in a good old age, ^bfull of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

29 Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they *are* written in the ¹book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

30 with all his reign and his might, ^aand the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

The Second Book of the CHRONICLES

THE Book of Second Chronicles parallels First and Second Kings but virtually ignores the northern kingdom of Israel because of its false worship and refusal to acknowledge the temple in Jerusalem. Chronicles focuses on those kings who pattern their lives and reigns after the life and reign of godly King David. It gives extended treatment to such zealous reformers as Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, and Josiah.

The temple and temple worship, central throughout the book, befit a nation whose worship of God is central to its very survival. The book begins with Solomon's glorious temple and concludes with Cyrus's edict to rebuild the temple more than four hundred years later.

Solomon Requests Wisdom

NOW Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and ^bthe LORD his God was with him and ^cexalted him exceedingly.

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to ^athe captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses.

3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to ¹the high place that was at ^aGibeon; for the tabernacle of meeting with God was there, which Moses the servant of the LORD had ^bmade in the wilderness.

4 ^aBut David had brought up the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim to ^athe place David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Now ^athe bronze altar that ^bBezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, ¹he put before the tabernacle of the LORD; Solomon and the assembly sought Him ^athere.

6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of meeting, and ^aoffered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 ^aOn that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

8 And Solomon said to God: "You have shown great ^amercy to David my father, and have made me ^bking in his place.

9 "Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to David my father be established, ^afor You have made me king over a people like the ^adust of the earth in multitude.

10 ^a"Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may ^bgo out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?"

11 ^aThen God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or

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1 ^a1 Kin. 2:46
^bGen. 39:2
^c1 Chr. 29:25

2 ^a1 Chr.
27:1-34

3 ^a1 Kin. 3:4
^bEx. 25-27;
35:4-36:38
¹Place for
worship

4 ^a2 Sam.
6:2-17

5 ^aEx. 27:1, 2;
38:1, 2 ^bEx.
31:2 ¹Some
authorities *it*
was there

6 ^a1 Kin. 3:4

7 ^a1 Kin.
3:5-14; 9:2

8 ^aPs. 18:50
^b1 Chr. 28:5

9 ^a2 Sam.
7:8-16 ^bGen.
13:16

10 ^a1 Kin. 3:9
^bDeut. 31:2

11 ^a1 Kin.
3:11-13

12 ^a2 Chr. 9:22

13 ¹Place for
worship

14 ^a1 Kin.
10:26

15 ^a2 Chr. 9:27

16 ^a1 Kin.
10:28; 22:36

17 ¹Lit. *by*
their hands

CHAPTER 2

1 ^a1 Kin. 5:5

2 ^a2 Chr. 2:18

honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—
12 "wisdom and knowledge *are* granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as ^anone of the kings have had who *were* before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

Solomon's Military and Economic Power

13 So Solomon came to Jerusalem from ¹the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of meeting, and reigned over Israel.

14 ^aAnd Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

15 ^aAlso the king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as abundant as the sycamores which *are* in the lowland.

16 ^aAnd Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the *current* price.

17 They also acquired and imported from Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for one hundred and fifty; thus, ¹through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple

2 Then Solomon ^adetermined to build a temple for the name of the LORD, and a royal house for himself.

2 ^aSolomon selected seventy thousand men to bear burdens, eighty thousand to quarry *stone* in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred to oversee them.

3 Then Solomon sent to ¹Hiram king of Tyre, saying:

- ^aAs you have dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build himself a house to dwell in, *so deal with me.*
- 4 Behold, ^aI am building a temple for the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to Him, ^bto burn before Him ¹sweet incense, for ^cthe continual showbread, for ^dthe burnt offerings morning and evening, on the ^eSabbaths, on the New Moons, and on the ²set feasts of the LORD our God. This is *an ordinance* forever to Israel.
- 5 And the temple which I build *will be great*, for ^aour God is greater than all gods.
- 6 ^aBut who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who *am* I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him?
- 7 Therefore send me at once a man skillful to work in gold and silver, in bronze and iron, in purple and crimson and blue, who has skill to engrave with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and Jerusalem, ^awhom David my father provided.
- 8 ^aAlso send me cedar and cypress and algum logs from Lebanon, for I know that your servants have skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and indeed my servants *will be* with your servants,
- 9 to prepare timber for me in abundance, for the ¹temple which I am about to build *shall be great and wonderful.*
- 10 ^aAnd indeed I will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut timber, twenty thousand kors of ground wheat, twenty thousand kors of barley, twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 Then Hiram king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon:

^aBecause the LORD loves His people, He has made you king over them.

12 ¹Hiram also said:

^aBlessed be the LORD God of Israel, ^bwho made heaven and earth, for He has given King David a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, who will build a

3 ^{a1} Chr. 14:1
¹Heb. *Huram*;
cf. 1 Kin. 5:1

4 ^{a2} Chr. 2:1
^bEx. 30:7 ^cEx. 25:30; Lev. 24:8 ^dEx. 29:38–42

^eNum. 28:3, 9–11 ¹Lit. *incense of spices*
²appointed

5 ^aPs. 135:5;
[1 Cor. 8:5, 6]

6 ^{a1} Kin. 8:27;
2 Chr. 6:18; Is. 66:1

7 ^{a1} Chr. 22:15

8 ^{a1} Kin. 5:6

9 ¹Lit. *house*

10 ^{a1} Kin. 5:11

11 ^{a1} Kin. 10:9;
2 Chr. 9:8

12 ^{a1} Kin. 5:7
^bGen. 1: 2;
Acts 4:24;
14:15; Rev. 10:6 ¹Heb. *Huram*; cf. 1 Kin. 5:1

13 ¹Hiram,
1 Kin. 7:13
²Lit. *father*,
1 Kin. 7:13, 14

14 ^{a1} Kin. 7:13,
14

15 ^{a2} Chr. 2:10

16 ^{a1} Kin. 5:8,
9 ¹Heb. *Japho*

17 ^{a1} Kin. 5:13;
2 Chr. 8:7, 8
^{b1} Chr. 22:2

18 ^{a2} Chr. 2:2

CHAPTER 3

1 ^{a1} Kin. 6:1
^bGen. 22:2–14
^{c1} Chr. 21:18;
22:1 ¹Lit. *He*,
following MT,
Vg.; LXX *the*
LORD; Tg. *the*
Angel of the
LORD ²Arau-
nah, 2 Sam.
24:16

3 ^{a1} Kin. 6:2;
1 Chr.
28:11–19

4 ^{a1} Kin. 6:3;
1 Chr. 28:11
¹The holy
place, the
main room of
the temple,
1 Kin. 6:3 ²So
with MT,
LXX, Vg.;
Arab., some
LXX mss.,
Syr. *twenty*

5 ^{a1} Kin. 6:17
^{b1} Kin. 6:15;
Jer. 22:14 ¹Lit.
house

temple for the LORD and a royal house for himself!

13 And now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, ¹Huram my ²master *craftsman*

14 ^a(the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre), skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan which may be given to him, with your skillful men and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.

15 Now therefore, the wheat, the barley, the oil, and the wine which ^amy lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants.

16 ^aAnd we will cut wood from Lebanon, as much as you need; we will bring it to you in rafts by sea to ¹Joppa, and you will carry it up to Jerusalem.

17 ^aThen Solomon numbered all the aliens who *were* in the land of Israel, after the census in which ^bDavid his father had numbered them; and there were found to be one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred.

18 And he made ^aseventy thousand of them bearers of burdens, eighty thousand stonemasons in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred overseers to make the people work.

Solomon Builds the Temple

3 Now ^aSolomon began to build the house of the LORD at ^bJerusalem on Mount Moriah, where ¹the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of ^cOrnan² the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

3 This is the foundation ^awhich Solomon laid for building the house of God: The length was sixty cubits (by cubits according to the former measure) and the width twenty cubits.

4 And the ^avestibule that was in front of ¹the *sanctuary* was twenty cubits long across the width of the house, and the height was ²one hundred and twenty. He overlaid the inside with pure gold.

5 ^aThe larger ¹room he ^bpaneled with cypress which he overlaid with fine gold, and he carved palm trees and chainwork on it.

6 And he decorated the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold was gold from Parvaim.

7 He also overlaid the house—the

beams and doorposts, its walls and doors—with gold; and he carved cherubim on the walls.

8 And he made the ^aMost Holy Place. Its length was according to the width of the house, twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits. He overlaid it with six hundred talents of fine gold.

9 The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold; and he overlaid the upper ^aarea with gold.

10 ^aIn the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim, fashioned by carving, and overlaid them with gold.

11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits in overall length: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub;

12 one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing also was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubim spanned twenty cubits overall. They stood on their feet, and they faced inward.

14 And he made the ^aveil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and wove cherubim into it.

15 Also he made in front of the ¹temple ^atwo pillars ²thirty-five cubits ³high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

16 He made wreaths of chainwork, as in the inner sanctuary, and put them on top of the pillars; and he made ^aone hundred pomegranates, and put them on the wreaths of chainwork.

17 Then he ^aset up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left; he called the name of the one on the right hand ¹Jachin, and the name of the one on the left ²Boaz.

Furnishings of the Temple

4 Moreover he made ^aa bronze altar: twenty cubits was its length, twenty cubits its width, and ten cubits its height.

2 ^aThen he made the ¹Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference.

3 ^aAnd under it was the likeness of oxen encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The oxen were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

4 It stood on twelve ^aoxen: three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; the Sea was set

⁸ ^aEx. 26:33; ¹ Kin. 6:16

⁹ ^a1 Chr. 28:11

¹⁰ ^aEx. 25:18–20; ¹ Kin. 6:23–28

¹⁴ ^aEx. 26:31; Matt. 27:51; Heb. 9:3

¹⁵ ^a1 Kin. 7:15–20; Jer. 52:21 ¹Lit. *house* ²*eighteen*, ¹ Kin. 7:15; ² Kin. 25:17; Jer. 52:21 ³Lit. *long*

¹⁶ ^a1 Kin. 7:20

¹⁷ ^a1 Kin. 7:21 ¹Lit. *He Shall Establish* ²Lit. *In It Is Strength*

CHAPTER 4

¹ ^aEx. 27:1, 2; ² Kin. 16:14; Ezek. 43:13, 16

² ^aEx. 30:17–21; ¹ Kin. 7:23–26 ¹Great laver or basin

³ ^a1 Kin. 7:24–26

⁴ ^a1 Kin. 7:25

⁵ ¹About 8,000 gallons; *two thousand*, ¹ Kin. 7:26

⁶ ^a1 Kin. 7:38, 40 ^bEx. 30:19–21 ¹Great basin

⁷ ^a1 Kin. 7:49 ^bEx. 25:31; ¹ Chr. 28:12, 19

⁸ ^a1 Kin. 7:48 ^b1 Chr. 28:17

⁹ ^a1 Kin. 6:36 ^b2 Kin. 21:5

¹⁰ ^a1 Kin. 7:39

¹¹ ^a1 Kin. 7:40–51

¹² ^a1 Kin. 7:41

¹³ ^a1 Kin. 7:20

¹⁴ ^a1 Kin. 7:27, 43

¹⁶ ^a1 Kin. 7:45; ² Chr. 2:13 ¹Lit. *father*

¹⁷ ¹*Zaretan*, ¹ Kin. 7:46

¹⁸ ^a1 Kin. 7:47

¹⁹ ^a1 Kin. 7:48–50 ^bEx. 25:30

²⁰ ^aEx. 27:20, 21

²¹ ^aEx. 25:31

²² ¹Lit. *house*

upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward.

5 It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It contained ¹three thousand baths.

6 He also made ^aten lavers, and put five on the right side and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as they offered for the burnt offering they would wash in them, but the ¹Sea was for the ²priests to wash in.

7 ^aAnd he made ten lampstands of gold ^aaccording to their design, and set them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left.

8 ^aHe also made ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made one hundred ^bbowls of gold.

9 Furthermore ^ahe made the court of the priests, and the ^bgreat court and doors for the court; and he overlaid these doors with bronze.

10 ^aHe set the Sea on the right side, toward the southeast.

11 Then ^aHuram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls. So Huram finished doing the work that he was to do for King Solomon for the house of God:

12 the two pillars and ^athe bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two pillars; the two networks covering the two bowl-shaped capitals which were on top of the pillars; 13 ^afour hundred pomegranates for the two networks (two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on the pillars);

14 he also made ^acarts and the lavers on the carts;

15 one Sea and twelve oxen under it;

16 also the pots, the shovels, the forks—and all their articles ^aHuram his ¹master craftsman made of burnished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the LORD.

17 In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between Succoth and ¹Zeredah.

18 ^aAnd Solomon had all these articles made in such great abundance that the weight of the bronze was not determined.

19 Thus ^aSolomon had all the furnishings made for the house of God: the altar of gold and the tables on which was ^bthe showbread;

20 the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold, to burn ^ain the prescribed manner in front of the inner sanctuary,

21 with ^athe flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold, of purest gold;

22 the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure gold. As for the entry of the ¹sanctuary, its inner doors to the Most Holy

Place, and the doors of the main hall of the temple, were gold.

5 So ^aall the work that Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things which his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and all the furnishings. And he put *them* in the treasures of the house of God.

The Ark Brought into the Temple

2 ^aNow Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, in Jerusalem, that they might bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD up ^bfrom the City of David, which is Zion.

3 ^aTherefore all the men of Israel assembled with the king ^{bat} the feast, which was in the seventh month.

4 So all the elders of Israel came, and the ^aLevites took up the ark.

5 Then they brought up the ark, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that *were* in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up.

6 Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him before the ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude.

7 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the ^ainner sanctuary of the ^atemple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim.

8 For the cherubim spread *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

9 The poles extended so that the ends of the ^apoles of the ark could be seen from *the holy place*, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And ^athey are there to this day.

10 Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets which Moses ^aput *there* at Horeb, ^awhen the LORD made a *covenant* with the children of Israel, when they had come out of Egypt.

11 And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had ^asanctified themselves, without keeping to their ^adivisions), **12** ^aand the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, ^aand with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—

13 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one,

CHAPTER 5

¹a1 Kin. 7:51

²a1 Kin. 8:1-9; Ps. 47:9
^b2 Sam. 6:12

³a1 Kin. 8:2
^bLev. 23:34;
2 Chr. 7:8-10

⁴a1 Chr. 15:2, 15

⁷a2 Chr. 4:20
¹Lit. *house*

⁹aEx. 25:13-15
¹Lit. *it is*

¹⁰aEx. 25:16; Deut. 10:2, 5;
2 Chr. 6:11;
Heb. 9:4 ¹Or *where*

¹¹a1 Chr. 24:1-5
¹consecrated

¹²aEx. 32:26;
1 Chr. 25:1-7
^b1 Chr. 13:8;
15:16, 24

¹³a1 Chr. 16:34, 41;
2 Chr. 7:3;
Ezra 3:11; Ps. 100:5; 106:1;
136; Jer. 33:11

¹⁴aEx. 40:35;
1 Kin. 8:11;
2 Chr. 7:2;
Ezek. 43:5
¹Lit. *stand to minister*

CHAPTER 6

¹aEx. 19:9; 20:21; 1 Kin. 8:12-21
^b[Lev. 16:2]; Ps. 97:2

²a2 Sam. 7:13;
1 Chr. 17:12;
2 Chr. 7:12

³a2 Sam. 6:18

⁴a1 Chr. 17:5

⁶aDeut. 12:5-7; 2 Chr. 12:13; Zech. 2:12
^b1 Sam. 16:7-13;
1 Chr. 28:4

⁷a2 Sam. 7:2;
1 Chr. 17:1;
28:2; Ps. 132:1-5
¹Lit. *house*, and so in vv. 8-10

⁹a1 Chr. 28:3-6

¹⁰a1 Kin. 2:12; 10:9

¹¹a2 Chr. 5:7-10

¹²a1 Kin. 8:22;
2 Chr. 7:7-9
¹Lit. *he*

to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying*:

*"For He is good,
For His mercy endures
forever."*

that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴ so that the priests could not ¹continue ministering because of the cloud; ^afor the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

6 Then ^aSolomon spoke:

*"The LORD said He would dwell
in the ^bdark cloud.*

2 I have surely built You an exalted house,
And ^aa place for You to dwell in forever."

Solomon's Speech upon Completion of the Work

3 Then the king turned around and ^ablessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

4 And he said: *"Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His hands *what* He spoke with His mouth to my father David, ^asaying,*

⁵ *'Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel *in which* to build a house, that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel.*

6 *"Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there, and I ^ahave chosen David to be over My people Israel.'*

7 *"Now ^ait was in the heart of my father David to build a ^atemple for the name of the LORD God of Israel.*

8 *"But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart.*

9 *'Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My ^aname.'*

10 *"So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke, and I have filled the position of my father David, and ^asit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel.*

11 *"And there I have put the ark, ^ain which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with the children of Israel."*

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

12 ^aThen ¹Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of

all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands

13 (for Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven);

14 and he said: "LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your *covenant* and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.

15 "You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.

16 "Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, *only* if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.'

17 "And now, O LORD God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David.

18 "But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this *temple* which I have built!

19 "Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You:

20 "that Your eyes may be open toward this temple day and night, toward the place where You said *You would* put Your name, that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes *toward* this place.

21 "And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, *forgive*.

22 "If anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an *oath*, and comes *and* takes an oath before Your altar in this temple,

23 "then hear from heaven, and act, and judge Your servants, bringing retribution on the wicked by bringing his way on his own head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his *righteousness*.

24 "Or if Your people Israel are defeated before an *enemy* because they have sinned against You, and return and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this temple,

25 "then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land

14 ^a[Ex. 15:11; Deut. 4:39]
^b[Deut. 7:9]

15 ^{a1} Chr. 22:9, 10

16 ^{a2} Sam. 7:12, 16;
1 Kin. 2:4;
6:12; 2 Chr. 7:18 ^bPs. 132:12

18 ^a[2 Chr. 2:6; Is. 66:1; Acts 7:49] ¹Lit. *house*

20 ^{a2} Chr. 7:15 ^bPs. 5:7; Dan. 6:10

21 ^a[Is. 43:25; 44:22; Mic. 7:18]

22 ^aEx. 22:8-11

23 ^a[Job 34:11]

24 ^{a2} Kin. 21:14, 15

26 ^aDeut. 28:23, 24;
1 Kin. 17:1

28 ^{a2} Chr. 20:9 ^b[Mic. 6:13]

30 ^a[1 Chr. 28:9; Prov. 21:2; 24:12]
^b[1 Sam. 16:7]

32 ^aJohn 12:20; Acts 8:27

33 ¹Lit. *Your name is called upon this house*

36 ^aProv. 20:9; Eccl. 7:20; [Rom. 3:9, 19; 5:12; Gal. 3:10]; James 3:2; 1 John 1:8 ^bDeut. 28:63-68

37 ¹Lit. *bring back to their hearts*

which You gave to them and their fathers.

26 "When the *heavens* are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them,

27 "then hear *in* heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

28 "When there *is* famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever *sickness there is*;

29 "whatever prayer, whatever supplication is *made* by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple:

30 "then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone *know* the *hearts* of the sons of men).

31 "that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

32 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, *who is not* of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for the sake of Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray in this temple;

33 "then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as *do* Your people Israel, and that they may know that *this* temple which I have built is called by Your name.

34 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemies, wherever You send them, and when they pray to You toward this city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name,

35 "then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 "When they sin against You (for *there is* *no* one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them *captive* to a land far or near;

37 "yet when they *come* to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have

sinned, we have done wrong, and have committed wickedness';

38 "and *when* they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the "city which You have chosen, and toward the temple which I have built for Your name:

39 "then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

40 "Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be "open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer *made* in this place.

41 "Now^a therefore,
Arise, O LORD God, to Your
^bresting place,
You and the ark of Your
strength.
Let Your priests, O LORD God,
be clothed with salvation,
And let Your saints "rejoice in
goodness.

42 "O LORD God, do not turn away
the face of Your Anointed;
"Remember the mercies of Your
servant David."

Solomon Dedicates the Temple

7 When "Solomon had finished praying, ^bfire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and "the glory of the LORD filled the "temple.
2 "And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, *saying*:

"For *He* is good,
^bFor His mercy *endures* forever."

4 "Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 "And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, *saying*, "For His mercy *endures* forever," whenever David offered praise by their "ministry. ^bThe priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.

38 ^aDan. 6:10

40 ^{a2} Chr. 6:20

41 ^aPs.

132:8-10, 16

^{b1} Chr. 28:2

^cNeh. 9:25

42 ^{a2} Sam.

7:15; Ps.

89:49; 132:1,

8-10; Is. 55:3

CHAPTER 7

1 ^{a1} Kin. 8:54

^bLev. 9:24;

Judg. 6:21;

1 Kin. 18:38;

1 Chr. 21:26

^{c1} Kin. 8:10;

¹Lit. *house*

2 ^{a2} Chr. 5:14

3 ^{a2} Chr. 5:13;

Ps. 106:1;

136:1 ^{b1} Chr.

16:41; 2 Chr.

20:21

4 ^{a1} Kin. 8:62,

63

6 ^{a1} Chr. 15:16

^{b2} Chr. 5:12

¹Lit. *hand*

7 ^{a1} Kin.

8:64-66; 9:3

8 ^{a1} Kin. 8:65

^{b1} Kin. 4:21,

24; 2 Kin.

14:25 ^cJosh.

13:3 ¹The Shi-

hor, 1 Chr.

13:5

9 ^aLev. 23:36

10 ^{a1} Kin. 8:66

11 ^{a1} Kin. 9:1

12 ^{a1} Kin. 3:5;

11:9 ^bDeut.

12:5, 11

^{c2} Chr. 6:20

13 ^aDeut.

28:23, 24;

1 Kin. 17:1;

2 Chr. 6:26-28

14 ^aDeut.

28:10; [Is.

43:7] ^{b2} Chr.

12:6, 7;

[James 4:10]

^{c2} Chr. 6:27,

30

15 ^{a2} Chr. 6:20,

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16 ^{a1} Kin. 9:3;

2 Chr. 6:6 ¹set

apart ²My

attention ³My

concern

17 ^{a1} Kin. 9:4

18 ^{a2} Sam.

7:12-16;

1 Kin. 2:4;

2 Chr. 6:16

19 ^aLev. 26:14,

33; [Deut.

28:15, 36]

20 ^aDeut.

28:63-68;

2 Kin. 25:1-7

7 Furthermore "Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.

8 "At that time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly ^bfrom the entrance of Hamath to "the¹ Brook of Egypt.

9 And on the eighth day they held a "sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 "On the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the good that the LORD had done for David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel.

11 Thus "Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of the LORD and in his own house.

God's Second Appearance to Solomon

12 Then the LORD "appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, ^band have chosen this "place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

13 "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,

14 "if My people who are "called by My name will ^bhumble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, "then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

15 "Now "My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place.

16 "For now "I have chosen and ¹sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and ²My eyes and ³My heart will be there perpetually.

17 "As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments,

18 "then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, *saying*, "You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel."

19 "But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them,

20 "then I will uproot them from My land which I have given them;

and this house which I have ¹sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a ^bbyword among all peoples.

21 "And as for ^athis ¹house, which ²is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be ^aastonished and say, ^c"Why has the LORD done thus to this land and this house?"

22 "Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this calamity on them.'"

Solomon's Additional Achievements

8 It ^acame to pass at the end of ^btwenty years, when Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house,

2 that the cities which ¹Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them; and he settled the children of Israel there.

3 And Solomon went to Hamath Zobah and seized it.

4 ^aHe also built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities which he built in ^bHamath.

5 He built Upper Beth Horon and ^aLower Beth Horon, fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars,

6 also Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities and the cities of the cavalry, and all that Solomon ^adesired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

7 ^aAll the people who were left of the Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of Israel—

8 that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel did not destroy—from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day.

9 But Solomon did not make the children of Israel ¹servants for his work. Some were men of war, captains of his officers, captains of his chariots, and his cavalry.

10 And others were chiefs of the officials of King Solomon: ^atwo hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people.

11 Now Solomon ^abrought the daughter of Pharaoh up from the City of David to the house he had built for her, for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because ^athe places to which the ark of the LORD has come are holy."

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the LORD which he had built before the vestibule,

²⁰ ^bPs. 44:14
¹set apart

²¹ ^a2 Kin. 25:9
^b2 Chr. 29:8
^c[Deut. 29:24, 25; Jer. 22:8, 9]
¹Temple
²Or was

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¹ ^a1 Kin. 9:10-14
^b1 Kin. 6:38-7:1

² ¹Heb. Hiram, 2 Chr. 2:3

⁴ ^a1 Kin. 9:17, 18
^b1 Chr. 18:3, 9

⁵ ^a1 Chr. 7:24

⁶ ^a2 Chr. 7:11

⁷ ^aGen. 15:18-21;
¹ Kin. 9:20

⁹ ¹slaves

¹⁰ ^a1 Kin. 9:23

¹¹ ^a1 Kin. 3:1; 7:8; 9:24; 11:1

¹³ ^aEx. 29:38-42;
Num. 28:3, 9, 11, 26; 29:1
^bEx. 23:14-17; 34:22, 23;
Deut. 16:16
^cLev. 23:1-44

¹⁴ ^a1 Chr. 24:3
^b1 Chr. 25:1
^c1 Chr. 9:17;
26:1 ¹ordinance

¹⁵ ^a1 Chr. 26:20-28

¹⁶ ¹So with LXX, Syr., Vg.; MT as far as

¹⁷ ^a1 Kin. 9:26; 2 Chr. 20:36
¹Heb. Eloth, 2 Kin. 14:22

¹⁸ ^a1 Kin. 9:27; 2 Chr. 9:10, 13
^b1 Chr. 29:4

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¹ ^a1 Kin. 10:1; Ps. 72:10; [Matt. 12:42; Luke 11:31]

⁴ ^aNeh. 1:11

13 according to the ^adaily rate, offering according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the ^bthree appointed yearly ^afeasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

14 And, according to the ¹order of David his father, he appointed the ^adivisions of the priests for their service, ^bthe Levites for their duties (to praise and serve before the priests) as the duty of each day required, and the ^cgatekeepers by their divisions at each gate; for so David the man of God had commanded.

15 They did not depart from the command of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter or concerning the ^atreasuries.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was well-ordered ¹from the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was completed.

17 Then Solomon went to ^aEzion Geber and ¹Elath on the seacoast, in the land of Edom.

18 ^aAnd Hiram sent him ships by the hand of his servants, and servants who knew the sea. They went with the servants of Solomon to ^bOphir, and acquired four hundred and fifty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

The Queen of Sheba's Praise of Solomon

9 Now ^awhen the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard questions, ^ahaving a very great retinue, camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

2 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for Solomon that he could not explain it to her.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,

4 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his ^acupbearers and their apparel, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

5 Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

6 "However I did not believe their words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You exceed the fame of which I heard.

7 "Happy are your men and happy

are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom!

8 "Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on His throne to be king for the LORD your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."

9 And she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great abundance, and precious stones; there never were any spices such as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

10 Also, the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought ¹algum wood and precious stones.

11 And the king made walkways of the ¹algum wood for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers; and there were none such as *these* seen before in the land of Judah.

12 Now King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, *much more* than she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

Solomon's Great Wealth

13 "The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

14 besides *what* the traveling merchants and traders brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred *shekels* of hammered gold went into each shield.

16 He also made three hundred shields of hammered gold; ¹three hundred *shekels* of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the "House of the Forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 The throne *had* six steps, with a footstool of gold, *which* were fastened to the throne; there were ¹armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests.

19 Twelve lions stood there, one on each side of the six steps; nothing like *this* had been made for any *other* kingdom.

20 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not *one* was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon.

21 For the king's ships went to

8 ^aDeut. 7:8;
2 Chr. 2:11;
[Ps. 44:3]

10 ^{a2} Chr. 8:18
¹almug, 1 Kin.
10:11, 12

11 ¹almug,
1 Kin. 10:11,
12

13 ^{a1} Kin.
10:14-29

16 ^{a1} Kin. 7:2
¹three minas,
1 Kin. 10:17

18 ¹Lit. *hands*

21 ^{a2} Chr.
20:36, 37; Ps.
72:10 ¹Heb.
Huram; cf.
1 Kin. 10:22
²Lit. *ships of*
Tarshish,
deep-sea ves-
sels ³Or *pea-*
cocks

24 ^{a1} Kin.
20:11

25 ^aDeut.
17:16; 1 Kin.
4:26; 10:26;
2 Chr. 1:14; Is.
2:7

26 ^{a1} Kin. 4:21
^bGen. 15:18;
Ps. 72:8 ¹The
Euphrates

27 ^{a1} Kin.
10:27 ^{b2} Chr.
1:15-17

28 ^{a1} Kin.
10:28; 2 Chr.
1:16

29 ^{a1} Kin.
11:41 ^{b1} Kin.
11:29 ^{c2} Chr.
12:15; 13:22

30 ^{a1} Kin. 4:21;
11:42, 43;
1 Chr. 29:28

31 ¹Died and
joined his
ancestors

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1 ^{a1} Kin.
12:1-20

2 ^{a1} Kin. 11:40

^aTarshish with the servants of ¹Hiram. Once every three years the ²merchant ships came, bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and ³monkeys.

22 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

24 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

25 Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

26 "So he reigned over all the kings from ¹the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt.

27 "The king made silver as *common* in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees ^bas abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

28 "And they brought horses to Solomon from Egypt and from all lands.

Death of Solomon

29 "Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, in the prophecy of ^bAhijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of ^cIddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30 "Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

31 Then Solomon ¹rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

The Revolt Against Rehoboam

10 And "Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king.

2 So it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it (he was in Egypt, "where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon), that Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

3 Then they sent for him and called him. And Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 "Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

5 So he said to them, "Come back to me after three days." And the people departed.

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, saying, "How do you advise me to answer these people?"

7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you are kind to these people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be your servants forever."

8 "But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.

9 And he said to them, "What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us?'"

10 Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak to the people who have spoken to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us'—thus you shall say to them: 'My little finger shall be thicker than my father's waist!'"

11 "And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourgings!"

12 So "Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had directed, saying, "Come back to me the third day."

13 Then the king answered them roughly. King Rehoboam rejected the advice of the elders,

14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourgings!"

15 So the king did not listen to the people; "for the turn of events was from God, that the LORD might fulfill His word, which He had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:

"What share have we in David?
We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.
Every man to your tents,
O Israel!
Now see to your own house,
O David!"

So all Israel departed to their tents.
17 But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.

18 Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was in charge of revenue; but the children of Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam mounted his chariot in haste to flee to Jerusalem.

19 "So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

⁸ ^{a1} Kin.
12:8-11

¹¹ ¹Scourgings with points or barbs, lit. scorpions

¹² ^{a1} Kin.
12:12-14

¹⁴ ¹So with many Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Vg. (cf. v. 10; 1 Kin. 12:14); MT ¹ ²Lit. scorpions

¹⁵ ^aJudg. 14:4; 1 Chr. 5:22; 2 Chr. 11:4; 22:7 ^{b1} Kin. 11:29-39

¹⁹ ^{a1} Kin.
12:19

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¹ ^{a1} Kin.
12:21-24

² ^{a1} Chr. 12:5; 2 Chr. 12:15

¹⁴ ^aNum. 35:2-5 ^{b1} Kin. 12:28-33; 2 Chr. 13:9

¹⁵ ^{a1} Kin. 12:31; 13:33; 14:9; [Hos. 13:2] ^b[Lev. 17:7; 1 Cor. 10:20] ^{c1} Kin. 12:28 ¹Places for pagan worship

¹⁶ ^{a2} Chr. 14:7; ^{b2} Chr. 15:9; 10; 30:11, 18 ¹Lit. after them

¹⁷ ^{a2} Chr. 12:1, 13

11 Now when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled from the house of Judah and Benjamin one hundred and eighty thousand chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 "Thus says the LORD: "You shall not go up or fight against your brethren! Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me." ' ' Therefore they obeyed the words of the LORD, and turned back from attacking Jeroboam.

Rehoboam Fortifies the Cities

5 So Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah.

6 And he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

7 Beth Zur, Sochoh, Adullam,

8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,

9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and Benjamin, fortified cities.

11 And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil, and wine.

12 Also in every city he put shields and spears, and made them very strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

Priests and Levites Move to Judah

13 And from all their territories the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel took their stand with him.

14 For the Levites left their common-lands and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests to the LORD.

15 "Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the demons, and the calf idols which he had made.

16 "And after the Levites left, those from all the tribes of Israel, such as set their heart to seek the LORD God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years, because they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

The Family of Rehoboam

18 Then Rehoboam took for himself as wife Mahalath the daughter of

Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter of ^aElijah the son of Jesse.

19 And she bore him children: Jeshu, Shamariah, and Zerah.

20 After her he took ^aMaachah the ¹granddaughter of ^bAbsalom; and she bore him ^cAbijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom more than all his ^awives and his concubines; for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and begot twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

22 And Rehoboam ^aappointed ^bAbijah the son of Maachah as chief, to be leader among his brothers; for he *intended* to make him king.

23 He dealt wisely, and ¹dispersed some of his sons throughout all the territories of Judah and Benjamin, to every ^afortified city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. He also sought many wives for them.

Egypt Attacks Judah

12 Now ^ait came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, that ^bhe forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel along with him.

2 ^aAnd it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the LORD.

3 with twelve hundred chariots, sixty thousand horsemen, and people without number who came with him out of Egypt—^athe Lubim and the Sukkiim and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fortified cities of Judah and came to Jerusalem.

5 Then ^aShemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, "Thus says the LORD: 'You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.'"

6 So the leaders of Israel and the king ^ahumbled themselves; and they said, ^b"The LORD is righteous."

7 Now when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, ^athe word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

8 "Nevertheless ^athey will be his servants, that they may distinguish ^bMy service from the service of the kingdoms of the nations."

9 ^a"So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's

18 ^a1 Sam. 16:6

20 ^a2 Chr. 13:2
^b1 Kin. 15:2
^c1 Kin. 14:31
¹lit. *daughter*, but in the broader sense of granddaughter

21 ^aDeut. 17:17

22 ^aDeut. 21:15-17
^b2 Chr. 13:1

23 ^a2 Chr. 11:5
¹distributed

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1 ^a2 Chr. 11:17
^b1 Kin. 14:22-24

2 ^a1 Kin. 11:40; 14:25

3 ^a2 Chr. 16:8; Nah. 3:9

5 ^a2 Chr. 11:2

6 ^a[James 4:10] ^bEx. 9:27; [Dan. 9:14]

7 ^a1 Kin. 21:28, 29

8 ^aIs. 26:13
^b[Deut. 28:47, 48]

9 ^a1 Kin. 14:25, 26
^b1 Kin. 10:16, 17; 2 Chr. 9:15, 16

10 ^a1 Kin. 14:27

13 ^a1 Kin. 14:21 ^b2 Chr. 6:6 ^c1 Kin. 11:1, 5

15 ^a2 Chr. 9:29; 13:22 ^b1 Kin. 14:30

16 ^a2 Chr. 11:20-22
¹Died and joined his ancestors
²Abijah,
1 Kin. 14:31

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1 ^a1 Kin. 15:1
^b1 Kin. 12:17

2 ¹Maachah,
1 Kin. 15:2;
2 Chr. 11:20, 21

4 ^aJosh. 18:22

5 ^a2 Sam. 7:8-16 ^bLev. 2:13; Num. 18:19

6 ^a1 Kin. 11:28; 12:20

house; he took everything. He also carried away the gold shields which Solomon had ^bmade.

10 Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed *them* ^ato the hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house.

11 And whenever the king entered the house of the LORD, the guard would go and bring them out; then they would take them back into the guardroom.

12 When he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, so as not to destroy *him* completely; and things also went well in Judah.

The End of Rehoboam's Reign

13 Thus King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now ^aRehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king; and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, ^bthe city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. His mother's name was Naamah, an ^cAmmonitess.

14 And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.

15 The acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, ^aand of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? ^bAnd *there* were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

16 So Rehoboam ¹rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. Then ^aAbijah² his son reigned in his place.

Abijah Reigns in Judah

13 In ^athe eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over ^bJudah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was ¹Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant warriors, four hundred thousand choice men. Jeroboam also drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand choice men, mighty men of valor.

4 Then Abijah stood on Mount ^aZemaraim, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel:

5 "Should you not know that the LORD God of Israel ^agave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons, ^bby a covenant of salt?

6 "Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and ^arebelled against his lord.

7 "Then worthless rogues gathered to him, and strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and inexperienced and could not withstand them.

8 "And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD, which is in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and with you are the gold calves which Jeroboam made for you as gods.

9 "Have you not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of other lands, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a priest of things that are not gods?

10 "But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests who minister to the LORD are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites attend to their duties.

11 "And they burn to the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; they also set the showbread in order on the pure gold table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps to burn every evening; for we keep the command of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken Him.

12 "Now look, God Himself is with us as our head, and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper!"

13 But Jeroboam caused an ambush to go around behind them; so they were in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

14 And when Judah looked around, to their surprise the battle line was at both front and rear; and they cried out to the LORD, and the priests sounded the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand.

17 Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so five hundred thousand choice men of Israel fell slain.

18 Thus the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took cities from him: Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephraim with its villages.

7^a Judg. 9:4
b² Chr. 12:13

8^{a1} Kin.
12:28; 14:9;
2 Chr. 11:15;
[Hos. 8:4-6]

9^{a2} Chr.
11:13-15^b Ex.
29:29-33^c Jer.
2:11; 5:7

10^a Josh. 24:15

11^a Ex. 29:38;
2 Chr. 2:4^b Ex.
25:30; Lev.
24:5-9^c Ex.
27:20, 21; Lev.
24:2, 3

12^a Josh.
5:13-15; [Heb.
2:10]^b Num.
10:8-10]

14^a Josh. 24:7;
2 Chr. 6:34,
35; 14:11

15^{a1} Kin.
14:14; 2 Chr.
14:12

18^{a1} Chr. 5:20;
2 Chr. 14:11;
[Ps. 22:5]

19^a Josh. 15:9
¹Or Ephron

20^{a1} Sam. 2:6;
25:38; Acts
12:23^{b1} Kin.
14:20

22^{a2} Chr. 9:29
¹Or commen-
tary, Heb.
midrash

CHAPTER 14

1^{a1} Kin. 15:8

3^{a1} Kin.
15:14; 2 Chr.
15:17^b Ex.
34:13]^{c1} Kin.
11:7¹ Places
for pagan
worship

4^{a2} [2 Chr. 7:14]

5¹ Places for
pagan wor-
ship

6^{a2} Chr. 15:15

8^{a1} Chr. 12:2
b² Chr. 13:3
¹large shields

9^{a2} Chr. 12:2,
3; 16:8^b Josh.
15:44

11^a Ex. 14:10;
2 Chr. 13:14;
[Ps. 22:5]
b¹ [1 Sam. 14:6]
c¹ Sam. 17:45;
[Prov. 18:10]

12^{a2} Chr.
13:15

20 So Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah; and the LORD struck him, and he died.

21 But Abijah grew mighty, married fourteen wives, and begot twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings are written in the annals of the prophet Iddo.

14 So Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet for ten years.

Asa Reigns in Judah

2 Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God,

3 for he removed the altars of the foreign gods and the high places, and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images.

4 He commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment.

5 He also removed the high places and the incense altars from all the cities of Judah, and the kingdom was quiet under him.

6 And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest; he had no war in those years, because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and make walls around them, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

8 And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand from Judah who carried shields and spears, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty thousand men who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty men of valor.

9 Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

10 So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

12 So the LORD struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people who

were with him pursued them to Gerar. So the Ethiopians were overthrown, and they could not recover, for they were broken before the LORD and His army. And they carried away very much spoil.

14 Then they defeated all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD came upon them; and they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them.

15 They also attacked the livestock enclosures, and carried off sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

The Reforms of Asa

15 Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. 2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

3 "For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law;

4 "but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them.

5 "And in those times there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands.

6 "So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity.

7 "But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"

8 And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephraim; and he restored the altar of the LORD that was before the vestibule of the LORD.

9 Then he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who dwelt with them from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon, for they came over to him in great numbers from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

10 So they gathered together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And they offered to the LORD at that time seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep from the spoil they had brought.

12 Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

13 and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel was to be put

13 ^aGen. 10:19; 20:1 ¹plunder

14 ^aGen. 35:5; Deut. 11:25; Josh. 2:9; 2 Chr. 17:10 ¹plunder

15 ¹Lit. struck

CHAPTER 15

1 ^aNum. 24:2; Judg. 3:10; 2 Chr. 20:14; 24:20

2 ^a[James 4:8] ^b[1 Chr. 28:9]; 2 Chr. 14:4; 33:12, 13; Jer. 29:13; Matt. 7:7; ²Chr. 24:20 ¹Lit. before

3 ^aHos. 3:4 ^b2 Kin. 12:2 ^cLev. 10:11; 2 Chr. 17:8, 9

4 ^a[Deut. 4:29]

6 ^aMatt. 24:7 ¹Lit. beaten in pieces

8 ^a2 Chr. 13:19 ¹So with MT, LXX; Syr., Vg. Azariah the son of Oded (cf. v. 1)

9 ^a2 Chr. 11:16

11 ^a2 Chr. 14:13-15 ¹Lit. in that day ²plunder

12 ^a2 Kin. 23:3; 2 Chr. 23:16; 34:31; Neh. 10:29

13 ^aEx. 22:20 ^bDeut. 13:5-15

15 ^a2 Chr. 15:2 ^b2 Chr. 14:7

16 ^a1 Kin. 15:2, 10, 13 ¹Or grandmother ²A Canaanite deity

17 ^a1 Kin. 15:14; 2 Chr. 14:3, 5 ¹Places for pagan worship

CHAPTER 16

1 ^a1 Kin. 15:17-22 ^b2 Chr. 15:9

7 ^a1 Kin. 16:1; 2 Chr. 19:2 ^b2 Chr. 32:8-10; Ps. 118:9; [Is. 31:1; Jer. 17:5]

8 ^a2 Chr. 14:9 ^b2 Chr. 12:3

to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 Then they took an oath before the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting and trumpets and rams' horns.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.

16 Also he removed Maachah, the mother of Asa the king, from being queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah; and Asa cut down her obscene image, then crushed and burned it by the Brook Kidron.

17 But the high places were not removed from Israel. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was loyal all his days.

18 He also brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated and that he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils.

19 And there was no war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

Asa's Treaty with Syria

16 In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-Hadad king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,

3 "Let there be a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. See, I have sent you silver and gold; come, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me."

4 So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali.

5 Now it happened, when Baasha heard it, that he stopped building Ramah and ceased his work.

6 Then King Asa took all Judah, and they carried away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Baasha had used for building; and with them he built Geba and Mizpah.

Hanani's Message to Asa

7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand.

8 "Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very

many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand.

9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

10 Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

Illness and Death of Asa

11 "Note that the acts of Asa, first and last, are indeed written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians.

13 "So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

14 They buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the City of David; and they laid him in the bed which was filled with spices and various ingredients prepared in a mixture of ointments. They made a very great burning for him.

Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah

17 Then Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel.

2 And he placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had taken.

3 Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals,

4 but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel.

5 Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance.

6 And his heart took delight in the ways of the LORD; moreover he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah.

7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his leaders, Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micahiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them he sent Levites: Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadoni-

8 c2 Chr. 13:16, 18

9 aJob 34:21; [Prov. 5:21; 15:3; Jer. 16:17; 32:19]; Zech. 4:10; b1 Sam. 13:13; c1 Kin. 15:32

10 a2 Chr. 18:26; Jer. 20:2; Matt. 14:3

11 a1 Kin. 15:23, 24; 2 Chr. 14:2

12 a[Jer. 17:5]

13 a1 Kin. 15:24 bDied and joined his ancestors

14 aGen. 50:2; Mark 16:1; John 19:39, 40; b2 Chr. 21:19; Jer. 34:5 cLit. dug

CHAPTER 17

1 a1 Kin. 15:24; 2 Chr. 20:31

2 a2 Chr. 11:5; b2 Chr. 15:8

4 a1 Kin. 12:28; bLXX the LORD God

5 a1 Sam. 10:27; 1 Kin. 10:25; b2 Chr. 18:1

6 a1 Kin. 22:43; 2 Chr. 15:17; 19:3; 20:33 bPlaces for pagan worship

7 a2 Chr. 15:3; 35:3

9 aDeut. 6:4-9; 2 Chr. 35:3; Neh. 8:3, 7

10 aGen. 35:5; 2 Chr. 14:14

11 a2 Sam. 8:2; 2 Chr. 9:14; 26:8

16 aJudg. 5:2; 9; 1 Chr. 29:9

19 a2 Chr. 17:2

CHAPTER 18

1 a2 Chr. 17:5; b1 Kin. 22:44; 2 Kin. 8:18; c1 Kin. 22:40

2 a[Ex. 23:2]; 1 Kin. 22:2

4 a1 Sam. 23:2; 4, 9; 2 Sam. 2:1

jah—the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

9 "So they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of the LORD with them; they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

10 And the fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat.

11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver as tribute; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.

12 So Jehoshaphat became increasingly powerful, and he built fortresses and storage cities in Judah.

13 He had much property in the cities of Judah; and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem.

14 These are their numbers, according to their fathers' houses. Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor;

15 and next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand;

16 and next to him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the LORD, and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

17 Of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand men armed with bow and shield;

18 and next to him was Jehozabad, and with him one hundred and eighty thousand prepared for war.

19 These served the king, besides those the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

Micaiah Warns Ahab

18 Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab.

2 "After some years he went down to visit Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead.

3 So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?" And he answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will be with you in the war."

4 Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the LORD today."

5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go

to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" So they said, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the king's hand."

6 But Jehoshaphat said, "*Is there not still a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of him?*"¹

7 So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "*There is still one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imla.*" And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say such things!"

8 Then the king of Israel called one of his officers and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly!"

9 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, clothed in their robes, sat each on his throne; and they sat at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.'"

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into the king's hand."

12 Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Therefore please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement."

13 And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, 'whatever my God says, that I will speak.'"

14 Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" And he said, "Go and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand!"

15 So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

16 Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.'"

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

18 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left.

19 "And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth

6 ^a2 Kin. 3:11
¹Or him

10 ^aZech.
1:18-21

13 ^aNum.
22:18-20, 35;
23:12, 26;
1 Kin. 22:14

16 ^a[Jer.
23:1-8; 31:10]
^bNum. 27:17;
1 Kin. 22:17;
[Ezek. 34:5-8];
Matt. 9:36;
Mark 6:34

18 ^aIs. 6:1-5;
Dan. 7:9, 10

20 ^aJob 1:6;
2 Thess. 2:9

22 ^aJob 12:16,
17; Is.
19:12-14;
Ezek. 14:9

23 ^aJer. 20:2;
Mark 14:65;
Acts 23:2

26 ^a2 Chr.
16:10

27 ^aDeut. 18:22

29 ^a2 Chr.
35:22

31 ^a2 Chr.
13:14, 15

33 ¹Or scale
armor and
the breast-
plate

Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.

20 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' The LORD said to him, 'In what way?'

21 "So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him and also prevail; go out and do so.'

22 "Therefore look! 'The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you.'

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from me to speak to you?"

24 And Micaiah said, "Indeed you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!"

25 Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son;

26 "and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this fellow in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction, until I return in peace."'

27 But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Take heed, all you people!"

Ahab Dies in Battle

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle; but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots who were with him, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the king of Israel."

31 So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "It is the king of Israel!" Therefore they surrounded him to attack; but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him, and God diverted them from him.

32 For so it was, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

33 Now a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded."

34 The battle increased that day, and the king of Israel propped him-

self up in his chariot facing the Syrians until evening; and about the time of sunset he died.

19 Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD is upon you.

3 "Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God."

The Reforms of Jehoshaphat

4 So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD God of their fathers.

5 Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city.

6 and said to the judges, "Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment.

7 "Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes."

8 Moreover in Jerusalem, for the judgment of the LORD and for controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall act in the fear of the LORD, faithfully and with a loyal heart.

10 "Whatever case comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against the LORD and wrath come upon you and your brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty.

11 "And take notice: Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites will be officials before you. Behave courageously, and the LORD will be with the good."

Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir Defeated

20 It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.

CHAPTER 19

2 ^{a1} Kin. 16:1

^b Ps. 139:21

^{c2} Chr. 32:25

3 ^{a2} Chr. 17:4,

⁶ ^{b2} Chr.

30:19 ¹ Or

Asherim, Heb.

Asheroth

4 ^{a2} Chr.

15:8-13

5 ^a [Deut.

16:18-20]

6 ^a [Deut. 1:17]

^b Ps. 82:1 ¹ Lit.

in the matter

of the judgment

7 ^a [Deut. 32:4]

^b [Deut. 10:17,

18]

8 ^{a2} Chr. 17:8

¹ LXX, Vg. *for*

the inhabitants

of Jerusalem

9 ^a [2 Sam.

23:3]

10 ^a [Deut. 17:8

^b Num. 16:46

^c [Ezek. 3:18]

11 ^a [Ezra 7:3

^{b1} Chr. 26:30

^{c2} Chr. 15:2;

20:17]

CHAPTER 20

1 ^{a1} Chr. 18:2

^{b1} Chr. 19:15

^{c2} Chr. 26:7

¹ So with MT,

Vg.; LXX

Meunites (cf.

2 Chr. 26:7)

2 ^a Gen. 14:7

^b Josh. 15:62

¹ So with MT,

LXX, Vg.;

Heb. mss.,

Old Lat.

Edom

3 ^{a2} Chr. 19:3

^b Ezra 8:21

¹ Lit. *his face*

4 ^{a2} Chr. 14:11

6 ^a Deut. 4:39

^b Dan. 4:17, 25,

32 ^{c1} Chr.

29:12

7 ^a Ex. 6:7 ^b Ps.

44:2 ^c Is. 41:8

9 ^{a2} Chr.

6:28-30

^{b2} Chr. 6:20

10 ^a Deut. 2:4,

9, 19 ^b Num.

20:21

11 ^a Ps. 83:1-18

12 ^a Judg. 11:27

^b Ps. 25:15;

121:1, 2;

123:1, 2; 141:8

14 ^{a2} Chr.

15:1; 24:20

15 ^a [Deut.

1:29, 30; 31:6,

8] ^{b1} Sam.

17:47

2 Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which is En Gedi).

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 and said: "O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?

7 "Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?

8 "And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying,

9 "If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save."

10 "And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them—

11 "here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit.

12 "O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

13 Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD.

14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.

15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

16 "Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find

them at the end of the 'brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel.

17 "You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!" Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, ^bfor the LORD is with you."

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high.

20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.'"

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, "and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

^b"Praise the LORD,
"For His mercy endures forever."

22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, "the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

23 For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

24 So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

26 And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of 'Berachah, for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Je-

16 ¹streambed or wadi

17 ^aEx. 14:13, 14 ^bNum. 14:9; [2 Chr. 15:2; 32:8]

18 ^aEx. 4:31; 2 Chr. 7:3; 29:28

20 ^aIs. 7:9

21 ^a1 Chr. 16:29; Ps. 29:2; 90:17; 96:9; 110:3 ^b1 Chr. 16:34; Ps. 106:1; 136:1 ^c1 Chr. 16:41; 2 Chr. 5:13

22 ^aJudg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20

23 ^aJudg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20 ¹had finished

25 ¹A few Heb. mss., Old Lat., Vg. garments; LXX armor

26 ¹Lit. Blessing

27 ^aNeh. 12:43

29 ^a2 Chr. 14:14; 17:10

30 ^a1 Kin. 22:41-43; 2 Chr. 14:6, 7; 15:15; Job 34:29

31 ^a[1 Kin. 22:41-43]

32 ^a2 Chr. 14:2

33 ^a2 Chr. 15:17; 17:6 ^b2 Chr. 12:14; 19:3 ¹Places for pagan worship

34 ^a1 Kin. 16:1, 7

35 ^a2 Chr. 18:1 ^b1 Kin. 22:48-53 ^c[2 Chr. 19:2]

36 ^a1 Kin. 9:26; 10:22

37 ^a1 Kin. 22:48 ^b2 Chr. 9:21

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1 ^a1 Kin. 22:50 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

4 ¹Lit. arose

hoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies.

28 So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the LORD.

29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

The End of Jehoshaphat's Reign

31 "So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD.

33 Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted very wickedly.

36 And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion Geber.

37 But Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works." Then the ships were wrecked, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

Jehoram Reigns in Judah

21 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

2 He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

3 Their father gave them great gifts of silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn.

4 Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also others of the princes of Israel.

5 ^aJehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of ^aAhab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

7 Yet the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the ^acovenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his ^bsons forever.

8 ^aIn his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves.

9 So Jehoram went out with his officers, and all his chariots with him. And he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots.

10 Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. At that time Libnah revolted against his rule, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover he made ¹high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to ^acommit harlotry, and led Judah astray.

12 And a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying,

Thus says the LORD God of your father David:
Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have ^amade Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to ^bplay the harlot like the ^charlotry of the house of Ahab, and also have ^akilled your brothers, those of your father's household, *who were better than yourself,*

14 behold, the LORD will strike your people with a serious affliction—your children, your wives, and all your possessions; and you will *become* very sick with a ^adisease of your intestines, until your intestines come out by reason of the sickness, day by day.

16 Moreover the ^aLORD ^bstirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the ^cArabians who were near the Ethiopians.

17 And they came up into Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, and also ^ahis sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except ¹Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 After all this the LORD struck him

⁵ ^{a2} Kin. 8:17-22

⁶ ^{a2} Chr. 18:1

⁷ ^{a2} Sam. 7:8-17 ^{b1} Kin. 11:36; ² Kin. 8:19; Ps. 132:11

⁸ ^{a2} Kin. 8:20; 14:7, 10; ² Chr. 25:14, 19

¹¹ ^a[Lev. 20:5] ¹Places for pagan worship

¹³ ^{a2} Chr. 21:11 ^b[Ex. 34:15]; Deut. 31:16 ^{c1} Kin. 16:31-33; ² Kin. 9:22; ^{a1} Kin. 2:32; ² Chr. 21:4

¹⁵ ^{a2} Chr. 21:18, 19

¹⁶ ^{a2} Chr. 33:11; [Jer. 51:11] ^{b1} Kin. 11:14, 23 ^{c2} Chr. 17:11

¹⁷ ^{a2} Chr. 24:7 ¹Ahaziah or Azariah, ² Chr. 22:1

¹⁸ ^{a2} Chr. 13:20; 21:15; Acts 12:23

¹⁹ ^{a2} Chr. 16:14 ¹Burning of spices

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¹ ^{a2} Chr. 21:17; 22:6 ^{b2} Chr. 21:16 ^{c2} Chr. 21:17

² ^{a2} Chr. 21:6 ¹twenty-two, ² Kin. 8:26 ²Lit. daughter

⁵ ¹Joram, v. 7; ² Kin. 8:28

⁶ ^{a2} Kin. 9:15 ¹Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Vg. ²Ahaziah and ² Kin. 8:29

⁷ ^aJudg. 14:4; ¹ Kin. 12:15; ² Chr. 10:15 ^{b2} Kin. 9:21-24

^{c2} Kin. 9:6, 7 ¹Lit. crushing ²Joram, vv. 5, 7; ² Kin. 8:28 ³destroy

⁸ ^{a2} Kin. 9:22-24 ^{b2} Kin. 10:10-14; Hos. 1:4

⁹ ^a[2 Kin. 9:27] ^{b1} Kin. 15:24 ^{c2} Chr. 17:4; 20:3, 4

^ain his intestines with an incurable disease.

19 Then it happened in the course of time, after the end of two years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness; so he died in severe pain. And his people made no ¹burning for him, like ^athe burning for his fathers.

20 He was thirty-two years old when he became king. He reigned in Jerusalem eight years and, to no one's sorrow, departed. However they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

Ahaziah Reigns in Judah

22 Then the inhabitants of Jerusalem made ^aAhaziah his youngest son king in his place, for the raiders who came with the ^bArabians into the camp had killed all the ^colder sons. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, reigned.

2 Ahaziah was ¹forty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was ^aAtaliah the ²granddaughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly.

4 Therefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 He also followed their advice, and went with ¹Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

6 ^aThen he returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which he had received at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And ¹Azariah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

7 His going to Joram ^awas God's occasion for Ahaziah's ¹downfall; for when he arrived, ^bhe went out with ²Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, ^cwhom the LORD had anointed to ³cut off the house of Ahab.

8 And it happened, when Jehu was ^aexecuting judgment on the house of Ahab, and ^bfound the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers who served Ahaziah, that he killed them.

9 ^aThen he searched for Ahaziah; and they caught him (he was hiding in Samaria), and brought him to Jehu. When they had killed him, they buried him, "because," they said, "he is the son of ^bJehoshaphat, who ^csought the LORD with all his heart." So the house of Ahaziah had no one to assume power over the kingdom.

Athaliah Reigns in Judah

10 ^aNow when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah.

11 But ¹Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took ^aJoash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him.

12 And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

Joash Crowned King of Judah

23 In ^athe seventh year ^bJehoiada strengthened himself, and made a covenant with the captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of ^cObed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri.

2 And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the ^achief fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has ^asaid of the sons of David.

4 "This is what you shall do: One-third of you ^aentering on the Sabbath, of the priests and the Levites, *shall be* keeping watch over the doors;

5 "one-third *shall be* at the king's house; and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation. All the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 "But let no one come into the house of the LORD except the priests and ^athose of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they are holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 "And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going *off duty* on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest had not dismissed ^athe divisions.

9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to

10 ^{a2} Kin.
11:1-3

11 ^{a2} Kin.
12:18
¹Jehosheba,
2 Kin. 11:2

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1 ^{a2} Kin. 11:4
^{b2} Kin. 12:2
^{c1} Chr. 2:37,
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2 ^aEzra 1:5

3 ^{a2} Sam. 7:12;
1 Kin. 2:4, 9:5;
2 Chr. 6:16;
7:18; 21:7

4 ^{a1} Chr. 9:25

6 ^{a1} Chr.
23:28-32

8 ^{a1} Chr.
24:1-31

9 ^{a2} Sam. 8:7

11 ^aDeut. 17:18
¹Law, Ex.
25:16, 21;
31:18

12 ^{a2} Chr.
22:10

13 ^{a1} Chr. 25:8
^{b2} Kin. 9:23

15 ^aNeh. 3:28;
Jer. 31:40

16 ^aJosh.
24:24, 25;
2 Chr.
15:12-15

17 ^aDeut.
13:6-9; 1 Kin.
18:40 ¹Lit.
house

18 ^{a1} Chr. 23:6,
30, 31; 24:1
^bNum. 28:2

19 ^{a1} Chr.
26:1-19

20 ^{a1} Kin. 9:22;
2 Kin. 11:19

the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small ^ashields which *had belonged* to King David, that *were* in the temple of God.

10 Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and by the temple, all around the king.

11 And they brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, ^agave *him* the ¹Testimony, and made him king. Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, "Long live the king!"

Death of Athaliah

12 Now when ^aAthaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the temple of the LORD.

13 *When* she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance; and the leaders and the trumpeters *were* by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with musical instruments, and ^athose who led in praise. So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, ^b"Treason! Treason!"

14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her." For the priest had said, "Do not kill her in the house of the LORD."

15 So they seized her; and she went by way of the entrance ^aof the Horse Gate *into* the king's house, and they killed her there.

16 Then Jehoiada made a ^acovenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

17 And all the people went to the ¹temple of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and ^akilled Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of the LORD to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had ^aassigned in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the ¹Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it *was established* by David.

19 And he set the ^agatekeepers at the gates of the house of the LORD, so that no one *who was* in any way unclean should enter.

20 ^aThen he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD; and they went through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom.

21 So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

Joash Repairs the Temple

24 Joash ^awas seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 Joash ^adid *what* was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he had sons and daughters.

4 Now it happened after this *that* Joash set his heart on repairing the house of the LORD.

5 Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and ^agather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly." However the Levites did not do it quickly.

6 ^aSo the king called Jehoiada the chief *priest*, and said to him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of ^bMoses the servant of the LORD and of the assembly of Israel, for the ^ctabernacle of witness?"

7 For ^athe sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God, and had also presented all the ^bdedicated things of the house of the LORD to the Baals.

8 Then at the king's command ^athey made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring to the LORD ^athe collection *that* Moses the servant of God *had imposed* on Israel in the wilderness.

10 Then all the leaders and all the people rejoiced, brought their contributions, and put *them* into the chest until all had given.

11 So it was, at that time, when the chest was brought to the king's official by the hand of the Levites, and ^awhen they saw that *there was* much money, that the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and returned it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to ^arepair the house of the LORD, and also those who worked in iron and bronze to restore the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen labored, and the work was completed by them; they

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1 ^{a2} Kin.
11:21; 12:1-15

2 ^{a2} Chr.
26:4, 5

5 ^{a2} Kin. 12:4

6 ^{a2} Kin. 12:7
^bEx. 30:12-16
^cNum. 1:50;
Acts 7:44

7 ^{a2} Chr. 21:17
^{b2} Kin. 12:4

8 ^{a2} Kin. 12:9

9 ^{a2} Chr. 24:6

11 ^{a2} Kin.
12:10

12 ^{a2} Chr.
30:12

14 ^{a2} Kin.
12:13

18 ^{a1} Kin.
14:23 ^b[Ex.
34:12-14];
Judg. 5:8;
2 Chr. 19:2;
28:13; 29:8;
32:25

19 ^{a2} Kin.
17:13;
21:10-15;
2 Chr. 36:15;
16; Jer. 7:25;
26; 25:4

20 ^aJudg. 6:34;
Matt. 23:35
^bNum. 14:41;
[Prov. 28:13]
^c[2 Chr. 15:2]
¹Lit. *clothed*

21 ^a[Neh.
9:26]; Matt.
23:35; Acts
7:58, 59

22 ^a[Gen. 9:5]
¹Foster father

23 ^{a2} Kin.
12:17; Is. 7:2
¹plunder

24 ^aLev. 26:8;
[Deut. 32:30];
Is. 30:17 ^bLev.
26:25; [Deut.
28:25] ^c2 Chr.
22:8; Is. 10:5

25 ^{a2} Kin.
12:20, 21;
2 Chr. 25:3

restored the house of God to its original condition and reinforced it.

14 When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; ^athey made from it articles for the house of the LORD, articles for serving and offering, spoons and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

Apostasy of Joash

15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; *he* was one hundred and thirty years old when he died.

16 And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and His house.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them.

18 Therefore they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served ^awooden images and idols; and ^bwrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass.

19 Yet He ^asent prophets to them, to bring them back to the LORD; and they testified against them, but they would not listen.

20 Then the Spirit of God ¹came upon ^aZechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: ^b'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? ^cBecause you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.'"

21 So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they ^astoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his ¹father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "The LORD look on it, and ^a're-pay!'"

Death of Joash

23 So it happened in the spring of the year *that* ^athe army of Syria came up against him, and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their ¹spoils to the king of Damascus.

24 For the army of the Syrians ^acame with a small company of men; but the LORD ^bdelivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they ^aexecuted judgment against Joash.

25 And when they had withdrawn from him (for they left him severely wounded), ^ahis own servants conspired against him because of the

blood of the ¹sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed. So he died. And they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

26 These are the ones who conspired against him: ¹Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of ²Shimrith the Moabitess.

27 Now *concerning* his sons, and “the many oracles about him, and the repairing of the house of God, indeed they *are* written in the ¹annals of the book of the kings. ²Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

Amaziah Reigns in Judah

25 Amaziah ^awas twenty-five years old *when* he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. **2** And he did *what* was right in the sight of the LORD, ^abut not with a loyal heart.

3 ^aNow it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established for him, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king.

4 However he did not execute their children, but *did* as *it* is written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, “The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall die for his own sin.”

The War Against Edom

5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together and set over them captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, according to *their* fathers’ houses, throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and he numbered them ^afrom twenty years old and above, and found them to be three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go to war, who could handle spear and shield.

6 He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valor from Israel for one hundred talents of silver.

7 But a ^aman of God came to him, saying, “O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel—*not with any* of the children of Ephraim.

8 “But if you go, be gone! Be strong in battle! *Even* so, God shall make you fall before the enemy; for God has ^apower to help and to overthrow.”

9 Then Amaziah said to the man of God, “But what *shall* we do about the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?” And the man of God answered, “The LORD is able to give you much more than this.”

10 So Amaziah discharged the troops that had come to him from

²⁵ ¹LXX, Vg. son and vv. 20–22

²⁶ ¹Jozachar, 2 Kin. 12:21 ²Shomer, 2 Kin. 12:21

²⁷ ^a2 Kin. 12:18 ^b2 Kin. 12:21 ¹Or commentary, Heb. midrash

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¹ ^a2 Kin. 14:1–6

² ^a2 Kin. 14:4; 2 Chr. 25:14

³ ^a2 Kin. 14:5; 2 Chr. 24:25

⁴ ^aDeut. 24:16; 2 Kin. 14:6; Jer. 31:30; [Ezek. 18:20]

⁵ ^aNum. 1:3

⁷ ^a2 Chr. 11:2

⁸ ^a2 Chr. 14:11; 20:6

⁹ ^a[Deut. 8:18]; Prov. 10:22

¹¹ ^a2 Kin. 14:7

¹³ ¹plunder

¹⁴ ^a2 Chr. 28:23 ^b[Ex. 20:3, 5]

¹⁵ ^a[Ps. 96:5] ^b2 Kin. 25:11

¹⁶ ^a[1 Sam. 2:25]

¹⁷ ^a2 Kin. 14:8–14 ¹Jehoash, 2 Kin. 14:8ff.

¹⁹ ^a2 Chr. 26:16; 32:25; [Prov. 16:18]

²⁰ ^a1 Kin. 12:15; 2 Chr. 22:7 ^b2 Chr. 25:14

Ephraim, to go back home. Therefore their anger was greatly aroused against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

11 Then Amaziah strengthened himself, and leading his people, he went to “the Valley of Salt and killed ten thousand of the people of Seir.

12 Also the children of Judah took captive ten thousand alive, brought them to the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were dashed in pieces.

13 But as for the soldiers of the army which Amaziah had discharged, so that they would not go with him to battle, they raided the cities of Judah from Samaria to Beth Horon, killed three thousand in them, and took much ¹spoil.

14 Now it was so, after Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Edomites, that ^ahe brought the gods of the people of Seir, set them up to *be* ^bhis gods, and bowed down before them and burned incense to them.

15 Therefore the anger of the LORD was aroused against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him, “Why have you sought ^athe gods of the people, which ^bcould not rescue their own people from your hand?”

16 So it was, as he talked with him, that *the king* said to him, “Have we made you the king’s counselor? Cease! Why should you be killed?” Then the prophet ceased, and said, “I know that God has ^adetermined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not heeded my advice.”

Israel Defeats Judah

17 Now ^aAmaziah king of Judah asked advice and sent to ¹Joash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, “Come, let us face one another *in battle*.”

18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, “The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, ‘Give your daughter to my son as wife’; and a wild beast that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle.

19 “Indeed you say that you have defeated the Edomites, and your heart is lifted up to ^aboast. Stay at home now; why should you meddle with trouble, that you should fall—you and Judah with you?”

20 But Amaziah would not heed, for ^ait came from God, that He might give them into the hand of *their enemies*, because they ^bsought the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash king of Israel went out; and he and Amaziah king of Judah

faced one another at ^aBeth Shemesh, which *belongs* to Judah.

22 And Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled to his tent.

23 Then Joash the king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of ^aJehoahaz, at Beth Shemesh; and he brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate—four hundred cubits.

24 And *he took* all the gold and silver, all the articles that were found in the house of God with ^aObed-Edom, the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

Death of Amaziah

25 ^aAmaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, from first to last, indeed *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

27 After the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. 28 Then they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in ¹the City of Judah.

Uzziah Reigns in Judah

26 Now all the people of Judah took ¹Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

2 He built ¹Eloth and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jeholiah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did *what* was ^aright in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

5 ^aHe sought God in the days of Zechariah, who ^ahad understanding in the ^visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him ^aprosper.

6 Now he went out and ^amade war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities *around* Ashdod and among the Philistines.

7 God helped him against ^athe Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and against the Meunites.

8 Also the Ammonites ^abrought tribute to Uzziah. His fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he became exceedingly strong.

21 ^aJosh. 19:38

23 ^a2 Chr. 21:17; 22:1, 6

24 ^a1 Chr. 26:15

25 ^a2 Kin. 14:17–22

28 ¹The City of David

CHAPTER 26

1 ¹Azariah, 2 Kin. 14:21ff.

2 ¹Heb. *Eloth*

4 ^a2 Chr. 24:2

5 ^a2 Chr. 24:2; ^bGen. 41:15; Dan. 1:17; 10:1 ^c[2 Chr. 15:2; 20:20; 31:21] ¹Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Tg., Arab. *fear*

6 ^aIs. 14:29

7 ^a2 Chr. 21:16

8 ^a2 Sam. 8:2; 2 Chr. 17:11

9 ^a2 Kin. 14:13; 2 Chr. 25:23; Neh. 3:13, 19, 32; Zech. 14:10

10 ¹Or *the fertile fields*

12 ¹Lit. *chief fathers*

15 ^aEx. 39:3, 8

16 ^a[Deut. 32:15] ^bDeut. 8:14; 2 Chr. 25:19 ^c1 Kin. 13:1–4; 2 Kin. 16:12, 13

17 ^a1 Chr. 6:10

18 ^a[Num. 3:10; 16:39, 40; 18:7] ^bEx. 30:7, 8; Heb. 7:14

19 ^aLev. 13:42; Num. 12:10; 2 Kin. 5:25–27

20 ^aEsth. 6:12

21 ^a2 Kin. 15:5

9 And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the ^aCorner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the corner buttress of the wall; then he fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; *he also had* farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in ¹Carmel, for he loved the soil.

11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men who went out to war by companies, according to the number on their roll as prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.

12 The total number of ¹chief officers of the mighty men of valor was two thousand six hundred.

13 And under their authority was an army of three hundred and seven thousand five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 Then Uzziah prepared for them, for the entire army, shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows, and slings to cast stones.

15 And he made devices in Jerusalem, invented by ^askillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong.

The Penalty for Uzziah's Pride

16 But ^awhen he was strong his heart was ^blifted up, to *his* destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God ^by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 So ^aAzariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD—valiant men.

18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "*It ^ais not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the ^bpriests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have transgressed! You *shall have* no honor from the LORD God.*"

19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, ^aleprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also ^ahurried to get out, because the LORD had struck him.

21 ^aKing Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an

^bisolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. Then Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, the prophet ^aIsaiah the son of Amoz wrote.

23 ^aSo Uzziah ¹rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which *belonged* to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

Jotham Reigns in Judah

27 Jotham ^awas twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was ¹Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did *what* was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done (although he did not enter the temple of the LORD). But still ^athe people acted corruptly.

3 He built the Upper Gate of the house of the LORD, and he built extensively on the wall of ^aOphel.

4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

5 He also fought with the king of the ^aAmmonites and defeated them. And the people of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. The people of Ammon paid this to him in the second and third years also.

6 So Jotham became mighty, ^abecause he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars and his ways, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 ^aSo Jotham ¹rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then ^bAhaz his son reigned in his place.

Ahaz Reigns in Judah

28 Ahaz ^awas twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do *what* was right in the sight of the LORD, as his father David *had done*.

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made ^amolded images for ^athe Baals.

3 He burned incense in ^athe Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned ^bhis children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had ^acast out before the children of Israel.

21 ^b[Lev. 13:46; Num. 5:2]

22 ^a2 Kin. 20:1; 2 Chr. 32:20, 32; Is. 1:1

23 ^a2 Kin. 15:7; 2 Chr. 21:20; 28:27; Is. 6:1 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

CHAPTER 27

1 ^a2 Kin. 15:32-35 ¹Jerusha, 2 Kin. 15:33

2 ^a2 Kin. 15:35; Ezek. 20:44; 30:13

3 ^a2 Chr. 33:14; Neh. 3:26

5 ^a2 Chr. 26:8

6 ^a2 Chr. 26:5

9 ^a2 Kin. 15:38 ^bIs. 1:1; Hos. 1:1; Mic. 1:1 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

CHAPTER 28

1 ^a2 Kin. 16:2-4

2 ^aEx. 34:17; Lev. 19:4 ^bJudg. 2:11

3 ^aJosh. 15:8 ^b2 Kin. 23:10 ^c[Lev. 18:21]; 2 Kin. 16:3; 2 Chr. 33:6 ^d[Lev. 18:24-30]

4 ¹Places for pagan worship

5 ^a[Is. 10:5]

^b2 Kin. 16:5, 6; [2 Chr. 24:24]; Is. 7:1, 17

6 ^a2 Kin. 15:27 ^b[2 Chr. 29:8]

8 ^aDeut. 28:25, 41; 2 Chr. 11:4 ¹plunder

9 ^a2 Chr. 25:15 ^bPs. 69:26; [Is. 10:5; 47:6]; Ezek. 25:12, 15; 26:2; Obad. 10; [Zech. 1:15]; ^cEzra 9:6; Rev. 18:5

10 ^a[Lev. 25:39, 42, 43, 46]

11 ^aPs. 78:49; James 2:13

14 ¹plunder

15 ^a2 Chr. 28:12 ^b[Prov. 25:21, 22; Luke 6:27; Rom. 12:20] ¹plunder

4 And he sacrificed and burned incense on the ¹high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

Syria and Israel Defeat Judah

5 Therefore ^athe LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. They ^bdefeated him, and carried away a great multitude of them as captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. Then he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who defeated him with a great slaughter.

6 For ^aPekah the son of Remaliah killed one hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day, all valiant men, ^bbecause they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, Azrikam the officer over the house, and Elkanah *who* was second to the king.

8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their ^abrethren two hundred thousand women, sons, and daughters; and they also took away much ¹spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

Israel Returns the Captives

9 But a ^aprophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded; and he went out before the army that came to Samaria, and said to them: "Look, ^bbecause the LORD God of your fathers was angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hand; but you have killed them in a rage *that* ^areaches up to heaven.

10 "And now you propose to force the children of Judah and Jerusalem to be your ^amale and female slaves; *but are* you not also guilty before the LORD your God?

11 "Now hear me, therefore, and return the captives, whom you have taken captive from your brethren, ^afor the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you."

12 Then some of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the war,

13 and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives here, for we *already* have offended the LORD. You intend to add to our sins and to our guilt; for our guilt is great, and *there* is fierce wrath against Israel."

14 So the armed men left the captives and the ¹spoil before the leaders and all the assembly.

15 Then the men ^awho were designated by name rose up and took the captives, and from the ¹spoil they clothed all who were naked among them, dressed them and gave them sandals, ^bgave them food and drink,

and anointed them; and they let all the feeble ones ride on donkeys. So they brought them to their brethren at Jericho, 'the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

Assyria Refuses to Help Judah

16 'At the same time King Ahaz sent to the 'kings of Assyria to help him. 17 For again the 'Edomites had come, attacked Judah, and carried away captives.

18 'The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Sochoh with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages; and they dwelt there.

19 For the LORD 'brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of 'Israel, for he had 'encouraged moral decline in Judah and had been continually unfaithful to the LORD.

20 Also 'Tiglath-Pileser' king of Assyria came to him and distressed him, and did not assist him.

21 For Ahaz took part of the *treasures* from the house of the LORD, from the house of the king, and from the leaders, and he gave it to the king of Assyria; but he did not help him.

Apostasy and Death of Ahaz

22 Now in the time of his distress King Ahaz became increasingly unfaithful to the LORD. This is *that* King Ahaz.

23 For 'he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had defeated him, saying, "Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, I will sacrifice to them 'that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel.

24 So Ahaz gathered the articles of the house of God, cut in pieces the articles of the house of God, 'shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every single city of Judah he made 'high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

26 'Now the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 So Ahaz 'rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem; but they 'did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

Hezekiah Reigns in Judah

29 Hezekiah 'became king when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was

15 'Deut. 34:3; Judg. 1:16

16 '2 Kin. 16:7
1 LXX, Syr.,
Vg. *king* (cf. v. 20)

17 '2 Chr. 21:10; Obad. 10-14

18 '2 Chr. 21:16, 17; Ezek. 16:27, 57

19 '2 Kin. 16:2; 2 Chr. 21:2
bEx. 32:25
1 *humbled*
Judah

20 '2 Kin. 15:29; 16:7-9;
1 Chr. 5:26
1 Heb. *Tilgath-Pileser*

23 '2 Chr. 25:14 bJer. 44:17, 18

24 '2 Chr. 29:3, 7

25 1 *Places for pagan worship*

26 '2 Kin. 16:19, 20

27 '2 Chr. 21:20; 24:25
1 *Died and joined his ancestors*

CHAPTER 29

1 '2 Kin. 18:1; 2 Chr. 32:22, 33 '2 Chr.

26:5 1 *Abi*,
2 Kin. 18:2

3 '2 Chr. 28:24; 29:7

5 '1 Chr. 15:12; 2 Chr. 29:15, 34; 35:6
1 *consecrate*

6 'a [Is. 1:4]; Jer. 2:27; Ezek. 8:16 1 *Temple*

7 '2 Chr. 28:24

8 '2 Chr. 24:18
b2 Chr. 28:5
c1 Kin. 9:8;

Jer. 18:16; 19:8; 25:9, 18; 29:18 'Deut. 28:32

9 'aDeut. 28:25; 2 Chr. 28:5-8, 17

10 '2 Chr. 15:12; 23:16

11 'aNum. 3:6; 8:14; 18:2, 6; 2 Chr. 30:16, 17

12 '2 Chr. 31:13 bNum. 3:19, 20

15 '2 Chr. 29:5
b1 Chr. 23:28
1 *consecrated*

1 'Abijah the daughter of Zechariah. 2 And he did *what* was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple

3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he 'opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them.

4 Then he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them in the East Square,

5 and said to them: "Hear me, Levites! Now 'sanctify yourselves, 'sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy place.

6 "For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of the LORD our God; they have forsaken Him, have 'turned their faces away from the 'dwelling place of the LORD, and turned *their backs on Him*.

7 "They have also shut up the doors of the vestibule, put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

8 "Therefore the 'wrath of the LORD fell upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has 'given them up to trouble, to desolation, and to 'jeering, as you see with your 'eyes.

9 "For indeed, because of this 'our fathers have fallen by the sword; and our sons, our daughters, and our wives *are* in captivity.

10 "Now it is in my heart to make 'a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 "My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has 'chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense."

12 Then these Levites arose: 'Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the 'Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimma and Eden the son of Joah; 13 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

14 of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, 'sanctified¹ themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD, 'to cleanse the house of the LORD.

16 Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the LORD to the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took

it out and carried it to the Brook ^aKidron.

17 Now they began to 'sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. So they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.

18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles.

19 "Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had ^acast aside in his transgression we have prepared and 'sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of the LORD."

Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship

20 Then King Hezekiah rose early, gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats for a ^asin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for Judah. Then he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and ^asprinkled it on the altar. Likewise they killed the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

23 Then they brought out the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and they laid their ^ahands on them.

24 And the priests killed them; and they presented their blood on the altar as a sin offering ^ato make an atonement for all Israel, for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *be made* for all Israel.

25 ^aAnd he stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, ^baccording to the commandment of David, of ^aGad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; ^afor thus was the commandment of the LORD by His prophets.

26 The Levites stood with the instruments ^aof David, and the priests with ^bthe trumpets.

27 Then Hezekiah commanded *them* to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, ^athe song of the LORD also began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel.

28 So all the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters

16 ^a2 Chr.
15:16; 30:14

17 ¹consecrate

19 ^a2 Chr.
28:24 ¹consecrated

21 ^aLev. 4:3-14

22 ^aLev. 8:14,
15, 19, 24;
Heb. 9:21

23 ^aLev. 4:15,
24; 8:14

24 ^aLev. 14:20

25 ^a1 Chr. 16:4;
25:6 ^b1 Chr.
23:5; 25:1;
2 Chr. 8:14
^c2 Sam. 24:11
^d2 Chr. 30:12

26 ^a1 Chr. 23:5;
Amos 6:5
^bNum. 10:8,
10; 1 Chr.
15:24; 16:6;
2 Chr. 5:12

27 ^a2 Chr.
23:18

29 ^a2 Chr.
20:18

31 ^aLev. 7:12
^bEx. 35:5, 22

34 ^a2 Chr.
35:11 ^b2 Chr.
30:3 ^cPs. 7:10
^d2 Chr. 29:5
¹consecrated

35 ^aLev. 3:15,
16 ^bNum.
15:5-10

CHAPTER 30

2 ^aNum. 9:10,
11; 2 Chr.
30:13, 15

3 ^aEx. 12:6, 18
^b2 Chr. 29:17,
34 ¹The first
month, Lev.
23:5; lit. *that*
time

5 ¹established
a decree to

sounded; all *this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had finished offering, ^athe king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped.

30 Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, "Now *that* you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near, and bring sacrifices and ^athank offerings into the house of the LORD." So the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a ^bwilling heart *brought* burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 The consecrated things were six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not skin all the burnt offerings; therefore ^atheir brethren the Levites helped them until the work was ended and until the *other* priests had 'sanctified themselves, ^bfor the Levites were ^amore diligent in ^asanctifying themselves than the priests.

35 Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with ^athe fat of the peace offerings and with ^bthe drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced that God had prepared the people, since the events took place so suddenly.

Hezekiah Keeps the Passover

30 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king and his leaders and all the assembly in Jerusalem had agreed to keep the Passover in the second ^amonth.

3 For they could not keep it ^aat the regular time, ^bbecause a sufficient number of priests had not consecrated themselves, nor had the people gathered together at Jerusalem.

4 And the matter pleased the king and all the assembly.

5 So they 'resolved to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from

Beersheba to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem, since they had not done it for a long time in the prescribed manner.

6 Then the runners went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: "Children of Israel, ^breturn to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 "And do not be like your fathers and your brethren, who trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, so that He ^bgave them up to desolation, as you see.

8 "Now do not be stiff-necked,¹ as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the LORD your God, ^bthat the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you.

9 "For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God is ^bgracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you ^areturn to Him."

10 So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they laughed at them and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless some from Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, ^bat the word of the LORD.

13 Now many people, a very great assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month.

14 They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the incense altars and cast them into the Brook Kidron.

15 Then they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed, and ²sanctified themselves, and brought the burnt offerings to the house of the LORD.

16 They stood in their place according to their custom, according to the Law of Moses the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood received from the hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves; therefore the Levites

6 ^aEsth. 8:14; Job 9:25; Jer. 51:31 ^b[Jer. 4:1; Joel 2:13] ^{c2} Kin. 15:19, 29 ^{d2} Chr. 28:20

7 ^aEzek. 20:18 ^bIs. 1:9 ^{c2} Chr. 29:8

8 ^aEx. 32:9; Deut. 10:16; Acts 7:51 ^{b2} Chr. 29:10 ¹Rebellious

9 ^aPs. 106:46 ^b[Ex. 34:6; Mic. 7:18] ^c[Is. 55:7]

10 ^{a2} Chr. 36:16

11 ^{a2} Chr. 11:16; 30:18, 21

12 ^a[2 Cor. 3:5; Phil. 2:13; Heb. 13:20, 21] ^{b2} Chr. 29:25

13 ^aLev. 23:6; Num. 9:11

14 ^{a2} Chr. 28:24 ^{b2} Chr. 29:16

15 ^{a2} Chr. 29:34 ¹hum- bled them- selves ²set themselves apart

16 ^{a2} Chr. 35:10, 15 ¹Or in their proper order

17 ^{a2} Chr. 29:34 ¹consecrated

18 ^{a2} Chr. 30:1, 11, 25 ^bEx. 12:43-49; [Num. 9:10]

19 ^{a2} Chr. 19:3

21 ^aEx. 12:15; 13:6; 1 Kin. 8:65

22 ^a[Deut. 33:10]; 2 Chr. 17:9; 35:3 ^bEzra 10:11

23 ^{a1} Kin. 8:65; 2 Chr. 35:17, 18

24 ^{a2} Chr. 35:7, 8 ^{b2} Chr. 29:34 ¹consecrated

25 ^{a2} Chr. 30:11, 18

26 ^{a2} Chr. 7:8-10

27 ^aNum. 6:23 ^bDeut. 26:15; Ps. 68:5

CHAPTER 31

1 ^{a2} Kin. 18:4 ¹Places for pagan worship

had charge of the slaughter of the Passover lambs for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone

19 "who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary."

20 And the LORD listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

21 So the children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing to the LORD, accompanied by loud instruments.

22 And Hezekiah gave encouragement to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of the LORD; and they ate throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 Then the whole assembly agreed to keep the feast another seven days, and they kept it another seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep, and the leaders gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25 The whole assembly of Judah rejoiced, also the priests and Levites, all the assembly that came from Israel, the sojourners who came from the land of Israel, and those who dwelt in Judah.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.

27 Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard; and their prayer came up to His holy dwelling place, to heaven.

The Reforms of Hezekiah

31 Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the sacred pillars in pieces, cut down the wooden images, and threw down the high places and the altars—from all Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasse—until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel

returned to their own cities, every man to his possession.

2 And Hezekiah appointed ^athe divisions of the priests and the Levites according to their divisions, each man according to his service, the priests and Levites ^bfor burnt offerings and peace offerings, to serve, to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the ¹camp of the LORD.

3 The king also appointed ^aa portion of his ^apossessions² for the burnt offerings: for the morning and evening burnt offerings, the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths and the New Moons and the set feasts, as it is written in the ^bLaw of the LORD.

4 Moreover he commanded the people who dwell in Jerusalem to contribute ^asupport¹ for the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to ^bthe Law of the LORD.

5 As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance ^athe first-fruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the ^btithe of everything.

6 And the children of Israel and Judah, who dwell in the cities of Judah, brought the tithe of oxen and sheep; also the ^atithe of holy things which were consecrated to the LORD their God they laid in heaps.

7 In the third month they began laying them in heaps, and they finished in the seventh month.

8 And when Hezekiah and the leaders came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and His people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest, from the ^ahouse of Zadok, answered him and said, ^b"Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat and have plenty left, for the LORD has blessed His people; and what is left is this great ^aabundance."

11 Now Hezekiah commanded *them* to prepare ^arooms¹ in the house of the LORD, and they prepared them.

12 Then they faithfully brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things; ^aCononiah the Levite had charge of them, and Shimei his brother was the next.

13 Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king and Azariah the ^aruler of the house of God.

14 Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the East Gate, was over

2 ^{a1} Chr. 23:6; 24:1 ^{b1} Chr. 23:30, 31
¹Temple

3 ^{a2} Chr. 35:7
^aNum. 28:1-29:40
¹share
²property

4 ^aNum. 18:8; 2 Kin. 12:16; Neh. 13:10; Ezek. 44:29
^bMal. 2:7 ¹the portion due

5 ^aEx. 22:29; Neh. 13:12
^b[Lev. 27:30]; Deut. 14:28; 26:12, 13

6 ^a[Lev. 27:30]; Deut. 14:28

10 ^{a1} Chr. 6:8, 9
^b[Mal. 3:10]
^cEx. 36:5

11 ^{a1} Kin. 6:5-8 ¹store-rooms

12 ^{a2} Chr. 35:9; Neh. 13:13

13 ^{a1} Chr. 9:11; Jer. 20:1

14 ^aDeut. 23:23; 2 Chr. 35:8

15 ^{a2} Chr. 29:12 ^bJosh. 21:1-3, 9
^{c1} Chr. 9:26

17 ^{a1} Chr. 23:24, 27

18 ¹consecrated

19 ^aLev. 25:34; Num. 35:1-4
² Chr. 31:12-15

20 ^{a2} Kin. 20:3; 22:2

21 ^{a2} Chr. 26:5; 32:30; Ps. 1:3

CHAPTER 32

1 ^{a2} Kin. 18:13-19:37; Is. 36:1-37:38

3 ¹Lit. *mighty men*

4 ^{a2} Kin. 20:20
¹So with MT, Vg.; Arab., LXX, Syr. *king*

5 ^aIs. 22:9, 10
^{b2} Kin. 25:4; 2 Chr. 25:23
^{c2} Sam. 5:9; 1 Kin. 9:15, 24; 11:27; 2 Kin. 12:20; 1 Chr. 11:8
¹Lit. *The Landfill*

the ^afreewill offerings to God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD and the most holy things.

15 And under him *were* ^aEden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, *his* faithful assistants in ^bthe cities of the priests, to distribute ^aallotments to their brethren by divisions, to the great as well as the small.

16 Besides those males from three years old and up who were written in the genealogy, they distributed to everyone who entered the house of the LORD his daily portion for the work of his service, by his division, 17 and to the priests who were written in the genealogy according to their father's house, and to the Levites ^afrom twenty years old and up according to their work, by their divisions,

18 and to all who were written in the genealogy—their little ones and their wives, their sons and daughters, the whole company of them—for in their faithfulness they ¹sanctified themselves in holiness.

19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, *who were* in ^athe fields of the common-lands of their cities, in every single city, *there were* men who were ^bdesignated by name to distribute portions to all the males among the priests and to all who were listed by genealogies among the Levites.

20 Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he ^adid what was good and right and true before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he ^aprospered.

Sennacherib Boasts Against the LORD

32 After ^athese deeds of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them over to himself.

2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem,

3 he consulted with his leaders and ^acommanders to stop the water from the springs which *were* outside the city; and they helped him.

4 Thus many people gathered together who stopped all the ^asprings and the brook that ran through the land, saying, "Why should the ^bkins of Assyria come and find much water?"

5 And ^ahe strengthened himself, ^bbuilt up all the wall that was broken, raised it up to the towers, and *built* another wall outside; also he repaired ¹the ^aMillo in the City of

David, and made ²weapons and shields in abundance.

6 Then he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and ^agave them encouragement, saying,

7 ^a“Be strong and courageous; ^bdo not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for ^cthere are more with us than with him.

8 ^a“With him is an ^aarm of flesh; but ^bwith us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 ^aAfter this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem (but he and all the forces with him ^alaid siege against Lachish), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were in Jerusalem, saying,

10 ^a“Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria: ‘In what do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem?’

11 ‘Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, ^a“The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria?”’

12 ^a“Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, ‘You shall worship before one altar and burn incense on ^bit?”’

13 ‘Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of ^aother lands? ^a“Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hand?’

14 ‘Who was ^athere among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my ^ahand?’

15 ‘Now therefore, ^ado not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you like this, and do not believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you from my hand?’ ”

16 Furthermore, his servants spoke against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah.

17 He also wrote letters to revile the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, ^a“As the gods of the nations of ^aother lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my ^bhand.”

5 ²javelins

6 ^a2 Chr. 30:22; Is. 40:2

7 ^a[Deut. 31:6]
^b2 Chr. 20:15
^c2 Kin. 6:16;
[Rom. 8:31]

8 ^a[Jer. 17:5;
1 John 4:4]
^bEx. 14:13;
[1 Sam.
17:45-47];
2 Chr. 13:12;
20:17; [Rom.
8:31]

9 ^a2 Kin. 18:17

10 ^a2 Kin. 18:19

11 ^a2 Kin. 18:30

12 ^a2 Kin. 18:22 ^b2 Chr. 31:1, 2

13 ^a2 Kin. 18:33-35

14 ^a[Is. 10:5-12]

15 ^a2 Kin. 18:29

17 ^a2 Kin. 19:9;
[1 Cor. 8:5, 6]
^b2 Kin. 19:12;
Dan. 3:15

18 ^a2 Kin. 18:28; Ps. 59:6
¹Lit. *Judean*

19 ^a2 Kin. 19:18; [Ps. 96:5; 115:4-8]

20 ^a2 Kin. 19:15 ^b2 Kin. 19:2

21 ^a2 Kin. 19:35; Is. 10:12-19;
Zech. 14:3
^bPs. 44:7

22 ¹LXX gave them rest; Vg. gave them treasures

23 ^a2 Sam. 8:10; 2 Chr. 17:5; 26:8; Ps. 45:12 ^b2 Chr. 1:1 ¹Lit. *precious things*

24 ^a2 Kin. 20:1-11; Is. 38:1-8

25 ^aPs. 116:12
^b2 Chr. 26:16;
[Hab. 2:4]
^c2 Chr. 24:18

26 ^aJer. 26:18, 19 ^b2 Kin. 20:19

28 ¹So with LXX, Vg.; Arab., Syr. omit *folds* for *flocks*; MT *flocks* for *sheepfolds*

29 ^a1 Chr. 29:12

30 ^aIs. 22:9-11
^b2 Chr. 31:21
¹Lit. *brought it straight to* (cf. 2 Kin. 20:20)

18 ^aThen they called out with a loud voice in ¹Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, that they might take the city.

19 And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth—the work of men’s hands.

Sennacherib’s Defeat and Death

20 ^aNow because of this King Hezekiah and ^bthe prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven.

21 ^aThen the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned ^bshamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all ^aothers, and ¹guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts to the LORD at Jerusalem, and ^apresents¹ to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was ^bexalted in the sight of all nations thereafter.

Hezekiah humbles Himself

24 ^aIn those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the LORD; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah ^adid not repay according to the favor *shown* him, for ^bhis heart was lifted up; ^atherefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem.

26 ^aThen Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come upon them ^bin the days of Hezekiah.

Hezekiah’s Wealth and Honor

27 Hezekiah had very great riches and honor. And he made himself treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of desirable items; 28 storehouses for the harvest of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of livestock, and ^afolds for flocks.

29 Moreover he provided cities for himself, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for ^aGod had given him very much property.

30 ^aThis same Hezekiah also stopped the water outlet of Upper Gihon, and ¹brought the water by tunnel to the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah ^bprospered in all his works.

31 However, *regarding* the ambas-

sadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they ^asent to him to inquire about the wonder that was *done* in the land. God withdrew from him, in order to ^btest him, that He might know all *that was* in his heart.

Death of Hezekiah

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, indeed they *are* written in ^athe vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the ^bbook of the kings of Judah and Israel.

33 ^aSo Hezekiah ¹rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the upper tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem ^bhonored him at his death. Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

Manasseh Reigns in Judah

33 Manasseh ^awas twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the ^aabominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he rebuilt the ¹high places which Hezekiah his father had ^abroken down; he raised up altars for the Baals, and ^bmade wooden images; and he worshiped ^call ²the host of heaven and served them.

4 He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, ^a"In Jerusalem shall My name be forever."

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven ^ain the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 ^aAlso he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced ^bsoothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and ^cconsulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

7 ^aHe even set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the ¹house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, ^b"In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;

8 ^a"and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I have appointed for your fathers—only if they are careful to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses."

9 So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the

³¹ ^aIs. 39:1
^b[Deut. 8:2, 16]

³² ^aIs. 36—39
^b2 Kin. 18—20

³³ ^a2 Kin. 20:21 ^bProv. 10:7 ¹Died and joined his ancestors

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¹ ^a2 Kin. 21:1—9

² ^a2 Chr. 28:3

³ ^a2 Kin. 18:4
^bDeut. 16:21
^cDeut. 17:3
¹Places for pagan worship
²The gods of the Assyrians

⁴ ^a2 Chr. 6:6; 7:16

⁵ ^a2 Chr. 4:9

⁶ ^a[Lev. 18:21]
^bDeut. 18:11
^c2 Kin. 21:6

⁷ ^a2 Chr. 25:14
^bPs. 132:14
¹Temple

⁸ ^a2 Sam. 7:10

¹⁰ ¹obey

¹¹ ^aDeut. 28:36 ^b2 Chr. 36:6 ¹Nose hooks, 2 Kin. 19:28 ²chains

¹² ^a2 Chr. 7:14; 32:26

¹³ ^aEzra 8:23
^bDan. 4:25

¹⁴ ^a1 Kin. 1:33
^b2 Chr. 27:3

¹⁵ ^a2 Chr. 33:3, 5, 7

¹⁶ ^aLev. 7:12

¹⁷ ^a2 Chr. 32:12 ¹Places for pagan worship

¹⁸ ^a1 Sam. 9:9
¹Lit. words

¹⁹ ¹Places for pagan worship ²LXX the seers

²⁰ ^a2 Kin. 21:18

²¹ ^a2 Kin. 21:19—24

LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

Manasseh Restored After Repentance

10 And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not ¹listen.

11 ^aTherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with ¹hooks, ^bbound him with ²bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.

12 Now when he was in affliction, he implored the LORD his God, and ^ahumbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 and prayed to Him; and He ^areceived his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh ^bknew that the LORD was God.

14 After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the west side of ^aGihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and *it* ^benclosed Ophel, and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15 He took away ^athe foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem; and he cast *them* out of the city.

16 He also repaired the altar of the LORD, sacrificed peace offerings and ^athank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 ^aNevertheless the people still sacrificed on the ¹high places, *but* only to the LORD their God.

Death of Manasseh

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of ^athe seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, indeed they *are* written in the ¹book of the kings of Israel.

19 Also his prayer and *how* God received his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass, and the sites where he built ¹high places and set up wooden images and carved images, before he was humbled, indeed they *are* written among the sayings of ²Hozai.

20 ^aSo Manasseh rested with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

Amon's Reign and Death

21 ^aAmon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did evil in the sight of the

LORD, as his father Manasseh had done; for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and served them.

23 And he did not humble himself before the LORD, as his father Manasseh had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

24 Then his servants conspired against him, and killed him in his own house.

25 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

Josiah Reigns in Judah

34 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images.

4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which were above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

5 He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And so he did in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali and all around, with axes.

7 When he had broken down the altars and the wooden images, had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

Hilkiah Finds the Book of the Law

8 In the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 When they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim,

23 ^{a2} Chr. 33:12, 19

24 ^{a2} Kin. 21:23, 24;
2 Chr. 24:25
^{b2} Chr. 25:27

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1 ^{a2} Kin. 22:1, 2; Jer. 1:2; 3:6

3 ^a Eccl. 12:1
^{b2} Chr. 15:2;
[Prov. 8:17]
^{c1} Kin. 13:2
^{d2} Chr. 33:17-19, 22
¹ Places for pagan worship

4 ^a Lev. 26:30;
2 Kin. 23:4
^{b2} Kin. 23:6

5 ^{a1} Kin. 13:2
^{b2} Kin. 23:20

6 ¹ Lit. swords

7 ^a Deut. 9:21

8 ^{a2} Kin. 22:3-20
^{b2} Kin. 25:22
^{c2} Chr. 18:25
¹ Lit. house

9 ^{a2} Kin. 12:4
^{b2} Chr. 30:6

13 ^{a2} Chr. 8:10
^{b1} Chr. 23:4, 5

14 ^{a2} Kin. 22:8

15 ^a Deut. 31:24, 26

17 ¹ Lit. poured out

20 ^a Jer. 26:24
¹ Achbor the son of Michai-
iah, 2 Kin. 22:12

21 ^{a2} Kin. 17:15-19

22 ¹ Tikvah,
2 Kin. 22:14
² Harhas,
2 Kin. 22:14

from all the remnant of Israel, from all Judah and Benjamin, and which they had brought back to Jerusalem.

10 Then they put it in the hand of the foremen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they gave it to the workmen who worked in the house of the LORD, to repair and restore the house.

11 They gave it to the craftsmen and builders to buy hewn stone and timber for beams, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully. Their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to supervise. Others of the Levites, all of whom were skillful with instruments of music,

13 were over the burden bearers and were overseers of all who did work in any kind of service. And some of the Levites were scribes, officers, and gatekeepers.

14 Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given by Moses.

15 Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.

16 So Shaphan carried the book to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "All that was committed to your servants they are doing.

17 And they have gathered the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen."

18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.

19 Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his clothes.

20 Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,

21 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."

22 So Hilkiah and those the king had appointed went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.)

And they spoke to her to that effect.
23 Then she answered them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me,

24 "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah,
25 'because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and not be quenched.' "

26 "But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, in this manner you shall speak to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard—

27 "because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the LORD.

28 "Surely I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants." "

29 So they brought back word to the king.

Josiah Restores True Worship

29 "Then the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 The king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests and the Levites, and all the people, great and small. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD.

31 Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.

32 And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 Thus Josiah removed all the abominations from all the country that belonged to the children of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel diligently serve the LORD their God. All his days they did not depart from following the LORD God of their fathers.

24 ^{a2} Chr. 36:14–20 ^b Deut. 28:15–68

27 ^{a2} Kin. 22:19; 2 Chr. 12:7; 30:6; 33:12, 13

29 ^{a2} Kin. 23:1–3

30 ^a Neh. 8:1–3

31 ^{a2} Chr. 6:13 ^{b2} Kin. 11:14; 23:3 ^{c2} Chr. 23:16; 29:10

33 ^{a1} Kin. 11:5; 2 Chr. 33:2 ^b Jer. 3:10 ¹ Lit. serve to serve

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1 ^{a2} Kin. 23:21, 22 ^b Ex. 12:6; Num. 9:3; Ezra 6:19

2 ^{a2} Chr. 23:18; Ezra 6:18 ^{b2} Chr. 29:5–15

3 ^a Deut. 33:10; 2 Chr. 17:8, 9; Neh. 8:7 ^{b2} Chr. 34:14 ^c Ex. 40:21; 2 Chr. 5:7 ^{d1} Chr. 23:26

4 ^{a1} Chr. 9:10–13 ^{b1} Chr. 23–26 ^{c2} Chr. 8:14 ¹ households

5 ^a Ps. 134:1

6 ^{a2} Chr. 29:5, 15

7 ^{a2} Chr. 30:24 ^{b2} Chr. 31:3

8 ^a Num. 7:2

9 ^{a2} Chr. 31:12

10 ^a Ezra 6:18; Heb. 9:6 ^{b2} Chr. 5:12; 7:6; 8:14, 15; 13:10; 29:25–34

11 ^a Ex. 12:22; 2 Chr. 29:22 ^{b2} Chr. 29:34

12 ^a Lev. 3:3; Ezra 6:18

13 ^a Ex. 12:8, 9; Deut. 16:7

Josiah Keeps the Passover

35 Now Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem, and they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their duties and encouraged them for the service of the house of the LORD.

3 Then he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to the LORD: "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built. It shall no longer be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God and His people Israel.

4 "Prepare yourselves according to your fathers' houses, according to your divisions, following the written instruction of David king of Israel and the written instruction of Solomon his son.

5 "And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brethren the lay people, and according to the division of the father's house of the Levites.

6 "So slaughter the Passover offerings, consecrate yourselves, and prepare them for your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses."

7 Then Josiah gave the lay people lambs and young goats from the flock, all for Passover offerings for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, as well as three thousand cattle; these were from the king's possessions.

8 And his leaders gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred from the flock, and three hundred cattle.

9 Also Conaniah, his brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand from the flock and five hundred cattle.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's command.

11 And they slaughtered the Passover offerings; and the priests sprinkled the blood with their hands, while the Levites skinned the animals.

12 Then they removed the burnt offerings that they might give them to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to the LORD, as it is written in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the cattle.

13 Also they roasted the Passover

offerings with fire according to the ordinance; but the *other* holy offerings they ^bboiled in pots, in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* quickly among all the *lay* people.

14 Then afterward they prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, *were busy* in offering burnt offerings and fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph, *were* in their places, according to the ^acommand of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the gatekeepers ^bwere at each gate; they did not have to leave their position, because their brethren the Levites prepared portions for them.

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD, according to the command of King Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of ^aUnleavened Bread for seven days.

18 ^aThere had been no Passover kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept, with the priests and the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept.

Josiah Dies in Battle

20 ^aAfter all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against ^bCarchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him.

21 But he sent messengers to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah? *I have not come* against you this day, but against the house with which I have war; for God commanded me to make haste. Refrain from meddling with God, who is with me, lest He destroy you."

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but ^adisguised himself so that he might fight with him, and did not heed the words of Necho from the mouth of God. So he came to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded."

24 ^aHis servants therefore took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had, and they brought him to Jerusalem. So he died, and was buried in *one of*

13 ^{b1} Sam.
2:13-15

15 ^{a1} Chr.
25:1-6 ^{b1} Chr.
9:17, 18

17 ^aEx. 12:15;
13:6; 2 Chr.
30:21

18 ^{a2} Kin.
23:22, 23

20 ^{a2} Kin.
23:29 ^{b1s} 10:9;
Jer. 46:2

22 ^{a1} Kin.
22:30; 2 Chr.
18:29

24 ^{a2} Kin.
23:30 ^{b1} Kin.
14:18; Zech.
12:11

25 ^aLam. 4:20
^bJer. 22:10, 11
^cMatt. 9:23
^dJer. 22:20

CHAPTER 36

1 ^{a2} Kin.
23:30-34

2 ¹MT Joahaz

4 ¹Lit. his ²MT
Joahaz

5 ^{a2} Kin.
23:36, 37;
1 Chr. 3:15
^b[Jer.
22:13-19]

6 ^{a2} Kin. 24:1;
Hab. 1:6
^b[Deut.
29:22-29];
2 Chr. 33:11;
Jer. 36:30
¹chains

7 ^{a2} Kin.
24:13; Dan.
1:1, 2

8 ¹Or Jeconiah

9 ^{a2} Kin.
24:8-17 ¹Heb.
mss., LXX,
Syr. *eighteen*
and 2 Kin.
24:8

10 ^{a2} Kin.
24:10-17
^bDan. 1:1, 2

the tombs of his fathers. And ^aall Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 Jeremiah also ^alamented for ^bJosiah. And to this day ^aall the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations. ^aThey made it a custom in Israel; and indeed they *are* written in the Laments.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his goodness, according to *what* was written in the Law of the LORD, 27 and his deeds from first to last, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

The Reign and Captivity of Jehoahaz

36 Then ^athe people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem.

2 ¹Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 Now the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

4 Then the king of Egypt made ¹Jehoahaz's brother Eliakim king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took ²Jehoahaz his brother and carried him off to Egypt.

The Reign and Captivity of Jehoiakim

5 ^aJehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did ^bevil in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in ¹bronze fetters to ^bcarry him off to Babylon.

7 ^aNebuchadnezzar also carried off *some* of the articles from the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

The Reign and Captivity of Jehoiachin

9 ^aJehoiachin was ^aeight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months and ten days. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

10 At the turn of the year ^aKing Nebuchadnezzar summoned *him* and took him to Babylon, ^bwith the costly articles from the house of the

LORD, and made ^cZedekiah,¹ ²*Jehoiakim's* brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

Zedekiah Reigns in Judah

11 ^aZedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 He did evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and ^adid not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD.

13 And he also ^arebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear *an oath* by God; but he ^bstiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel.

14 Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, according to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of the LORD which He had consecrated in Jerusalem.

The Fall of Jerusalem

15 ^aAnd the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending *them*, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.

16 But ^athey mocked the messengers of God, ^bdespised His words, and ^cscoffed at His prophets, until the ^awrath of the LORD arose against His people, till *there was* no remedy.

17 ^aTherefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who ^bkilled their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or

10 ^aJer. 37:1
¹Or *Mattaniah* ²Lit. *his brother*, 2
Kin. 24:17

11 ^aJer. 52:1

12 ^aJer. 21:3–7;
44:10

13 ^aEzek.
17:15 ^b2 Kin.
17:14

15 ^aJer. 7:13;
25:3, 4

16 ^aJer. 5:12,
13 ^bProv.
1:24–32 ^cJer.
38:6 ^dPs. 79:5

17 ^a2 Kin. 25:1
^bPs. 74:20

18 ^a2 Kin.
25:13–15

19 ^a2 Kin. 25:9

20 ^a2 Kin.
25:11 ^bJer.
17:4; 27:7

21 ^aJer.
25:9–12;
27:6–8; 29:10
^bLev. 26:34–43
^cLev. 25:4, 5

22 ^aEzra 1:1–3
^bJer. 29:10 ^cIs.
44:28; 45:1

23 ^aEzra 1:2, 3
¹Temple

the weak; He gave *them* all into his hand.

18 ^aAnd all the articles from the house of God, great and small, the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his leaders, all *these* he took to Babylon.

19 ^aThen they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions.

20 And ^athose who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, ^bwhere they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia,

21 to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of ^aJeremiah, until the land ^bhad enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate ^cshe kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

The Proclamation of Cyrus

22 ^aNow in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of ^bJeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of ^cCyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying,

23 ^aThus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a ¹house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who is among you of all His people? May the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up!

The Book of

EZRA

EZRA continues the Old Testament narrative of Second Chronicles by showing how God fulfills His promise to return His people to the Land of Promise after seventy years of exile. Israel's "second exodus," this one from Babylon, is less impressive than the return from Egypt because only a remnant chooses to leave Babylon.

Ezra relates the story of two returns from Babylon—the first led by Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple (1–6), and the second under the leadership of Ezra to rebuild the spiritual condition of the people (7–10). Sandwiched between these two accounts is a gap of nearly six decades, during which Esther lives and rules as queen in Persia.

Ezra is the Aramaic form of the Hebrew word *ezer*, "help," and perhaps means "Yahweh helps." Ezra and Nehemiah were originally bound together as one book

because Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah were viewed as one continuous history. The Septuagint, a Greek-language version of the Old Testament translated in the third century B.C., calls Ezra–Nehemiah, *Esdras Deuteron*, “Second Esdras.” First Esdras is the name of the apocryphal book of Esdras. The Latin title is *Liber Primus Esdrae*, “First Book of Ezra.” In the Latin Bible, Ezra is called First Ezra and Nehemiah is called Second Ezra.

End of the Babylonian Captivity

NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD ^aby the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, ^bso that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has ^acommanded me to build Him a ¹house at Jerusalem which is in Judah.

3 Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (^aHe is God), which is in Jerusalem.

4 And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.

5 Then the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits ^aGod ¹had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

6 And all those who were around them ¹encouraged them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with precious things, besides all that was ^awillingly offered.

7 ^aKing Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, ^bwhich Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the ¹temple of his gods;

8 ^aCyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to ^aSheshbazzar the prince of Judah.

9 This is the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives, 10 thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar kind, and one thousand other articles.

11 All the articles of gold and silver were five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar took with the

CHAPTER 1

1 ^{a2} Chr. 36:22, 23; Jer. 25:12; 29:10 ^bEzra 5:13, 14; Is. 44:28–45:13

2 ^aIs. 44:28; 45:1, 13 ¹Temple

3 ^{a1} Kin. 8:23; 18:39; Is. 37:16; Dan. 6:26

5 ^a[Phil. 2:13] ¹stirred up

6 ^aEzra 2:68 ¹Lit. *strengthened their hands*

7 ^aEzra 5:14; 6:5; Dan. 1:2; 5:2, 3 ^{b2} Kin. 24:13; 2 Chr. 36:7, 18 ¹Lit. *house*

8 ^aEzra 5:14, 16

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aNeh. 7:6–73; Jer. 32:15; 50:5; Ezek. 14:22 ^{b2} Kin. 24:14–16; 25:11; 2 Chr. 36:20

2 ¹Azariah, Neh. 7:7 ²Raamiah, Neh. 7:7 ³Mispereth, Neh. 7:7 ⁴Nehum, Neh. 7:7

5 ^aNeh. 7:10

6 ^aNeh. 7:11

10 ¹Binnui, Neh. 7:15

18 ¹Hariph, Neh. 7:24

20 ¹Gibeon, Neh. 7:25

captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

The Captives Who Returned to Jerusalem

2 Now ^athese are the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, ^bwhom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city.

2 Those who came with Zerubbabel were Jeshua, Nehemiah, ¹Seraiah, ²Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, ³Mispar, Bigvai, ⁴Rehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 the people of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two;

4 the people of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two;

5 the people of Arah, ^aseven hundred and seventy-five;

6 the people of ^aPahath-Moab, of the people of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve;

7 the people of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

8 the people of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five;

9 the people of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty;

10 the people of ¹Bani, six hundred and forty-two;

11 the people of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three;

12 the people of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two;

13 the people of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six;

14 the people of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six;

15 the people of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four;

16 the people of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight;

17 the people of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three;

18 the people of ¹Jorah, one hundred and twelve;

19 the people of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three;

20 the people of ¹Gibbar, ninety-five;

21 the people of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three;

22 the men of Netophah, fifty-six;
 23 the men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight;
 24 the people of ^aAzmaveth, forty-two;
 25 the people of ¹Kirjath Arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three;
 26 the people of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one;
 27 the men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two;
 28 the men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three;
 29 the people of Nebo, fifty-two;
 30 the people of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six;
 31 the people of the other ^aElam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;
 32 the people of Harim, three hundred and twenty;
 33 the people of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five;
 34 the people of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five;
 35 the people of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.
 36 The priests: the sons of ^aJedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;
 37 the sons of ^aImmer, one thousand and fifty-two;
 38 the sons of ^aPashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;
 39 the sons of ^aHarim, one thousand and seventeen.
 40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of ¹Hodaviah, seventy-four.
 41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.
 42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai, one hundred and thirty-nine *in all*.
 43 ^aThe Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
 44 the sons of Keros, the sons of ¹Siaha, the sons of Padon, the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmal, the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai, the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of ¹Nephusim, the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

24 ¹*Beth Azmaveth*, Neh. 7:28

25 ¹*Kirjath Jearim*, Neh. 7:29

31 ^aEzra 2:7

36 ^{a1} Chr. 24:7-18

37 ^{a1} Chr. 24:14

38 ^{a1} Chr. 9:12

39 ^{a1} Chr. 24:8

40 ¹*Judah*, Ezra 3:9, or *Hodevah*, Neh. 7:43

43 ^{a1} Chr. 9:2; Ezra 7:7

44 ¹*Sia*, Neh. 7:47

50 ¹*Nephisessim*, Neh. 7:52

52 ¹*Bazlith*, Neh. 7:54

55 ^{a1} Kin. 9:21
^bNeh. 7:57-60
¹*Perida*, Neh. 7:57

57 ¹*Amon*, Neh. 7:59

58 ^aJosh. 9:21, 27; ¹ Chr. 9:2
^{b1} Kin. 9:21

59 ¹Or *Addon*, Neh. 7:61 ²Lit. tell ³Lit. seed

61 ^aNeh. 7:63
^{b2} Sam. 17:27;
¹ Kin. 2:7 ¹Or *Hakkoz*

62 ^aNum. 3:10

63 ^aLev. 22:2, 10, 15, 16 ^bEx. 28:30; Num. 27:21 ¹Heb. *Tirshatha*

64 ^aNeh. 7:66; Is. 10:22

68 ^aEzra 1:6; 3:5; Neh. 7:70

69 ^{a1} Chr. 26:20; Ezra 8:25-35

70 ^aEzra 6:16, 17; Neh. 7:73

52 the sons of ¹Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
 53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,
 54 the sons of Neziah, and the sons of Hatipha.
 55 The sons of ^aSolomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of ^bSophereth, the sons of ¹Peruda,
 56 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
 57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons of ¹Ami.
 58 All the ^aNethinim and the children of ^bSolomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.
 59 And these *were* the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, ¹Addan, and Immer; but they could not ²identify their father's house or their ³genealogy, whether they *were* of Israel:
 60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two;
 61 and of the sons of the priests: the sons of ^aHabaiah, the sons of ¹Koz, and the sons of ^bBarzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name.
 62 These sought their listing *among* those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; ^atherefore they *were excluded* from the priesthood as defiled.
 63 And the ¹governor said to them that they ^ashould not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the ^bUrim and Thummim.
 64 ^aThe whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,
 65 besides their male and female servants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred men and women singers.
 66 Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,
 67 their camels four hundred and thirty-five, and *their* donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.
 68 ^a*Some* of the heads of the fathers' houses, when they came to the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God, to erect it in its place:
 69 According to their ability, they gave to the ^atreasury for the work sixty-one thousand gold drachmas, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly garments.
 70 ^aSo the priests and the Levites,

some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Worship Restored at Jerusalem

3 And when the ^aseventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then ¹Jeshua the son of ^aJozadak² and his brethren the priests, ^band Zerubbabel the son of ^cShealtiel and his brethren, arose and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is ^dwritten in the Law of Moses the man of God.

3 Though fear *had come* upon them because of the people of those countries, they set the altar on its ¹bases; and they offered ^aburnt offerings on it to the LORD, *both* the morning and evening burnt offerings.

4 ^aThey also kept the Feast of Tabernacles, ^bas it is written, and ^coffered the daily burnt offerings in the number required by ordinance for each day.

5 Afterwards *they offered* the ^aregular burnt offering, and *those* for New Moons and for all the appointed feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and *those* of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, although the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.

7 They also gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and ^afood, drink, and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre to bring cedar logs from Lebanon to the sea, to ^bJoppa, ^caccording to the permission which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

Restoration of the Temple Begins

8 Now in the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of ¹Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began *work* ^band appointed the Levites from twenty years old and above to oversee the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then Jeshua *with* his sons and brothers, Kadmiel *with* his sons, and the sons of ¹Judah, arose as one to oversee those working on the house of God: the sons of Henadad *with* their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, ^athe¹ priests stood in their apparel

CHAPTER 3

¹a Neh. 7:73; 8:1, 2

²a 1 Chr. 6:14, 15; Ezra 4:3; Neh. 12:1, 8; Hag. 1:1; 2:2
^bEzra 2:2; 4:2, 3; 5:2 ^c1 Chr. 3:17 ^dDeut. 12:5, 6 ¹Or

²Jehozadak, 1 Chr. 6:14

³a Num. 28:3 ¹foundations

⁴a Lev. 23:33-43; Neh. 8:14-18; Zech. 14:16
^bEx. 23:16
^cNum. 29:12, 13

⁵a Ex. 29:38; Num. 28:3, 11, 19, 26; Ezra 1:4; 2:68; 7:15, 16; 8:28

⁷a 1 Kin. 5:6, 9; 2 Chr. 2:10; Acts 12:20
^b2 Chr. 2:16; Acts 9:36
^cEzra 1:2; 6:3

⁸a Ezra 3:2; 4:3 ¹Chr. 23:4, 24
¹Jehozadak, 1 Chr. 6:14

⁹¹Hodaviah, Ezra 2:40

¹⁰a 1 Chr. 16:5, 6 ^b1 Chr. 6:31; 16:4, 25:1 ¹So with LXX, Syr., Vg.; MT *they stationed the priests* ²Lit. *hands*

¹¹a Ex. 15:21; 2 Chr. 7:3; Neh. 12:24
^b1 Chr. 16:34; Ps. 136:1
^c1 Chr. 16:41; Jer. 33:11

¹²a Ezra 2:68

CHAPTER 4

¹a Ezra 4:7-9 ¹enemies

²a 2 Kin. 17:24; 19:37; Ezra 4:10

³a Neh. 2:20
^bEzra 1:1-4
¹Temple

⁴a Ezra 3:3
⁵a Ezra 5:5; 6:1

⁷a Ezra 7:1, 7, 21 ^b2 Kin. 18:26 ¹Or *in peace*

with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ^bordinance² of David king of Israel.

11 ^aAnd they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD:

^b*For He is good,
For His mercy endures forever
toward Israel.*

Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and ^aheads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy,

13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

Resistance to Rebuilding the Temple

4 Now when ^athe ¹adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the descendants of the captivity were building the temple of the LORD God of Israel,

2 they came to Zerubbabel and the heads of the fathers' houses, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you do; and we have sacrificed to Him ^asince the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here."

3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel said to them, ^a"You may do nothing with us to build a house for our God; but we alone will build to the LORD God of Israel, as ^bKing Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us."

4 Then ^athe people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building,

5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of ^aDarius king of Persia.

Rebuilding of Jerusalem Opposed

6 In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 In the days of ^aArtaxerxes also, ¹Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabe, and the rest of their companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter was written in ^bAramaic script, and translated into the Aramaic language.

8 ¹Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes in this fashion:

- 9 ¹From Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions—*representatives of* ^athe Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the people of Persia and Erech and Babylon and ²Shushan, the Dehavites, the Elamites,
- 10 ^aand the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnapper took captive and settled in the cities of Samaria and the remainder beyond ¹the River—^band ²so forth.

11 (This is a copy of the letter that they sent him)

To King Artaxerxes from your servants, the men *of the region* beyond the River, ¹and so forth:

- 12 Let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem, and are building the ^arebellious and evil city, and are finishing *its* ^bwalls and repairing the foundations.
- 13 Let it now be known to the king that, if this city is built and the walls completed, they will not pay ^atax, tribute, or custom, and the king's treasury will be diminished.
- 14 Now because we receive support from the palace, it was not proper for us to see the king's dishonor; therefore we have sent and informed the king.
- 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers. And you will find in the book of the records and know that this city is a rebellious city, harmful to kings and provinces, and that they have incited sedition within the city in former times, for which cause this city was destroyed.
- 16 We inform the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, the result will be that you will have no dominion beyond the River.

17 The king sent an answer:

To Rehum the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, to the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and to the remainder beyond the River:

Peace, ¹and so forth.

8 ¹The original language of Ezra 4:8 through 6:18 is Aramaic.

9 ^{a2} Kin. 17:30, 31 ¹Lit. Then ²Or Susa

10 ^{a2} Kin. 17:24; Ezra 4:1 ^bEzra 4:11, 17; 7:12 ¹The Euphrates ²Lit. and now

11 ¹Lit. and now

12 ^{a2} Chr. 36:13 ^bEzra 5:3, 9

13 ^aEzra 4:20; 7:24

17 ¹Lit. and now

19 ¹Lit. by me a decree has been put forth

20 ^{a1} Kin. 4:21; 1 Chr. 18:3; Ps. 72:8 ^bGen. 15:18; Josh. 1:4

21 ¹put forth a decree

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aHag. 1:1 ^bZech. 1:1

2 ^aEzra 3:2; Hag. 1:12 ^bEzra 6:14; Hag. 2:4 ¹Jehozadak, 1 Chr. 6:14

3 ^aEzra 5:6; 6:6 ^bEzra 1:3; 5:9 ¹The Euphrates ²Lit. house

4 ^aEzra 5:10

5 ^{a2} Chr. 16:9; Ezra 7:6, 28; Ps. 33:18 ^bEzra 6:6

6 ^aEzra 4:7–10

18 The letter which you sent to us has been clearly read before me.

19 And ¹I gave the command, and a search has been made, and it was found that this city in former times has revolted against kings, and rebellion and sedition have been fostered in it.

20 There have also been mighty kings over Jerusalem, who have ^aruled over all *the region* ^bbeyond the River; and tax, tribute, and custom were paid to them.

21 Now ¹give the command to make these men cease, that this city may not be built until the command is given by me.

22 Take heed now that you do not fail to do this. Why should damage increase to the hurt of the kings?

23 Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem against the Jews, and by force of arms made them cease.

24 Thus the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem ceased, and it was discontinued until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Restoration of the Temple Resumed

5 Then the prophet ^aHaggai and ^bZechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them.

2 So ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of ¹Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and ^bthe prophets of God were with them, helping them.

3 At the same time ^aTattenai the governor of *the region* beyond ¹the River and Shethar-Boznai and their companions came to them and spoke thus to them: ^b"Who has commanded you to build this ²temple and finish this wall?"

4 "Then, accordingly, we told them the names of the men who were constructing this building.

5 But ^athe eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, so that they could not make them cease till a report could go to Darius. Then a ^bwritten answer was returned concerning this *matter*.

6 This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai sent:

The governor of *the region* beyond the River, and Shethar-Boznai, ^aand his companions,

the Persians who *were in the region* beyond the River, to Darius the king.

7 (They sent a letter to him, in which was written thus)

To Darius the king:

All peace.

8 Let it be known to the king that we went into the province of Judea, to the ¹temple of the great God, which is being built with ²heavy stones, and timber is being laid in the walls; and this work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands.

9 Then we asked those elders, and spoke thus to them: “Who commanded you to build this temple and to finish these walls?”

10 We also asked them their names to inform you, that we might write the names of the men who *were* chief among them.

11 And thus they returned us an answer, saying: “We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding the ¹temple that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built ^aand completed.

12 “But ^abecause our fathers provoked the God of heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of ^bNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this temple and ^ccarried the people away to Babylon.

13 “However, in the first year of ^aCyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree to build this ¹house of God.

14 “Also, ^athe gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple that was in Jerusalem and carried into the temple of Babylon—those King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to ^bone named Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor.

15 “And he said to him, ‘Take these articles; go, carry them to the temple *site* that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt on its former site.’

16 “Then the same Sheshbazzar came and ^alaid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem; but from that time even until now it has been under construction, and ^bit is not finished.”

⁸ ¹Lit. *house*
²Lit. *stones of rolling*, stones too heavy to be carried

⁹ ^aEzra 5:3, 4

¹¹ ^{a1} Kin. 6:1,
³⁸ ¹Lit. *house*

¹² ^{a2} Chr. 34:25; 36:16,
¹⁷ ^{b2} Kin. 24:2; 25:8–11;
² Chr. 36:17;
Jer. 52:12–15
^cJer. 13:19

¹³ ^aEzra 1:1
¹Temple

¹⁴ ^aEzra 1:7, 8;
6:5; Dan. 5:2
^bHag. 1:14;
2:2, 21

¹⁶ ^aEzra 3:8–10; Hag. 2:18
^bEzra 6:15

¹⁷ ^aEzra 6:1, 2

CHAPTER 6

¹ ^aEzra 5:17
¹Lit. *house of the scrolls*

² ^{a2} Kin. 17:6
¹Probably *Ecbatana*, the ancient capital of Media

³ ^aEzra 1:1;
5:13

⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 6:36
^bEzra 3:7

⁵ ^aEzra 1:7, 8;
5:14

⁶ ^aEzra 5:3, 6

⁸ ¹Temple

17 Now therefore, if *it seems good* to the king, ^alet a search be made in the king's treasure house, which is there in Babylon, whether it is so that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send us his pleasure concerning this *matter*.

The Decree of Darius

6 Then King Darius issued a decree, ^aand a search was made in the ¹archives, where the treasures were stored in Babylon.

2 And at ¹Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of ^aMedia, a scroll was found, and in it a record was written thus:

3 In the first year of King Cyrus, King Cyrus issued a ^adecree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem: “Let the house be rebuilt, the place where they offered sacrifices; and let the foundations of it be firmly laid, its height sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits,

4 ^awith three rows of heavy stones and one row of new timber. Let the ^bexpenses be paid from the king's treasury.

5 Also let ^athe gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple which is in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and taken back to the temple which is in Jerusalem, *each* to its place; and deposit *them* in the house of God”—

6 ^aNow *therefore*, Tattenai, governor of *the region* beyond the River, and Shethar-Boznai, and your companions the Persians who *are* beyond the River, keep yourselves far from there.

7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God on its site.

8 Moreover I issue a decree *as to* what you shall do for the elders of these Jews, for the building of this ¹house of God: Let the cost be paid at the king's expense from taxes *on the region* beyond the River; this is to be given immediately to these men, so that they are not hindered.

9 And whatever they need— young bulls, rams, and lambs for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the request of the priests who *are*

- in Jerusalem—let it be given them day by day without fail,
 10 ^athat they may offer sacrifices of sweet aroma to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and his sons.
 11 Also I issue a decree that whoever alters this edict, let a timber be pulled from his house and erected, and let him be hanged on it; ^aand let his house be made a refuse heap because of this.
 12 And may the God who causes His ^aname to dwell there destroy any king or people who put their hand to alter it, or to destroy this ¹house of God which is in Jerusalem. I Darius issue a decree; let it be done diligently.

The Temple Completed and Dedicated

13 Then Tattenai, governor of the region beyond the River, Shethar-Boznai, and their companions diligently did according to what King Darius had sent.

14 ^aSo the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the ¹command of ^bCyrus, ^cDarius, and ^dArtaxerxes king of Persia.

15 Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

16 Then the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the descendants of the captivity, celebrated ^athe dedication of this ¹house of God with joy.

17 And they ^aoffered sacrifices at the dedication of this house of God, one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 They assigned the priests to their ^adivisions and the Levites to their ^bdivisions, over the service of God in Jerusalem, ^aas it is written in the Book of Moses.

The Passover Celebrated

19 ¹And the descendants of the captivity kept the Passover ^aon the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites had ^apurified themselves; all of them were *ritually* clean. And they ^bslaughtered the Passover lambs for all the descendants of the captivity, for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 Then the children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate

10 ^aEzra 7:23; [Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:1, 2]

11 ^aDan. 2:5; 3:29

12 ^aDeut. 12:5, 11; 1 Kin. 9:3
¹Temple

14 ^aEzra 5:1, 2
^bEzra 1:1; 5:13; 6:3
^cEzra 4:24; 6:12
^dEzra 7:1, 11; Neh. 2:1
¹decree

16 ^a1 Kin. 8:63; 2 Chr. 7:5
¹Temple

17 ^aEzra 8:35

18 ^a1 Chr. 24:1; 2 Chr. 35:5
^b1 Chr. 23:6
^cNum. 3:6; 8:9

19 ^aEx. 12:6
¹The Hebrew language resumes in Ezra 6:19 and continues through 7:11.

20 ^a2 Chr. 29:34; 30:15
^b2 Chr. 35:11

21 ^aEzra 9:11
¹uncleanness

22 ^aEx. 12:15; 13:6, 7; 2 Chr. 30:21; 35:17
^bEzra 7:27; [Prov. 21:1]
^c2 Kin. 23:29; 2 Chr. 33:11; Ezra 1:1; 6:1

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aNeh. 2:1
^b1 Chr. 6:14
^cJer. 52:24
^d2 Chr. 35:8

6 ^aEzra 7:11, 12, 21
^bEzra 7:9, 28; 8:22

7 ^aEzra 8:1–14
^bEzra 8:15
^cEzra 2:43; 8:20

9 ^aEzra 7:6; Neh. 2:8, 18

10 ^aPs. 119:45
^bDeut. 33:10; Ezra 7:6, 25; Neh. 8:1–8; [Mal. 2:7]
¹Study

12 ^aEzek. 26:7; Dan. 2:37
^bEzra 4:10
¹The original language of Ezra 7:12–26 is Aramaic.
²Lit. and now

14 ^aEsth. 1:14
¹from before

together with all who had separated themselves from the ^afilth¹ of the nations of the land in order to seek the LORD God of Israel.

22 And they kept the ^aFeast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for the LORD made them joyful, and ^bturned the heart ^cof the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

The Arrival of Ezra

7 Now after these things, in the reign of ^aArtaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the ^bson of Seraiah, ^cthe son of Azariah, the son of ^dHilkiah, the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahiab, the son of Amariah, the son of Meraioth, the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest—

6 this Ezra came up from Babylon; and he was ^aa skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. The king granted him all his request, ^aaccording to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

7 ^aSome of the children of Israel, the priests, ^bthe Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and ^cthe Nethinim came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

8 And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9 On the first day of the first month he began *his* journey from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, ^aaccording to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to ^aseek¹ the Law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to ^bteach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

The Letter of Artaxerxes to Ezra

11 This is a copy of the letter that King Artaxerxes gave Ezra the priest, the scribe, expert in the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of His statutes to Israel:

12 ¹Artaxerxes, ^aking of kings,

To Ezra the priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of heaven:

Perfect *peace*, ^band² so forth.

13 I issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests and Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you.

14 And whereas you are being sent ¹by the king and his ^aseven counselors to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, with regard to the

- Law of your God which is in your hand;
 15 and *whereas you are* to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, *whose dwelling is* in Jerusalem;
 16 *and whereas* all the silver and gold that you may find in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offering of the people and the priests, *are to be* ^bfreely offered for the ¹house of their God in Jerusalem—
 17 now therefore, be careful to buy with this money bulls, rams, and lambs, with their *grain offerings* and their drink offerings, and *offer* them on the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem.
 18 And whatever seems good to you and your brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do it according to the will of your God.
 19 Also the articles that are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver in full before the God of Jerusalem.
 20 And whatever more may be needed for the house of your God, which you may have occasion to provide, pay for it from the king's treasury.
 21 And I, even I, Artaxerxes the king, issue a decree to all the treasurers who *are in the region* beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Law of the God of heaven, may require of you, let it be done diligently.
 22 up to one hundred talents of silver, one hundred kors of wheat, one hundred baths of wine, one hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribed limit.
 23 Whatever ¹is commanded by the God of heaven, let it diligently be done for the ²house of the God of heaven. For why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?
 24 Also we inform you that it shall not be lawful to impose tax, tribute, or custom on any of the priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God.
 25 And you, Ezra, according to your God-given wisdom, *set* magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who *are in the region* beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and *teach* those who do not know *them*.
 26 Whoever will not observe the

15 ^a2 Chr. 6:2; Ezra 6:12; Ps. 135:21

16 ^aEzra 8:25
^b1 Chr. 29:6, 9
¹Temple

17 ^aNum. 15:4–13 ^bDeut. 12:5–11

23 ¹Lit. *is from the decree*
²Temple

25 ^aEx. 18:21, 22; Deut. 16:18 ^b2 Chr. 17:7; Ezra 7:10; [Mal. 2:7; Col. 1:28]

26 ¹Lit. *root-ing out*

27 ^a1 Chr. 29:10 ^bEzra 6:22; [Prov. 21:1] ¹The Hebrew language resumes in Ezra 7:27.

28 ^aEzra 9:9
^bEzra 5:5; 7:6, 9; 8:18

CHAPTER 8

2 ^a1 Chr. 3:22; Ezra 2:68

3 ^aEzra 2:3

4 ^aEzra 10:30

5 ¹So with MT. Vg.: LXX *the sons of Zatho, Shechaniah*

10 ¹So with MT. Vg.: LXX *the sons of Banni, Shelomith*

11 ^aEzra 10:28

12 ¹Or *the youngest son*.

14 ¹Or *Zakkur*

law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether *it be* death, or ¹banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.

27 ^aBlessed¹ be the LORD God of our fathers, ^bwho has put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,
 28 and ^ahas extended mercy to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes.

So I was encouraged, as ^bthe hand of the LORD my God was upon me; and I gathered leading men of Israel to go up with me.

Heads of Families Who Returned with Ezra

8 These *are* the heads of their fathers' houses, and *this is* the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of King Artaxerxes:

2 of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, ^aHattush;

3 of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of ^aParosh, Zechariah; and registered with him *were* one hundred and fifty males;

4 of the sons of ^aPahath-Moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males;

5 of the sons of Shechaniah, Ben-Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males;

6 of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males;

7 of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiha the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males;

8 of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty males;

9 of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males;

10 of ¹the sons of Shelomith, Ben-Josiphiah, and with him one hundred and sixty males;

11 of the sons of ^aBebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight males;

12 of the sons of Azgad, Johanan ¹the son of Hakkatan, and with him one hundred and ten males;

13 of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these—Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah—and with them sixty males;

14 also of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and ¹Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

Servants for the Temple

15 Now I gathered them by the river that flows to Ahava, and we camped

there three days. And I looked among the people and the priests, and found none of the "sons of Levi there.

16 Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, She-maiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and "Meshullam, leaders; also for Joiarib and Elnathan, men of understanding.

17 And I gave them a command for Iddo the chief man at the place Casiphia, and ¹I told them what they should say to ²Iddo and his brethren the Nethinim at the place Casiphia—that they should bring us servants for the house of our God.

18 Then, by the good hand of our God upon us, they "brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, with his sons and brothers, eighteen men;

19 and "Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty men; 20 "also of the Nethinim, whom David and the leaders had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim. All of them were designated by name.

Fasting and Prayer for Protection

21 Then I "proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might "humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the "right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.

22 For "I was ashamed to request of the king an escort of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on the road, because we had spoken to the king, saying, ^b"The hand of our God is upon all those for "good who seek Him, but His power and His wrath are "against all those who "forsake Him."

23 So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He "answered our prayer.

Gifts for the Temple

24 And I separated twelve of the leaders of the priests—Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them—

25 and weighed out to them "the silver, the gold, and the articles, the offering for the house of our God which the king and his counselors and his princes, and all Israel who were present, had offered.

26 I weighed into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, silver articles weighing one hundred talents, one hundred talents of gold, 27 twenty gold basins worth a thousand drachmas, and two vessels of fine polished bronze, precious as gold.

28 And I said to them, "You are "holy¹ to the LORD; the articles are "holy also; and the silver and the

15 ^aEzra 7:7; 8:2

16 ^aEzra 10:15

17 ¹Lit. I put words in their mouths to say "So with Vg.; MT to Iddo his brother; LXX to their brethren

18 ^{a2} Chr. 30:22; Neh. 8:7

19 ^aNeh. 12:24

20 ^aEzra 2:43; 7:7

21 ^{a1} Sam. 7:6; 2 Chr. 20:3 ^bLev. 16:29; 23:29; Is. 58:3, 5 ^cPs. 5:8

22 ^{a1} Cor. 9:15 ^bEzra 7:6, 9, 28 ^c[Ps. 33:18, 19; 34:15, 22; Rom. 8:28] ^d[Ps. 34:16] ^e[2 Chr. 15:2]

23 ^{a1} Chr. 5:20; 2 Chr. 33:13; Is. 19:22

25 ^aEzra 7:15, 16

28 ^aLev. 21:6-9; Deut. 33:8 ^bLev. 22:2, 3; Num. 4:4, 15, 19, 20 ¹consecrated

29 ^aEzra 4:3

31 ^aEzra 7:6, 9, 28

32 ^aNeh. 2:11

33 ^aEzra 8:26, 30 ^bNeh. 11:16

35 ^aEzra 2:1 ^bEzra 6:17

36 ^aEzra 7:21-24 ¹The Euphrates ²Temple

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aEzra 6:21; Neh. 9:2 ^bDeut. 12:30, 31

2 ^aEx. 34:16; [Deut. 7:3]; Ezra 10:2; Neh. 13:23 ^bEx. 22:31; [Deut. 7:6] ^c[2 Cor. 6:14] ¹unfaithfulness

3 ^aJob 1:20 ^bPs. 143:4

gold are a freewill offering to the LORD God of your fathers.

29 "Watch and keep them until you weigh them before the leaders of the priests and the Levites and "heads of the fathers' houses of Israel in Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD."

30 So the priests and the Levites received the silver and the gold and the articles by weight, to bring them to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

The Return to Jerusalem

31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem. And "the hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambush along the road.

32 So we "came to Jerusalem, and stayed there three days.

33 Now on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the articles were "weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; with them were the Levites, ^bJozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui.

34 with the number and weight of everything. All the weight was written down at that time.

35 The children of those who had been "carried away captive, who had come from the captivity, ^boffered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve male goats as a sin offering. All this was a burnt offering to the LORD.

36 And they delivered the king's "orders to the king's satraps and the governors in the region beyond "the River. So they gave support to the people and the "house of God.

Intermarriage with Pagans

9 When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not "separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, ^bwith respect to the abominations of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 "For they have "taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the "holy seed is "mixed with the peoples of those lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this "trespass."

3 So when I heard this thing, ^aI tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down "astonished.

4 Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel assembled to me, because of the transgression of those who had been carried away captive, and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

5 At the evening sacrifice I arose from my fasting; and having torn my garment and my robe, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God.

6 And I said: "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.

7 "Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation,¹ as it is this day.

8 "And now for a little while grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.

9 "For we were slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.

10 "And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments,

11 "which You commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, 'The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean land, with the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from one end to another with their impurity.

12 'Now therefore, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever.'

13 "And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, since You our God punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such deliverance as this,

14 "should we again break Your commandments, and join in marriage with the people committing these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had consumed us, so that there would be no remnant or survivor?

15 "O LORD God of Israel, You are

⁴ ^aEzra 10:3; ^{Is.} 66:2 ^bEx. 29:39

⁵ ^aEx. 9:29

⁶ ^aDan. 9:7, 8

^bPs. 38:4

^{c2} Chr. 28:9;

[Ezra 9:13,

15]; Rev. 18:5

⁷ ^{a2} Chr.

36:14-17; Ps.

106:6; Dan.

9:5, 6 ^bDeut.

28:36; Neh.

9:30 ^cDeut.

32:25 ^dDan.

9:7, 8 ¹Lit.

shame of

faces

⁸ ^aPs. 34:5

⁹ ^aNeh. 9:36;

^{Esth.} 7:4

^bNeh. 9:17;

Ps. 136:23

^cEzra 7:28

^dIs. 5:2

¹¹ ^aEzra 6:21

¹² ^a[Ex. 23:32;

34:15, 16;

Deut. 7:3, 4];

Ezra 9:2

^bDeut. 23:6

^c[Prov. 13:22;

20:7]

¹³ ^a[Ps.

103:10]

¹⁴ ^a[John 5:14;

2 Pet. 2:20]

^bNeh. 13:23

^cDeut. 9:8

¹destroyed

¹⁵ ^aNeh. 9:33;

Dan. 9:14

^b[Rom. 3:19]

^{c1} Cor. 15:17

CHAPTER 10

¹ ^aDan. 9:4, 20

^{b2} Chr. 20:9

^cNeh. 8:1-9

² ^aEzra 10:10,

13, 14, 17, 18;

Neh. 13:23-27

¹been unfaith-

ful to

³ ^{a2} Chr. 34:31

^bEzra 9:4

^cDeut. 7:2, 3

^dDeut. 24:1, 2

⁴ ^{a1} Chr. 28:10

⁵ ^aEzra 10:12,

19; Neh. 5:12;

13:25

⁶ ^aDeut. 9:18

⁹ ^{a1} Sam.

12:18; Ezra

9:4, 10:3

¹⁰ ¹acted

unfaithfully

²Heb. have

caused to

dwell or have

brought back

¹¹ ^a[Lev.

26:40-42];

Josh. 7:19;

[Prov. 28:13]

^bEzra 10:3

righteous, for we are left as a remnant, as it is this day. Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!"

Confession of Improper Marriages

10 Now while Ezra was praying, and while he was confessing, weeping, and bowing down before the house of God, a very large assembly of men, women, and children gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept very bitterly.

2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said to Ezra, "We have trespassed against our God, and have taken pagan wives from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel in spite of this.

3 "Now therefore, let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and those who have been born to them, according to the advice of my master and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4 "Arise, for this matter is your responsibility. We also are with you. Be of good courage, and do it."

5 Then Ezra arose, and made the leaders of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear an oath that they would do according to this word. So they swore an oath.

6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib; and when he came there, he ate no bread and drank no water, for he mourned because of the guilt of those from the captivity.

7 And they issued a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the descendants of the captivity, that they must gather at Jerusalem,

8 and that whoever would not come within three days, according to the instructions of the leaders and elders, all his property would be confiscated, and he himself would be separated from the assembly of those from the captivity.

9 So all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered at Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month; and all the people sat in the open square of the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of heavy rain.

10 Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have transgressed and have taken pagan wives, adding to the guilt of Israel.

11 "Now therefore, make confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the pagan wives."

12 Then all the assembly answered

and said with a loud voice, "Yes! As you have said, so we must do.

13 "But *there are many people; it is the season for heavy rain, and we are not able to stand outside. Nor is this the work of one or two days, for there are many of us who have transgressed in this matter.*

14 "Please, let the leaders of our entire assembly stand; and let all those in our cities who have taken pagan wives come at appointed times, together with the elders and judges of their cities, until 'the fierce wrath of our God is turned away from us in this matter.'"

15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite gave them support.

16 Then the descendants of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain 'heads of the fathers' households, were set apart by the fathers' households, each of them by name; and they sat down on the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 By the first day of the first month they finished *questioning* all the men who had taken pagan wives.

Pagan Wives Put Away

18 And among the sons of the priests who had taken pagan wives *the following* were found of the sons of 'Jeshua the son of 'Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they 'gave their promise that they would put away their wives; and *being* ^bguilty, they presented a ram of the flock as their 'trespass offering.

20 Also of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah;

21 of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uz-ziah;

22 of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai,

14 ^a2 Kin.
23:26; 2 Chr.
28:11-13;
29:10; 30:8

15 ^aEzra 8:16;
Neh. 3:4

16 ^aEzra 4:3

18 ^aEzra 5:2;
Hag. 1:1, 12;
2:4; Zech. 3:1;
6:11
¹Jehozadak,
1 Chr. 6:14

19 ^a2 Kin.
10:15 ^bLev.
6:4, 6 ^cLev.
5:6, 15

25 ^aEzra 2:3;
8:3; Neh. 7:8

28 ^aEzra 8:11

29 ¹Or *Jere-*
moth

30 ^aEzra 8:4

35 ¹Or *Cheluh*
or *Cheluhu*

37 ¹Or *Jaasu*

43 ¹Or *Jaddu*

Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasa.

23 Also of the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (the same is Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Also of the singers: Eliashib; and of the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

25 And others of Israel: of the 'sons of Parosh: Ramiah, Jeziah, Malchiah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchiah, and Benaiah;

26 of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Eliah;

27 of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza;

28 of the 'sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai;

29 of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, *and* 'Ramoth;

30 of the 'sons of Pahath-Moab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh;

31 of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon.

32 Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemaiah;

33 of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei;

34 of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, 'Cheluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, 'Jaasai,

38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,

39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,

40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph;

43 of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Matithiah, Zabad, Zebina, 'Jaddai, Joel, *and* Benaiah.

44 All these had taken pagan wives, and *some of them had wives by whom they had children.*

The Book of

NEHEMIAH

NEHEMIAH, contemporary of Ezra and cupbearer to the king in the Persian palace, leads the third and last return to Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. His concern for the welfare of Jerusalem and its inhabitants prompts him to take bold action. Granted permission to return to his homeland, Nehemiah challenges his countrymen to arise and rebuild the shattered wall of Jerusalem. In spite of opposition from without and abuse from within, the task is completed in only

fifty-two days, a feat even the enemies of Israel must attribute to God's enabling. By contrast, the task of reviving and reforming the people of God within the rebuilt wall demands years of Nehemiah's godly life and leadership.

The Hebrew for Nehemiah is *Nehemyah*, "Comfort of Yahweh." The book is named after its chief character, whose name appears in the opening verse. The combined books of Ezra–Nehemiah is given the Greek title *Esdras Deuteron*, "Second Esdras" in the Septuagint, a third-century B.C. Greek-language translation of the Hebrew Old Testament. The Latin title of Nehemiah is *Liber Secundus Esdrae*, "Second Book of Ezra" (Ezra was the first). At this point, it is considered a separate book from Ezra, and is later called *Liber Nehemiae*, "Book of Nehemiah."

Nehemiah Prays for His People

THE words of ^aNehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

It came to pass in the month of Chislew, in the ^btwentieth year, as I was in ^cShushan¹ the ²citadel,

2 that ^aHanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the ^aprovince are there in great distress and ^breproach. ^cThe wall of Jerusalem ^dis also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire."

4 So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for *many* days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

5 And I said: "I pray, ^aLORD God of heaven, O great and ^bawesome God, ^cYou who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love ¹You and observe ²Your commandments,

6 "please let Your ear be attentive and ^aYour eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and ^bconfess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned.

7 "^aWe have acted very corruptly against You, and have ^bnot kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.

8 "Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ^aIf you ¹are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations;

9 ^abut if you return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, ^bthough some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name.'

10 ^aNow these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aNeh. 10:1
^bNeh. 2:1
^cEsth. 1:1, 2, 5
¹Or *Susa* ²Or *fortified palace*, and so elsewhere in the book

2 ^aNeh. 7:2

3 ^aNeh. 7:6
^bNeh. 2:17
^cNeh. 2:17
^{d2} Kin. 25:10

5 ^aDan. 9:4
^bNeh. 4:14
^cEx. 20:6;
34:6, 7 ¹Lit. *Him* ²Lit. *His*

6 ^{a2} Chr. 6:40
^bDan. 9:20

7 ^aDan. 9:5
^bDeut. 28:15

8 ^aLev. 26:33
¹act *treacherously*

9 ^a[Deut. 4:29–31;
30:2–5] ^bDeut. 30:4

10 ^aDeut. 9:29

11 ^aNeh. 1:6
^bIs. 26:8 ^cNeh. 2:1

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aEzra 7:1
^bNeh. 1:11
¹Artaxerxes Longimanus

2 ^aProv. 15:13
¹Lit. *very much*

3 ^aDan. 2:4;
5:10; 6:6, 21
^{b2} Chr. 36:19
^cNeh. 1:3

4 ^aNeh. 1:4

6 ^aNeh. 5:14;
13:6

7 ^aEzra 7:21;
8:36 ¹The Euphrates

8 ^aNeh. 3:7
¹palace ²Lit. *house*

redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand.

11 "O Lord, I pray, please ^alet Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who ^bdesire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." For I was the king's ^ccupbearer.

Nehemiah Sent to Judah

2 And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of ^aKing ¹Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, that ^bI took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before.

2 Therefore the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but ^asorrow of heart." So I became ¹dreadfully afraid.

3 and said to the king, ^a"May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when ^bthe city, the place of my fathers' tombs, *lies* waste, and its gates are burned with ^cfire?"

4 Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I ^aprayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

6 Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), "How long will your journey be? And when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him ^aa time.

7 Furthermore I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the ^agovernors of the region beyond ¹the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah,

8 "and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the ¹citadel which *pertains* ^ato the ²temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted *them* to me

^baccording to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 Then I went to the governors in the region beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

10 When ^aSanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite ¹official heard of it, they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the well-being of the children of Israel.

Nehemiah Views the Wall of Jerusalem

11 So I ^acame to Jerusalem and was there three days.

12 Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode.

13 And I went out by night ^athrough the Valley Gate to the Serpent Viewed and the ¹Refuse Gate, and ²viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were ^bbroken down and its gates which were burned with fire.

14 Then I went on to the ^aFountain Gate and to the ^bKing's Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass.

15 So I went up in the night by the ^avalley,¹ and ²viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

16 And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who did the work.

17 Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies ^awaste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be ^a reproach."

18 And I told them of ^athe hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they ^bset¹ their hands to ^{this} good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? ^aWill you rebel against the king?"

20 So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, ^bbut you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."

Rebuilding the Wall

3 Then ^aEliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests ^band built the Sheep Gate;

8 ^bEzra 5:5; 7:6, 9, 28; Neh. 2:18

10 ^aNeh. 2:19; 4:1 ¹Lit. servant

11 ^aEzra 8:32

13 ^{a2} Chr. 26:9; Neh. 3:13 ^bNeh. 1:3; 2:17 ¹Dung ²examined

14 ^aNeh. 3:15 ^{b2} Kin. 20:20

15 ^{a2} Sam. 15:23; Jer. 31:40 ¹torrent valley, wadi ²examined

17 ^aNeh. 1:3; Ps. 44:13; 79:4; Jer. 24:9; Ezek. 5:14, 15; 22:4 ¹desolate

18 ^aNeh. 2:8 ^{b2} Sam. 2:7 ¹Lit. strengthened

19 ^aNeh. 6:6

20 ^aEzra 4:3; Neh. 6:16

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aNeh. 3:20; 12:10; 13:4, 7, 28 ^bJohn 5:2 ^cNeh. 12:39 ^dJer. 31:38; Zech. 14:10 ¹Heb. Hammeah

2 ^aEzra 2:34; Neh. 7:36 ¹Lit. On his hand

3 ^{a2} Chr. 33:14; Neh. 12:39; Zeph. 1:10 ^bNeh. 6:1; 7:1

4 ^aEzra 8:33 ^bEzra 10:15 ¹Or Hakkoz

5 ^a[Judg. 5:23] ¹Lit. necks

6 ^aNeh. 12:39

7 ^aNeh. 7:25 ^bEzra 8:36; Neh. 2:7-9 ¹Lit. throne ²West of the Euphrates

8 ^aNeh. 12:38 ¹Lit. the son ²restored

11 ^aNeh. 12:38

13 ^aNeh. 2:13, 15 ^bNeh. 2:13

14 ^aJer. 6:1

15 ^aNeh. 2:14 ^bIs. 8:6; John 9:7 ^{c2} Kin. 25:4 ¹Or Shiloah

they consecrated it and hung its doors. They built ^aas far as the Tower of ¹the Hundred, and consecrated it, then as far as the Tower of ^aHananel. 2 ¹Next to ^aEliashib ^athe men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

3 Also the sons of Hassenaah built ^athe Fish Gate; they laid its beams and ^bhung its doors with its bolts and bars.

4 And next to them ^aMeremoth the son of Urijah, the son of ¹Koz, made repairs. Next to them ^bMeshelem the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs. Next to them Zadok the son of Baana made repairs.

5 Next to them the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their ¹shoulders to ^athe work of their Lord.

6 Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired ^athe Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and bars.

7 And next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, the ^amen of Gibeon and Mizpah, repaired the ¹residence¹ of the governor of the region ²beyond the River.

8 Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs. Also next to him Hananiah, ¹one of the perfumers, made repairs; and they ²fortified Jerusalem as far as the ^aBroad Wall.

9 And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, leader of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs.

10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs in front of his house. And next to him Attath the son of Hashabniah made repairs.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section, ^aas well as the Tower of the Ovens.

12 And next to him was Shallum the son of Hallohesh, leader of half the district of Jerusalem; he and his daughters made repairs.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired ^athe Valley Gate. They built it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, and ^arepaired a thousand cubits of the wall as far as ^athe Refuse Gate.

14 Malchijah the son of Rechab, leader of the district of ^aBeth Haccerem, repaired the Refuse Gate; he built it and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.

15 Shallun the son of Col-Hozeh, leader of the district of Mizpah, repaired ^athe Fountain Gate; he built it, covered it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, and repaired the wall of the Pool of ^bShelah¹ by the ^aKing's Garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the City of David.

16 After him Nehemiah the son of

Azbuk, leader of half the district of Beth Zur, made repairs as far as *the place* in front of the ¹tombs of David, to the ²man-made pool, and as far as the House of the Mighty.

17 After him the Levites, *under* Rehum the son of Bani, made repairs. Next to him Hashabiah, leader of half the district of Keilah, made repairs for his district.

18 After him their brethren, *under* ¹Bavai the son of Henadad, leader of the *other* half of the district of Keilah, made repairs.

19 And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the leader of Mizpah, repaired another section in front of the Ascent to the Armory at the ²buttress.¹

20 After him Baruch the son of ¹Zabbai carefully repaired the other section, from the ²buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

21 After him Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of ¹Koz, repaired another section, from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him the priests, the men of the plain, made repairs.

23 After him Benjamin and Hashub made repairs opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, made repairs by his house.

24 After him ²Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to ³the ¹buttress, even as far as the corner.

25 Palai the son of Uzai *made repairs* opposite the ¹buttress, and on the tower which projects from the king's upper house that was by the ²court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh *made repairs*.

26 Moreover ²the Nethinim who dwelt in ³Ophel *made repairs* as far as *the place* in front of ⁴the Water Gate toward the east, and on the projecting tower.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another section, next to the great projecting tower, and as far as the wall of Ophel.

28 Beyond the ²Horse Gate the priests made repairs, each in front of his *own* house.

29 After them Zadok the son of Immer made repairs in front of his *own* house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, made repairs.

30 After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah made repairs in front of his ¹dwelling.

31 After him Malchijah, ¹one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the

16 ²Kin. 20:20; Is. 7:3; 22:11 ¹LXX. Syr., Vg. *tomb*

18 ¹So with MT. Vg.: some Heb. mss., LXX, Syr. Binnui (cf. v. 24)

19 ²Chr. 26:9 ¹Lit. *turning*

20 ¹A few Heb. mss., Syr., Vg. Zaccai ²Lit. *turning*

21 ¹Or *Hakkoz*

24 ²Ezra 8:33 ³Neh. 3:19 ¹Lit. *turning*

25 ²Jer. 32:2; 33:1; 37:21 ¹Lit. *turning*

26 ²Ezra 2:43; Neh. 11:21 ³Chr. 27:3 ⁴Neh. 8:1, 3; 12:37

28 ²Kin. 11:16; 2 Chr. 23:15; Jer. 31:40

30 ¹Lit. *room*

31 ¹Lit. *a son of the goldsmiths* ²Lit. *Inspection or Recruiting*

32 ²Neh. 3:1; 12:39

CHAPTER 4

1 ²Neh. 2:10, 19

3 ²Neh. 2:10, 19

4 ²Ps. 123:3, 4 ³Ps. 79:12; Prov. 3:34

5 ²Ps. 69:27, 28; 109:14, 15; Jer. 18:23

7 ²Neh. 4:1 ³Neh. 2:19 ¹Lit. *breaks*

8 ²Ps. 83:3-5

9 ²[Ps. 50:15]

merchants, in front of the ²Miphkad Gate, and as far as the upper room at the corner.

32 And between the upper room at the corner, as far as the ²Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

The Wall Defended Against Enemies

4 But it so happened, ²when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—*stones* that are burned?"

3 Now ²Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall."

4 ²Hear, O our God, for we are despised; ³turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity!

5 ²Do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked You to anger before the builders.

6 So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its *height*, for the people had a mind to work.

7 Now it happened, ²when Sanballat, Tobiah, ³the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the ¹gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry.

8 and all of them ²conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion.

9 Nevertheless ²we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

10 Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing, and *there* is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall."

11 And our adversaries said, "They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease."

12 So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, "From whatever place you turn, *they will be upon us*."

13 Therefore I positioned *men* behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 And I looked, and arose and said

to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, ^bgreat and awesome, and ^cfight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

15 And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and ^athat God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.

16 So it was, from that time on, ^athat half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and ^awore armor; and the leaders ¹were behind all the house of Judah.

17 Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon.

18 Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

19 Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated far from one another on the wall.

20 "Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. ^aOur God will fight for us."

21 So we labored in the work, and half of ¹the men held the spears from daybreak until the stars appeared.

22 At the same time I also said to the people, "Let each man and his servant stay at night in Jerusalem, that they may be our guard by night and a working party by day."

23 So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes, ^aexcept that everyone took them off for washing.

Nehemiah Deals with Oppression

5 And there was a great ^aoutcry of the people and their wives against their ^bJewish brethren.

2 For there were those who said, "We, our sons, and our daughters are many; therefore let us get grain, that we may eat and live."

3 There were also some who said, "We have mortgaged our lands and vineyards and houses, that we might buy grain because of the famine."

4 There were also those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our lands and vineyards.

5 "Yet now ^aour flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and indeed we ^bare forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and ^csome of our daughters have been brought into slavery. It is not in our power to ^aredeem

14 ^a[Num. 14:9]; Deut. 1:29 ^b[Deut. 10:17] ^c2 Sam. 10:12

15 ^aJob 5:12

16 ¹Supported

20 ^aEx. 14:14, 25; Deut. 1:30; 3:22; 20:4; Josh. 23:10; 2 Chr. 20:29

21 ¹Lit. *them*

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aLev. 25:35-37; Neh. 5:7, 8 ^bDeut. 15:7

5 ^aIs. 58:7 ^dEx. 21:7; [Lev. 25:39]

7 ^a[Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36; Deut. 23:19, 20]; Ezek. 22:12 ¹charging interest ²Lit. *held*

8 ^aLev. 25:48

9 ^aLev. 25:36 ^b2 Sam. 12:14; Rom. 2:24; [1 Pet. 2:12]

10 ¹interest

12 ^aEzra 10:5; Jer. 34:8, 9

13 ^aMatt. 10:14; Acts 13:51; 18:6 ^b2 Kin. 23:3 ¹Lit. *my lap*

14 ^aNeh. 2:1; 13:6 ^b1 Cor. 9:4-15]

15 ^a2 Cor. 11:9; 12:13 ^bNeh. 5:9

16 ^aNeh. 4:1; 6:1 ¹So with MT; LXX, Syr., Vg. I

17 ^a2 Sam. 9:7; 1 Kin. 18:19

18 ^a1 Kin. 4:22

them, for other men have our lands and vineyards."

6 And I became very angry when I heard their outcry and these words.

7 After serious thought, I rebuked the nobles and rulers, and said to them, "Each of you is ¹extorting usury from his brother." So I ²called a great assembly against them.

8 And I said to them, "According to our ability we have ^aredeemed our Jewish brethren who were sold to the nations. Now indeed, will you even sell your brethren? Or should they be sold to us?" Then they were silenced and found nothing to say.

9 Then I said, "What you are doing is not good. Should you not walk ^ain the fear of our God ^bbecause of the reproach of the nations, our enemies?"

10 "I also, ^awith my brethren and my servants, am lending them money and grain. Please, let us stop this ^ausury!"

11 "Restore now to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also a hundredth of the money and the grain, the new wine and the oil, that you have charged them."

12 So they said, "We will restore it, and will require nothing from them; we will do as you say." Then I called the priests, ^aand required an oath from them that they would do according to this promise.

13 Then ^aI shook out ¹the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out each man from his house, and from his property, who does not perform this promise. Even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD. ^bThen the people did according to this promise.

The Generosity of Nehemiah

14 Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year ^auntil the thirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ^aate the governor's provisions.

15 But the former governors who ^awere before me laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people, but ^aI did not do so, because of the ^bfear of God.

16 Indeed, I also continued the ^awork on this wall, and ¹we did not buy any land. All my servants ^awere gathered there for the work.

17 And ^aat my table ^awere one hundred and fifty Jews and rulers, besides those who came to us from the nations around us.

18 Now ^athat ^awhich was prepared daily was one ox and six choice sheep. Also fowl were prepared for

me, and once every ten days an abundance of all kinds of wine. Yet in spite of this ^aI did not demand the governor's provisions, because the bondage was heavy on this people.

19 "Remember me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

Conspiracy Against Nehemiah

6 Now it happened "when Sanballat, Tobiah, ¹Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and *that* there were no breaks left in it ^b(though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates).

2 that Sanballat and ¹Geshem "sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together ²among the villages in the plain of ^bOno." But they "thought to do me harm.

3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

4 But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand.

6 In it was written:

It is reported among the nations, and ¹Geshem says, *that* you and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore, according to these rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, "that you may be their king.

7 And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem, saying, "There is a king in Judah!" Now these matters will be reported to the king. So come, therefore, and let us consult together.

8 Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say are being done, but you invent them in your own heart."

9 For they all *were trying* to make us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done."

Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was a secret informer; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the ¹temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you."

11 And I said, "Should such a man as I flee? And who is *there* such as I who would go into the temple

18 ^bNeh. 5:14, 15

19 ^a2 Kin. 20:3; Neh. 13:14, 22, 31

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aNeh. 2:10, 19; 4:1, 7; 13:28 ^bNeh. 3:1, 3 ¹Or *Gashmu*

2 ^aProv. 26:24, 25 ^b1 Chr. 8:12; Neh. 11:35 ^cPs. 37:12, 32 ¹Or *Gashmu* ²Or *in Kephirim*, exact location unknown

6 ^aNeh. 2:19 ¹Heb. *Gashmu*

10 ¹Lit. *house*

12 ^aEzek. 13:22

14 ^aNeh. 13:29 ^bEzek. 13:17

16 ^aNeh. 2:10, 20; 4:1, 7; 6:1 ^bPs. 126:2

18 ^aNeh. 13:4, 28 ^bEzra 10:15; Neh. 3:4

19 ¹Or *affairs*

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aNeh. 6:1, 15

2 ^aNeh. 1:2 ^bNeh. 2:8; 10:23 ^cEx. 18:21 ¹palace

4 ^aDeut. 4:27

6 ^aEzra 2:1-70

to save his life? I will not go in!"

12 Then I perceived that God had not sent him at all, but that "he pronounced *this* prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 For this reason he was hired, that I should be afraid and act that way and sin, so *that* they might have *cause* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 "My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these their works, and the ^bprophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who would have made me afraid.

The Wall Completed

15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days.

16 And it happened, "when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw *these things*, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for ^bthey perceived that this work was done by our God.

17 Also in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came to them.

18 For many in Judah were pledged to him, because he was the "son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of ^bMeshullam the son of Berechiah.

19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and reported my ¹words to him. Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

7 Then it was, when the wall was built and I had "hung the doors, when the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, 2 that I gave the charge of Jerusalem to my brother "Hanani, and Hananiah the leader ^bof the ¹citadel, for he was a faithful man and "feared God more than many.

3 And I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand *guard*, let them shut and bar the doors; and appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, one at his watch station and another in front of his own house."

The Captives Who Returned to Jerusalem

4 Now the city was large and spacious, but the people in it *were* "few, and the houses *were* not rebuilt.

5 Then my God put it into my heart to gather the nobles, the rulers, and the people, that they might be registered by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who had come up in the first *return*, and found written in it:

6 "These are the people of the province who came back from

- the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his city.
- 7 Those who came with ^aZerubbabel were Jeshua, Nehemiah, ¹Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, ²Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah.
- The number of the men of the people of Israel:
- 8 the sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two;
- 9 the sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two;
- 10 the sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two;
- 11 the sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen;
- 12 the sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;
- 13 the sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five;
- 14 the sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty;
- 15 the sons of ¹Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight;
- 16 the sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight;
- 17 the sons of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two;
- 18 the sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-seven;
- 19 the sons of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-seven;
- 20 the sons of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five;
- 21 the sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight;
- 22 the sons of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight;
- 23 the sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four;
- 24 the sons of ¹Hariph, one hundred and twelve;
- 25 the sons of ¹Gibeon, ninety-five;
- 26 the men of Bethlehem and Netophah, one hundred and eighty-eight;
- 27 the men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight;
- 28 the men of ¹Beth Azmaveth, forty-two;
- 29 the men of ¹Kirjath Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three;
- 30 the men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one;
- 31 the men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two;
- 32 the men of Bethel and Ai, one hundred and twenty-three;
- 33 the men of the other Nebo, fifty-two;
- 34 the sons of the other ^aElam, one
- 7 ^aEzra 5:2; Neh. 12:1, 47; Matt. 1:12, 13
¹Seraiah, Ezra 2:2 ²Mispar, Ezra 2:2
- 15 ¹Bani, Ezra 2:10
- 24 ¹Jorah, Ezra 2:18
- 25 ¹Gibbar, Ezra 2:20
- 28 ¹Azmaveth, Ezra 2:24
- 29 ¹Kirjath Arim, Ezra 2:25
- 34 ^aNeh. 7:12
- 39 ^a1 Chr. 24:7
- 40 ^a1 Chr. 9:12
- 41 ^a1 Chr. 9:12; 24:9
- 42 ^a1 Chr. 24:8
- 43 ¹Hodaviah, Ezra 2:40; or Judah, Ezra 3:9
- 47 ¹Siah, Ezra 2:44
- 48 ¹MT Lebanah ²MT Hogabah ³Shalmal, Ezra 2:46; or Shamlat
- 52 ¹Nephusim, Ezra 2:50
- 54 ¹Bazluth, Ezra 2:52
- 57 ¹Peruda, Ezra 2:55
- 59 ¹Ami, Ezra 2:57
- 61 ¹Addan, Ezra 2:59

- thousand two hundred and fifty-four;
- 35 the sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty;
- 36 the sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five;
- 37 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one;
- 38 the sons of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.
- 39 The priests: the sons of ^aJedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;
- 40 the sons of ^aImmer, one thousand and fifty-two;
- 41 the sons of ^aPashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;
- 42 the sons of ^aHarim, one thousand and seventeen.
- 43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the sons of ¹Hodevah, seventy-four.
- 44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and forty-eight.
- 45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, one hundred and thirty-eight.
- 46 The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
- 47 the sons of Keros, the sons of ¹Sia, the sons of Padon,
- 48 the sons of ¹Lebana, the sons of ²Hagaba, the sons of ³Salmal, the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,
- 49 the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,
- 50 the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,
- 51 the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of ¹Nephishesim,
- 52 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, the sons of ¹Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
- 53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah, the sons of Nezhiah, and the sons of Hatipha.
- 54 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of ¹Perida,
- 55 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
- 56 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons of ¹Amon.
- 57 All the Nethinim, and the sons of Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety-two.
- 58 And these were the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, ¹Addon, and

Immer, but they could not identify their father's house nor their lineage, whether they were of Israel:

62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two;

63 and of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of ¹Koz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name.

64 These sought their listing among those who were registered by genealogy, but it was not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled.

65 And the ¹governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.

66 Altogether the whole assembly was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,

67 besides their male and female servants, of whom *there* were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred and forty-five men and women singers.

68 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,

69 *their* camels four hundred and thirty-five, and donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

70 And some of the heads of the fathers' houses gave to the work. ^aThe ¹governor gave to the treasury one thousand gold drachmas, fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priestly garments.

71 Some of the heads of the fathers' houses gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand gold drachmas, and two thousand two hundred silver minas.

72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand gold drachmas, two thousand silver minas, and sixty-seven priestly garments.

73 So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, *some* of the people, the Nethinim, and all Israel dwelt in their cities.

Ezra Reads the Law

^aWhen the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

8 Now all ^athe people gathered together as one man in the open square that was ^{bin} in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law

63 ¹Or *Hakkoz*

65 ¹Heb. *Tir-shatha*

70 ^aNeh. 8:9
¹Heb. *Tir-shatha*

71 ^aEzra 2:69

73 ^aEzra 3:1

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aEzra 3:1
^bNeh. 3:26
^cEzra 7:6

2 ^a[Deut. 31:11, 12];
Neh. 8:9 ^bLev. 23:24; Num. 29:1-6

3 ^aDeut. 31:9-11;
2 Kin. 23:2
¹Lit. *from the light*

5 ^aJudg. 3:20;
1 Kin. 8:12-14

6 ^aNeh. 5:13;
[1 Cor. 14:16]
^bPs. 28:2;
Lam. 3:41;
1 Tim. 2:8 ^cEx. 4:31; 12:27;
2 Chr. 20:18

7 ^aLev. 10:11;
Deut. 33:10;
2 Chr. 17:7;
[Mal. 2:7]
^bNeh. 9:3

9 ^aEzra 2:63;
Neh. 7:65, 70;
10:1 ^bLev. 23:24; Num. 29:1 ^cDeut. 16:14; Eccl. 3:4 ¹Heb. *Tir-shatha*

10 ^a[Deut. 26:11-13];
Esth. 9:19, 22;
Rev. 11:10

12 ^aNeh. 8:10
^bNeh. 8:7, 8

of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel.

2 So Ezra the priest brought ^athe Law before the assembly of men and women and all who *could* hear with understanding ^bon the first day of the seventh month.

3 Then he ^aread from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate ¹from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* to the Book of the Law.

4 So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Matithiah, Shema, Ananiah, Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was *standing* above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people ^astood up.

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. Then all the people ^aanswered, "Amen, Amen!" while ^blifting up their hands. And they ^cbowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, ^ahelped the people to understand the Law; and the people ^bstood in their place.

8 So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading.

9 ^aAnd Nehemiah, who was the ¹governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, ^b"This day is holy to the LORD your God; ^cdo not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, ^aand send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this* day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

11 So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved."

12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to ^asend portions and rejoice greatly, because they ^bunderstood the words that were declared to them.

The Feast of Tabernacles

13 Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and

Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law.

14 And they found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in ^abooths¹ during the feast of the seventh month,

15 and ^athat they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and ^bin Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and ^cbring olive branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16 Then the people went out and brought *them* and made themselves booths, each one on the ^aroof of his house, or in their courtyards or the courts of the house of God, and in the open square of the ^bWater Gate ^aand in the open square of the Gate of Ephraim.

17 So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made ¹booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very ^agreat gladness.

18 Also ^aday by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. And they kept the feast ^bseven days; and on the ^ceighth day *there* was a sacred assembly, according to the *prescribed* manner.

The People Confess Their Sins

9 Now on the twenty-fourth day of ^athis month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, ^band with ¹dust on their heads.

2 Then ^athose of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and ^bconfessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place and ^aread from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God *for one-fourth* of the day; and *for another fourth* they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.

4 Then Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani stood on the ¹stairs of the Levites and cried out with a loud voice to the LORD their God.

5 And the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said:

"Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God Forever and ever!

"Blessed be ^aYour glorious name,

14 ^aLev. 23:34, 40, 42; Deut. 16:13 ¹Temporary shelters

15 ^aLev. 23:4 ^bDeut. 16:16 ^cLev. 23:40

16 ^aDeut. 22:8 ^bNeh. 12:37 ^c2 Kin. 14:13; Neh. 12:39

17 ^a2 Chr. 30:21 ¹Temporary shelters

18 ^aDeut. 31:11 ^bLev. 23:36 ^cNum. 29:35

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aNeh. 8:2 ^bJosh. 7:6; 1 Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam. 1:2; Job 2:12 ¹Lit. *earth on them*

2 ^aEzra 10:11; Neh. 13:3, 30 ^bNeh. 1:6

3 ^aNeh. 8:7, 8

4 ¹Lit. *ascent*

5 ^a1 Chr. 29:13

6 ^aDeut. 6:4; 2 Kin. 19:15; 19; [Ps. 86:10]; Is. 37:16, 20 ^bGen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Rev. 14:7 ^c[Deut. 10:14]; 1 Kin. 8:27 ^aGen. 2:1 ^c[Ps. 36:6]

7 ^aGen. 11:31 ^bGen. 17:5

8 ^aGen. 15:6; 22:1-3; [James 2:21-23] ^bGen. 15:18 ^cJosh. 23:14

9 ^aEx. 2:25; 3:7 ^bEx. 14:10

10 ^aEx. 7-14 ^bEx. 18:11 ¹*presumptuously or insolently* ^cJer. 32:20

11 ^aEx. 14:20-28 ^bEx. 15:1, 5

12 ^aEx. 13:21, 22

13 ^aEx. 20:1-18 ^b[Rom. 7:12]

14 ^aGen. 2:3; Ex. 16:23; 20:8; 23:12

Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!

6 ^aYou alone *are* the LORD;

^bYou have made heaven, ^cThe heaven of heavens, with ^aall their host,

The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them,

And You ^apreserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

7 "You *are* the LORD God, Who chose ^aAbram, And brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans, And gave him the name ^bAbraham;

8 You found his heart ^afaithful before You, And made a ^bcovenant with him

To give the land of the Canaanites,

The Hittites, the Amorites, The Perizzites, the Jebusites, And the Girgashites—

To give *it* to his descendants. You ^ahave performed Your words,

For You *are* righteous.

9 "You^a saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, And ^bheard their cry by the Red Sea.

10 You ^ashowed signs and wonders against Pharaoh, Against all his servants, And against all the people of his land.

For You knew that they ^bacted ¹proudly against them. So You ^amade a name for Yourself, as it is this day.

11 ^aYou divided the sea before them,

So that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land;

And their persecutors You threw into the deep,

^bAs a stone into the mighty waters.

12 Moreover You ^aled them by day with a cloudy pillar. And by night with a pillar of fire,

To give them light on the road

Which they should travel.

13 "You^a came down also on Mount Sinai, And spoke with them from heaven,

And gave them ^bjust ordinances and true laws, Good statutes and commandments.

14 You made known to them Your ^aholy Sabbath,

- And commanded them precepts, statutes and laws, By the hand of Moses Your servant.
- 15 You ^agave them bread from heaven for their hunger, And ^bbrought them water out of the rock for their thirst, And told them to ^cgo in to possess the land Which You had ^dsworn to give them.
- 16 ^aBut they and our fathers acted ¹proudly, ^bHardened ²their necks, And did not heed Your commandments.
- 17 They refused to obey, And ^athey were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And ^bin their rebellion They appointed ^aa leader To return to their bondage. But You are God, Ready to pardon, ^cGracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.
- 18 ^aEven ^awhen they made a molded calf for themselves, And said, 'This is your god That brought you up out of Egypt,' And worked great provocations,
- 19 Yet in Your ^amanifold mercies You did not forsake them in the wilderness. The ^bpillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, To lead them on the road; Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show them light, And the way they should go.
- 20 You also gave Your ^agood Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your ^bmanna from their mouth, And gave them ^cwater for their thirst.
- 21 ^aForty years You sustained them in the wilderness; They lacked nothing; Their ^bclothes did not wear out And their feet did not swell.
- 22 ^aMoreover You gave them kingdoms and nations, And divided them into ¹districts. So they took possession of the land of ^aSiḥon, ²The land of the king of Heshbon, And the land of Og king of Bashan.
- 23 You also multiplied ^atheir children as the stars of heaven,
- 15 ^aEx. 16:14-17; John 6:31 ^bEx. 17:6; Num. 20:8; [1 Cor. 10:4] ^cDeut. 1:8 ¹Lit. *raised Your hand to*
- 16 ^aPs. 106:6 ^bDeut. 1:26-33; 31:27; Neh. 9:29 ¹presumptuously ²Stiffened their necks, became stubborn
- 17 ^aPs. 78:11, 42-45 ^bNum. 14:4; Acts 7:39 ^cJoel 2:13 ^dSo with MT, Vg.; LXX in Egypt
- 18 ^aEx. 32:4-8, 31
- 19 ^aPs. 106:45 ^bEx. 13:20-22; 1 Cor. 10:1
- 20 ^aNum. 11:17 ^bEx. 16:14-16 ^cEx. 17:6
- 21 ^aDeut. 2:7 ^bDeut. 8:4; 29:5
- 22 ^aNum. 21:21-35 ¹Lit. *corners* ²So with MT, Vg.; LXX omits *The land of*
- 23 ^aGen. 15:5; 22:17; Heb. 11:12
- 24 ^aJosh. 1:2-4 ^bJosh. 18:1; [Ps. 44:2, 3] ¹Lit. *sons*
- 25 ^aNum. 13:27 ^bDeut. 6:11; Josh. 24:13 ^c[Deut. 32:15] ^dHos. 3:5 ¹Lit. *trees for eating*
- 26 ^aJudg. 2:11 ^b1 Kin. 14:9; Ps. 50:17 ^c1 Kin. 18:4; 19:10; Matt. 23:37; Acts 7:52 ¹admonished or *warned them*
- 27 ^aJudg. 2:14; Ps. 106:41 ^bPs. 106:44 ^cJudg. 2:18
- 28 ^aJudg. 3:12 ^bPs. 106:43
- 29 ^aLev. 18:5; Rom. 10:5; [Gal. 3:12] ¹admonished them ²presumptuously
- And brought them into the land Which You had told their fathers To go in and possess.
- 24 So ^athe ¹people went in And possessed the land; ^bYou subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, The Canaanites, And gave them into their hands, With their kings And the people of the land, That they might do with them as they wished.
- 25 And they took strong cities and a ^arich land, And possessed ^bhouses full of all goods, Cisterns *already* dug, vineyards, olive groves, And ¹fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled and ^cgrew fat, And delighted themselves in Your great ^dgoodness.
- 26 ^aNevertheless they ^awere disobedient And rebelled against You, ^bCast Your law behind their backs And killed Your ^cprophets, who ¹testified against them To turn them to Yourself; And they worked great provocations.
- 27 ^aTherefore You delivered them into the hand of their enemies, Who oppressed them; And in the time of their trouble, When they cried to You, You ¹heard from heaven; And according to Your abundant mercies ^cYou gave them deliverers who saved them From the hand of their enemies.
- 28 ^aBut after they had rest, ^bThey again did evil before You. Therefore You left them in the hand of their enemies, So that they had dominion over them; Yet when they returned and cried out to You, You heard from heaven; And ^bmany times You delivered them according to Your mercies,
- 29 And ¹testified against them, That You might bring them back to Your law. Yet they acted ²proudly, And did not heed Your commandments, But sinned against Your judgments, ^aWhich if a man does, he shall live by them.'

- And they shrugged their shoulders,
³Stiffened their necks, And would not hear.
 30 Yet for many years You had patience with them, And ¹testified ^aagainst them by Your Spirit ¹in Your prophets. Yet they would not listen; ^cTherefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.
 31 Nevertheless in Your great mercy ^aYou did not utterly consume them nor forsake them; For You are God, gracious and merciful.
 32 "Now therefore, our God, The great, the ^amighty, and awesome God, Who keeps covenant and mercy: Do not let all the ¹trouble seem small before You That has come upon us, Our kings and our princes, Our priests and our prophets, Our fathers and on all Your people, ^bFrom the days of the kings of Assyria until this day.
 33 However ^aYou are just in all that has befallen us; For You have dealt faithfully, But ^bwe have done wickedly.
 34 Neither our kings nor our princes, Our priests nor our fathers, Have kept Your law, Nor heeded Your commandments and Your testimonies, With which You testified against them.
 35 For they have ^anot served You in their kingdom, Or in the many good *things* that You gave them, Or in the large and rich land which You set before them; Nor did they turn from their wicked works.
 36 "Here ^awe are, servants today! And the land that You gave to our fathers, To eat its fruit and its bounty, Here we are, servants in it!
 37 And ^ait yields much increase to the kings You have set over us, Because of our sins; Also they have ^bdominion over our bodies and our cattle At their pleasure; And we are in great distress.
 38 "And because of all this, We ^amake a sure covenant and write it;

²⁹ ³Became stubborn
³⁰ ^a2 Kin. 17:13-18; 2 Chr. 36:11-20; Jer. 7:25 ^b[Acts 7:51]; 1 Pet. 1:11 ^cIs. 5:5 ¹admonished or warned them
³¹ ^aJer. 4:27; [Rom. 11:2-5]
³² ^a[Ex. 34:6, 7] ^b2 Kin. 15:19; 17:3-6; Ezra 4:2, 10 ¹hardship
³³ ^aPs. 119:137; [Dan. 9:14] ^bPs. 106:6; [Dan. 9:5, 6, 8]
³⁵ ^aDeut. 28:47
³⁶ ^aDeut. 28:48; Ezra 9:9
³⁷ ^aDeut. 28:33, 51 ^bDeut. 28:48
³⁸ ^a2 Kin. 23:3; 2 Chr. 29:10; Ezra 10:3 ^bNeh. 10:1
 CHAPTER 10
¹ ^aNeh. 1:1 ¹Heb. *Tir-shatha*
² ^aNeh. 12:1-21
¹⁴ ^aEzra 2:3
²⁸ ^aEzra 2:36-43 ^bEzra 9:1; Neh. 13:3
²⁹ ^aDeut. 29:12; Neh. 5:12; Ps. 119:106 ^b2 Kin. 23:3; 2 Chr. 34:31
³⁰ ^aEx. 34:16; Deut. 7:3; [Ezra 9:12]
³¹ ^aEx. 20:10; Lev. 23:3; Deut. 5:12 ^bEx. 23:10, 11; Lev. 25:4; Jer. 34:14 ^c[Deut. 15:1, 2]; Neh. 5:12 ¹merchandise ²collection

Our leaders, our Levites, and our priests ^bseal it."

The People Who Sealed the Covenant

10 Now those who placed their seal on the document were:

- Nehemiah the ¹governor, ^athe son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, ^aSeraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah. These were the priests.
 9 The Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, and Kadmiel.
 10 Their brethren: Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Bani, and Beninu.
 14 The leaders of the people: ^aParosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, Malluch, Harim, and Baanah.

The Covenant That Was Sealed

- 28 ^aNow the rest of the people—the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, ^band all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, everyone who had knowledge and understanding—
 29 these joined with their brethren, their nobles, ^aand entered into a curse and an oath ^bto walk in God's Law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes:
 30 We would not give ^aour daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons;
 31 ^aif the peoples of the land brought ¹wares or any grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and we would forego the ^bseventh year's *produce* and the ^cexacting² of every debt.
 32 Also we made ordinances for

ourselves, to exact from ourselves yearly ^aone-third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God:

33 for ^athe showbread, for the regular grain offering, for the regular burnt offering of the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the set feasts; for the holy things, for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

34 We cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, ^afor bringing the wood offering into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at the appointed times year by year, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God ^aas it is written in the Law.

35 And we made ordinances ^ato bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of the LORD;

36 to bring the ^afirstborn of our sons and our cattle, ^aas it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God;

37 ^ato bring the firstfruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, ^athe new wine and oil, to the priests, to the storerooms of the ¹house of our God; and to bring ^bthe tithes of our land to the Levites, for the Levites should receive the tithes in all our farming communities.

38 And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites ^awhen the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to ^bthe rooms of the storehouse.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi ^ashall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are, ^awhere the priests who minister and the gatekeepers ^band the singers are; and we will not ^aneglect the house of our God.

The People Dwelling in Jerusalem

11 Now the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, ^athe holy city, and nine-tenths ^awere to dwell in other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men who ^awillingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 ^aThese are the heads of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem. (But in the cities of Judah everyone dwelt in his own possession in their cities—Israelites, priests, Levites, ^bNethinim, and ^cdescendants of Solomon's servants.)

4 Also ^ain Jerusalem dwelt some

32 ^aEx. 30:11-16; 38:25, 26; 2 Chr. 24:6, 9; Matt. 17:24

33 ^aLev. 24:5; 2 Chr. 2:4 ^bNum. 28; 29

34 ^aNeh. 13:31; [Is. 40:16] ^bLev. 6:12

35 ^aEx. 23:19; 34:26; Lev. 19:23; Num. 18:12; Deut. 26:1, 2

36 ^aEx. 13:2, 12, 13; Lev. 27:26, 27; Num. 18:15, 16

37 ^aLev. 23:17; Num. 15:19; 18:12; Deut. 18:4, 26:2; ^bLev. 27:30; Num. 18:21; Mal. 3:10 ¹Temple

38 ^aNum. 18:26 ^b1 Chr. 9:26; 2 Chr. 31:11

39 ^aDeut. 12:6, 11; 2 Chr. 31:12; Neh. 13:12 ^bNeh. 13:10, 11 ^c[Heb. 10:25]

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aNeh. 10:18; Matt. 4:5; 5:35; 27:53

2 ^aJudg. 5:9; 2 Chr. 17:16

3 ^a1 Chr. 9:2, 3 ^bEzra 2:43 ^cEzra 2:55

4 ^a1 Chr. 9:3 ^bGen. 38:29

9 ¹Or Hasse-nuah

10 ^a1 Chr. 9:10

14 ¹Or the son of Haggadolim

16 ^aEzra 10:15 ^bEzra 8:33 ^c1 Chr. 26:29 ¹Temple

17 ¹Or Michah

18 ^aNeh. 11:1

of the children of Judah and of the children of Benjamin.

The children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of ^bPerez;

5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiiah;

8 and after him Gabbai and Sal-lai, nine hundred and twenty-eight.

9 Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah the son of ¹Senuah was second over the city.

10 ^aOf the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, and Jachin;

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the leader of the house of God.

12 Their brethren who did the work of the house were eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,

13 and his brethren, heads of the fathers' houses, were two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, 14 and their brethren, mighty men of valor, were one hundred and twenty-eight. Their overseer was Zabdiel ¹the son of one of the great men.

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 ^aShabbethai and ^bJozabad, of the heads of the Levites, had the oversight of ^athe business outside of the ¹house of God;

17 Mattaniah the son of ¹Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader who began the thanksgiving with prayer; Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in ^athe holy city were two hundred and eighty-four.

19 Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren who kept the gates, were one hundred and seventy-two.

20 And the rest of Israel, of the priests and Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance.

21 ^aBut the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim.

22 Also the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha, of the sons of Asaph, the singers in charge of the ¹service of the ²house of God.

23 For ^ait was the king's command concerning them that a ¹certain portion should be for the singers, a quota day by day.

24 Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of ^aZerah the son of Judah, was ^bthe ¹king's deputy in all matters concerning the people.

The People Dwelling Outside Jerusalem

25 And as for the villages with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt in ^aKirjath Arba and its villages, Dibon and its villages, Jekabzeel and its villages;

26 in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet, 27 Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages;

28 in Ziklag and Meconah and its villages;

29 in En Rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth, 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages; in Lachish and its fields; in Azekah and its villages. They dwelt from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom.

31 Also the children of Benjamin from Geba dwelt in Michmash, Ajia, and Bethel, and their villages;

32 in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah;

33 in Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim;

34 in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat;

35 in Lod, Ono, and ^athe Valley of Craftsman.

36 Some of the Judean divisions of Levites were in Benjamin.

The Priests and Levites

12 Now these are the ^apriests and the Levites who came up with ^bZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: ^cSeraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, ¹Malluch, Hattush, 3 ¹Shechaniah, ²Rehum, ³Mere-moth,

4 Iddo, ¹Ginnethoi, ^aAbijah,

5 ¹Mijamin, ²Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 ¹Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah.

These were the heads of the priests and their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

8 Moreover the Levites were Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah ^awho led the thanksgiving psalms, he and his brethren.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, stood across from them in their duties.

21 ^a2 Chr. 27:3; Neh. 3:26

22 ¹work
²Temple

23 ^aEzra 6:8, 9; 7:20 ¹fixed share

24 ^aGen. 38:30
^b1 Chr. 18:17
¹Lit. at the king's hand

25 ^aJosh. 14:15

35 ^a1 Chr. 4:14

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aEzra 2:1, 2; 7:7 ^bNeh. 7:7; Matt. 1:12, 13
^cNeh. 10:2-8

2 ¹Melichu, v. 14

3 ¹Shebaniah, v. 14 ²Harim, v. 15
³Meraioth, v. 15

4 ^aLuke 1:5
¹Ginnethon, v. 16

5 ¹Minjamin, v. 17 ²Mo-diah, v. 17

7 ^aEzra 3:2; Hag. 1:1; Zech. 3:1 ¹Sal-lai, v. 20

8 ^aNeh. 11:17

12 ^aNeh. 7:70, 71; 8:13; 11:13

14 ¹Malluch, v. 2
²Shecha-niah, v. 3

15 ¹Rehum, v. 3
²Meremoth, v. 3

17 ¹Mijamin, v. 5
²Maadiah, v. 5

20 ¹Sallu, v. 7

22 ^a1 Chr. 24:6

23 ^a1 Chr. 9:14-22

24 ^aNeh. 11:17
^bEzra 3:11
^c1 Chr. 23-26
¹Lit. watch by watch

26 ^aNeh. 8:9
^bEzra 7:6, 11
¹Jehozadak, 1 Chr. 6:14

27 ^aDeut. 20:5; Neh. 7:1; Ps. 30: title ^b1 Chr. 25:6; 2 Chr. 5:13; 7:6

28 ^a1 Chr. 9:16

30 ^aEzra 6:20; Neh. 13:22, 30

10 Jeshua begot Joiakim, Joiakim begot Eliashib, Eliashib begot Joiada, 11 Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot Jaddua.

12 Now in the days of Joiakim, the priests, the ^aheads of the fathers' houses were: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 of ¹Melichu, Jonathan; of ²Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 of ¹Harim, Adna; of ²Meraioth, Helkai;

16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 of Abijah, Zichri; the son of ¹Minjamin; of ²Moaddiah, Piltai;

18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

20 of ¹Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; and of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

22 During the reign of Darius the Persian, a record was also kept of the Levites and priests who had been ^aheads of their fathers' houses in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua.

23 The sons of Levi, the heads of the fathers' houses until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib, were written in the book of the ^achronicles.

24 And the heads of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers across from them, to ^apraise and give thanks, ^bgroup¹ alternating with group, ^caccording to the command of David the man of God.

25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers keeping the watch at the storerooms of the gates.

26 These lived in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of ¹Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah ^athe governor, and of Ezra the priest, ^bthe scribe.

Nehemiah Dedicates the Wall

27 Now at ^athe dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, ^bboth with thanksgivings and singing, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps.

28 And the sons of the singers gathered together from the countryside around Jerusalem, from the ^avillages of the Netophathites,

29 from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem.

30 Then the priests and Levites ^apu-

rified themselves, and purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

31 So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall, and appointed two large thanksgiving choirs. ^aOne went to the right hand on the wall ^btoward the Refuse Gate.

32 After them went Hoshaiiah and half of the leaders of Judah,

33 and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, 34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah,

35 and some of the priests' sons ^awith trumpets—Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph,

36 and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani, with ^athe musical ^binstruments of David the man of God. Ezra the scribe went before them.

37 ^aBy the Fountain Gate, in front of them, they went up ^bthe stairs of the ^cCity of David, on the stairway of the wall, beyond the house of David, as far as ^dthe Water Gate eastward.

38 ^aThe other thanksgiving choir went the opposite way, and I was behind them with half of the people on the wall, going past the ^bTower of the Ovens as far as ^cthe Broad Wall,

39 ^aand above the Gate of Ephraim, above ^bthe Old Gate, above ^cthe Fish Gate, ^dthe Tower of Hananel, the Tower of ^ethe Hundred, as far as ^fthe Sheep Gate; and they stopped by ^gthe Gate of the Prison.

40 So the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of God, likewise I and the half of the rulers with me;

41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, ^hMinjamin, Michaiah, Elieonai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

42 also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers ⁱsang loudly with Jezrahiah the director.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard ^aafar off.

Temple Responsibilities

44 ^aAnd at the same time some were appointed over the rooms of the storehouse for the offerings, the firstfruits, and the ^btithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions specified by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ⁱministered.

45 Both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God and the charge of the purification,

31 ^aNeh. 12:38

^bNeh. 2:13;

3:13

35 ^aNum. 10:2,

8

36 ^a1 Chr. 23:5

^b2 Chr. 29:26,

27

37 ^aNeh. 2:14;

3:15 ^bNeh.

3:15 ^c2 Sam.

5:7-9 ^dNeh.

3:26; 8:1, 3, 16

38 ^aNeh. 12:31

^bNeh. 3:11

^cNeh. 3:8

39 ^a2 Kin.

14:13; Neh.

8:16 ^bNeh. 3:6

^cNeh. 3:3

^dNeh. 3:1

^eNeh. 3:32

^fJer. 32:2

^gHeb. *Ham-*

meah

41 ^hOr *Mi-*

jamin, v. 5

42 ⁱLit. *made*

their voice to

be heard

43 ^aEzra 3:13

44 ^a2 Chr.

31:11, 12;

Neh. 13:5, 12,

13 ^bNeh.

10:37-39 ⁱLit.

stood

45 ^a1 Chr.

25; 26

46 ^a1 Chr. 25:1;

2 Chr. 29:30

47 ^aNeh. 11:23

^bNum. 18:21,

24 ^cNum.

18:26 ⁱset

apart

CHAPTER 13

1 ^a[Deut.

31:11, 12];

2 Kin. 23:2;

Neh. 8:3, 8;

9:3; Is. 34:16

^bDeut. 23:3, 4

2 ^aNum. 22:5;

Josh. 24:9, 10

^bNum. 23:1;

24:10; Deut.

23:5

3 ^aNeh. 9:2;

10:28

4 ^aNeh. 12:10

^bNeh. 2:10;

4:3; 6:1

5 ^aNeh. 12:44

^bNum. 18:21,

24

6 ^aNeh.

5:14-16

7 ^aNeh. 13:1, 5

ⁱTemple

9 ^a2 Chr. 29:5,

15, 16

10 ^aNeh. 10:37;

Mal. 3:8

^bNum. 35:2

11 ^aNeh. 13:17,

25 ^bNeh. 10:39

^aaccording to the command of David and Solomon his son.

46 For in the days of David ^aand Asaph of old ^bthere were chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

47 In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for ^aeach day. ^bThey also ^cconsecrated *holy things* for the Levites, ^dand the Levites consecrated *them* for the children of Aaron.

Principles of Separation

13 On that day ^athey read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people, and in it was found written ^bthat no Ammonite or Moabite should ever come into the assembly of God,

2 because they had not met the children of Israel with bread and water, but ^ahired Balaam against them to curse them. ^bHowever, our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 So it was, when they had heard the Law, ^athat they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel.

The Reforms of Nehemiah

4 Now before this, ^aEliashib the priest, having authority over the storerooms of the house of our God, was allied with ^bTobiah.

5 And he had prepared for him a large room, ^awhere previously they had stored the grain offerings, the frankincense, the articles, the tithes of grain, the new wine and oil, ^bwhich were commanded to be given to the Levites and singers and gatekeepers, and the offerings for the priests.

6 But during all this I was not in Jerusalem, ^afor in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Then after certain days I obtained leave from the king,

7 and I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in ^apreparing a room for him in the courts of the ^bhouse of God.

8 And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I threw all the household goods of Tobiah out of the room.

9 Then I commanded them to ^acleanse the rooms; and I brought back into them the articles of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

10 I also realized that the portions for the Levites had ^anot been given *them*; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to ^bhis field.

11 So ^aI contended with the rulers, and said, ^b"Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their place.

12 ^aThen all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse.

13 ^aAnd I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered ^bfaithful, and their task was to distribute to their brethren.

14 ^aRemember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services!

15 In those days I saw *people* in Judah treading wine presses ^aon the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all *kinds* of burdens, ^bwhich they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned *them* about the day on which they were selling provisions.

16 Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and sold *them* on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing is this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day?"

18 ^a"Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

19 So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it ^abegan to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. ^bThen I posted *some* of my servants at the gates, so *that* no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.

20 Now the merchants and sellers of all kinds of ¹wares ²lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I warned them, and said to them, "Why do you spend the night ¹around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you!" From that

12 ^aNeh. 10:38; 12:44

13 ^{a2} Chr. 31:12 ^{b1} Cor. 4:2

14 ^aNeh. 5:19; 13:22, 31

15 ^a[Ex. 20:10] ^bNeh. 10:31; [Jer. 17:21]

18 ^aEzra 9:13; [Jer. 17:21]

19 ^aLev. 23:32 ^bJer. 17:21, 22

20 ¹merchandise ²spent the night

21 ¹Lit. before

22 ^{a1} Chr. 15:12; Neh. 12:30

23 ^a[Ex. 34:16; Deut. 7:3, 4]; Ezra 9:2; Neh. 10:30 ^bNeh. 4:7

25 ^aProv. 28:4 ^bEzra 10:5; Neh. 10:29, 30 ¹pronounced them cursed

26 ^{a1} Kin. 11:1, 2 ^{b2} Sam. 12:24, 25 ^{c1} Kin. 11:4-8

27 ^a[Ezra 10:2]; Neh. 13:23

28 ^aNeh. 12:10, 12 ^bNeh. 4:1, 7; 6:1, 2

29 ^aNeh. 6:14 ^bMal. 2:4, 11, 12

30 ^aNeh. 10:30 ^bNeh. 12:1

31 ^aNeh. 10:34 ^bNeh. 13:14, 22

time on they came no *more* on the Sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that ^athey should cleanse themselves, and that they should go and guard the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day.

Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy!

23 In those days I also saw Jews *who* ^ahad married women of ^bAshdod, Ammon, and Moab.

24 And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people.

25 So I ^acontended with them and ¹cursed them, struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them ^bswear by God, *saying*, "You shall not give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or yourselves."

26 ^a"Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, ^bwho was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. ^cNevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin."

27 "Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, ^atransgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?"

28 And *one* of the sons ^aof Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was a son-in-law of ^bSanballat the Horonite; therefore I drove him from me.

29 "Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood and ^bthe covenant of the priesthood and the Levites."

30 ^aThus I cleansed them of everything pagan. I also ^bassigned duties to the priests and the Levites, each to his service,

31 and *to bringing* ^athe wood offering and the firstfruits at appointed times.

^bRemember me, O my God, for good!

The Book of ESTHER

GOD'S hand of providence and protection on behalf of His people is evident throughout the Book of Esther, though His name does not appear once. Haman's plot brings grave danger to the Jews and is countered by the courage of beautiful Esther and the counsel of her wise cousin Mordecai, resulting in a great deliverance. The Feast of Purim becomes an annual reminder of God's faithfulness on behalf of His people.

Esther's Hebrew name was *Hadassah*, "Myrtle" (2:7), but her Persian name *Ester* was derived from the Persian word for "Star" (*Stara*). The Greek title for this book is *Esther*, and the Latin title is *Hester*.

The King Dethrones Queen Vashti

NOW it came to pass in the days of ^aAhasuerus¹ (this was the Ahasuerus who reigned ^bover one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, ^cfrom India to Ethiopia),

2 in those days when King Ahasuerus ^asat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in ^bShushan¹ the ²citadel,

3 *that* in the third year of his reign he ^amade a feast for all his officials and servants—the powers of Persia and Media, the nobles, and the princes of the provinces *being* before him—

4 when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the splendor of his excellent majesty for many days, one hundred and eighty days *in all*.

5 And when these days were completed, the king made a feast lasting seven days for all the people who were present in ¹Shushan the ²citadel, from great to small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

6 *There were* white and blue linen *curtains* fastened with cords of fine linen and purple on silver rods and marble pillars; *and the* ^acouches were of gold and silver on a *mosaic* pavement of alabaster, turquoise, and white and black marble.

7 And they served drinks in golden vessels, each vessel being different from the other, with royal wine in abundance, ^aaccording to the ^bgenerosity of the king.

8 In accordance with the law, the drinking was not compulsory; for so the king had ordered all the officers of his household, that they should do according to each man's pleasure.

9 Queen Vashti also made a feast for the women in the royal palace which *belonged* to King Ahasuerus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, ^aHarbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, seven eunuchs

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aEzra 4:6;
Dan. 9:1
^bEsth. 8:9
^cDan. 6:1
¹Generally identified with Xerxes I (485–464 B.C.)

2 ^{a1} Kin. 1:46
^bNeh. 1:1;
Dan. 8:2 ¹Or *Susa* ²Or *fortified palace*, and so elsewhere in the book

3 ^aGen. 40:20;
Esth. 2:18

5 ¹Or *Susa*
²palace

6 ^aEsth. 7:8;
Ezek. 23:41;
Amos 2:8; 6:4

7 ^aEsth. 2:18
¹Lit. *hand*

10 ^aEsth. 7:9

13 ^aJer. 10:7;
Dan. 2:12;
Matt. 2:1
^{b1} Chr. 12:32

14 ^aEzra 7:14
^{b2} Kin. 25:19;
[Matt. 18:10]
¹Lit. *sat in first place*

17 ^a[Eph. 5:33]

19 ^aEsth. 8:8;
Dan. 6:8 ¹Lit. *word* ²pass away

who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus,

11 to bring Queen Vashti before the king, *wearing* her royal crown, in order to show her beauty to the people and the officials, for she was beautiful to behold.

12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command *brought* by his eunuchs; therefore the king was furious, and his anger burned within him.

13 Then the king said to the ^awise men ^bwho understood the times (for this was the king's manner toward all who knew law and justice,

14 those closest to him *being* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the ^aseven princes of Persia and Media, ^bwho had access to the king's presence, *and* who ¹ranked highest in the kingdom):

15 "What *shall* we do to Queen Vashti, according to law, because she did not obey the command of King Ahasuerus *brought* to her by the eunuchs?"

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes: "Queen Vashti has not only wronged the king, but also all the princes, and all the people who *are* in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.

17 "For the queen's behavior will become known to all women, so that they will ^adespise their husbands in their eyes, when they report, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in before him, but she did not come.'

18 "This very day the *noble* ladies of Persia and Media will say to all the king's officials that they have heard of the behavior of the queen. *Thus there will* be excessive contempt and wrath.

19 "If it pleases the king, let a royal ¹decree go out from him, and let it be recorded in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it will ^anot ²be altered, that Vashti shall come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her

royal position to another who is better than she.

20 "When the king's decree which he will make is proclaimed throughout all his empire (for it is great), all wives will ^ahonor their husbands, both great and small."

21 And the reply pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan.

22 Then he sent letters to all the king's provinces, ^ato each province in its own script, and to every people in their own language, that each man should ^bbe master in his own house, and speak in the language of his own people.

Esther Becomes Queen

2 After these things, when the wrath of King Ahasuerus subsided, he remembered Vashti, ^awhat she had done, and what had been decreed against her.

2 Then the king's servants who attended him said: "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king;

3 "and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather all the beautiful young virgins to ¹Shushan the ²citadel, into the women's quarters, under the custody of ³Hegai the king's eunuch, custodian of the women. And let beauty preparations be given *them*."

4 "Then let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." This thing pleased the king, and he did so.

5 In ¹Shushan the ²citadel there was a certain Jew whose name was Mordecai the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of ^aKish, a Benjamite.

6 ^aKish¹ had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives who had been captured with ²Jechoniah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

7 And Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, ^ahis uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman was lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.

8 So it was, when the king's command and decree were heard, and when many young women were ^agathered at ¹Shushan the ²citadel, under the custody of Hegai, that Esther also was taken to the king's palace, into the care of Hegai the custodian of the women.

9 Now the young woman pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave ^abeauty preparations to her, besides ¹her allowance. Then seven choice maidservants were provided for her from the king's palace,

20 ^a[Eph. 5:33; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1]

22 ^aEsth. 3:12; 8:9 ^b[Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Tim. 2:12]

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aEsth. 1:19, 20

3 ¹Or Susa ²palace ²Heb. Hege

5 ^a1 Sam. 9:1 ¹Or Susa ²palace

6 ^a2 Kin. 24:14, 15; 2 Chr. 36:10, 20; Jer. 24:1 ¹Lit. Who ²Jehoiachin, 2 Kin. 24:6

7 ^aEsth. 2:15

8 ^aEsth. 2:3 ¹Or Susa ²palace

9 ^aEsth. 2:3, 12 ¹Lit. her portions

10 ^aEsth. 2:20 ¹Revealed the identity of

15 ^aEsth. 2:7; 9:29 ^bEsth. 5:2, 8

17 ^aEsth. 1:11

18 ^aEsth. 1:3 ¹Lit. hand

20 ^aEsth. 2:10; [Prov. 22:6]

21 ¹Bigthana, Esth. 6:2

and he moved her and her maidservants to the best *place* in the house of the women.

10 ^aEsther had not ¹revealed her people or family, for Mordecai had charged her not to reveal *it*.

11 And every day Mordecai paced in front of the court of the women's quarters, to learn of Esther's welfare and what was happening to her.

12 Each young woman's turn came to go in to King Ahasuerus after she had completed twelve months' preparation, according to the regulations for the women, for thus were the days of their preparation apportioned: six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with perfumes and preparations for beautifying women.

13 Thus *prepared*, *each* young woman went to the king, and she was given whatever she desired to take with her from the women's quarters to the king's palace.

14 In the evening she went, and in the morning she returned to the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch who kept the concubines. She would not go in to the king again unless the king delighted in her and called for her by name.

15 Now when the turn came for Esther ^athe daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his daughter, to go in to the king, she requested nothing but what Hegai the king's eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised. And Esther ^bobtained favor in the sight of all who saw her.

16 So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 The king loved Esther more than all the *other* women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal ^acrown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

18 Then the king ^amade a great feast, the Feast of Esther, for all his officials and servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces and gave gifts according to the ¹generosity of a king.

Mordecai Discovers a Plot

19 When virgins were gathered together a second time, Mordecai sat within the king's gate.

20 ^aNow Esther had not revealed her family and her people, just as Mordecai had charged her, for Esther obeyed the command of Mordecai as when she was brought up by him.

21 In those days, while Mordecai sat within the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, ¹Bigthan and Teresh, doorkeepers, became furious and

sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

22 So the matter became known to Mordecai, ^awho told Queen Esther, and Esther informed the king in Mordecai's name.

23 And when an inquiry was made into the matter, it was confirmed, and both were hanged on a gallows; and it was written in ^athe book of the chronicles in the presence of the king.

Haman's Conspiracy Against the Jews

3 After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the ^aAgagite, and ^badvanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.

2 And all the king's servants who were ^awithin the king's gate bowed and paid homage to Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai ^bwould not bow or pay homage.

3 Then the king's servants who were within the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the ^aking's command?"

4 Now it happened, when they spoke to him daily and he would not listen to them, that they told it to Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for Mordecai had told them that he was a Jew.

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai ^adid not bow or pay him homage, Haman was ^bfilled with wrath.

6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman ^asought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.

7 In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, ^athey cast Pur (that is, the lot), before Haman ^bto determine the day and the ²month, ³until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; ^atheir laws are different from all other people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain.

9 "If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king's treasuries."

10 So the king ^atook ^bhis signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the ^aenemy of the Jews.

22 ^aEsth. 6:1, 2

23 ^aEsth. 6:1

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aNum. 24:7;

1 Sam. 15:8

^bEsth. 5:11

2 ^aEsth. 2:19, 21; 5:9 ^bEsth. 3:5; Ps. 15:4

3 ^aEsth. 3:2

5 ^aEsth. 3:2; 5:9 ^bDan. 3:19

6 ^aPs. 83:4; [Rev. 12:1–17]

7 ^aEsth. 9:24–26 ¹Lit. from day to day and month to month ²LXX adds to destroy the people of Mordecai in one day; Vg. adds the nation of the Jews should be destroyed ³So with MT. Vg. LXX and the lot fell on the fourteenth of the month

8 ^aEzra 4:12–15; Acts 16:20, 21

10 ^aGen. 41:42

^bEsth. 8:2, 8

^cEsth. 7:6

12 ^aEsth. 8:9

^bEsth. 1:22

^c1 Kin. 21:8;

Esth. 8:8–10

13 ^a2 Chr. 30:6;

Esth. 8:10, 14

^bEsth. 8:12

^cEsth. 8:11;

9:10 ¹LXX

adds the text of the letter here

14 ^aEsth. 8:13,

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15 ^aEsth. 8:15;

[Prov. 29:2]

¹Or Susa

²palace ³in confusion

CHAPTER 4

1 ^a2 Sam. 1:11;

Esth. 3:8–10;

Jon. 3:5, 6

^bJosh. 7:6;

Ezek. 27:30

^cGen. 27:34

¹Lit. Mordecai

7 ^aEsth. 3:9

8 ^aEsth. 3:14,

15

11 And the king said to Haman, "The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you."

12 ^aThen the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and a decree was written according to all that Haman commanded—to the king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province, to the officials of all people, to every province ^baccording to its script, and to every people in their language. ^cIn the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed with the king's signet ring.

13 And the letters were ^asent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, ^bin one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and ^cto plunder their ¹possessions.

14 ^aA copy of the document was to be issued as law in every province, being published for all people, that they should be ready for that day.

15 The couriers went out, hastened by the king's command; and the decree was proclaimed in ¹Shushan the ²citadel. So the king and Haman sat down to drink, but ^athe city of Shushan was ³perplexed.

Esther Agrees to Help the Jews

4 When Mordecai learned all that had happened, ¹he ^atore his clothes and put on sackcloth ^band ashes, and went out into the midst of the city. He ^ccried out with a loud and bitter cry.

2 He went as far as the front of the king's gate, for no one ^amight enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, ^athere was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 So Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her, and the queen was deeply distressed. Then she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and take his sackcloth away from him, but he would not accept ^athem.

5 Then Esther called Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs whom he had appointed to attend her, and she gave him a command concerning Mordecai, to learn what and why this was.

6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the city square that was in front of the king's gate.

7 And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and ^athe sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries to destroy the Jews.

8 He also gave him ^aa copy of the

written decree for their destruction, which was given at ¹Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people.

9 So Hathach returned and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a command for Mordecai:

11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into ^athe inner court to the king, who has not been called, ^bhe has but one law: put *all* to death, except the one ^cto whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been ^dcalled to go in to the king these thirty days."

12 So they told Mordecai Esther's words.

13 And Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews.

14 "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"

15 Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai:

16 "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in ¹Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for ^athree days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; ^band if I perish, I perish!"

17 So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded ¹him.

Esther's Banquet

5 Now it happened ^aon the third day that Esther put on *her* royal robes and stood in ^bthe inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the ¹house.

2 So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that ^ashe found favor in his sight, and ^bthe king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter.

3 And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? ^aIt shall be given to you—up to half the kingdom!"

4 So Esther answered, "If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet that I have prepared for him."

5 Then the king said, "Bring Ha-

8 ¹Or Susa

11 ^aEsth. 5:1;
6:4 ^bDan. 2:9
^cEsth. 5:2; 8:4
^dEsth. 2:14

16 ^aEsth. 5:1
^bGen. 43:14
¹Or Susa

17 ¹LXX adds
a prayer of
Mordecai
here

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aEsth. 4:16
^bEsth. 4:11;
6:4 ¹LXX
adds many
extra details
in vv. 1, 2

2 ^a[Prov. 21:1]
^bEsth. 4:11;
8:4

3 ^aEsth. 7:2;
Mark 6:23

6 ^aEsth. 7:2
^bEsth. 9:12

8 ^aEsth. 6:14
¹Lit. *to do*

9 ^a[Job 20:5;
Luke 6:25]
^bEsth. 3:5

10 ^a2 Sam.
13:22

11 ^aEsth.
9:7–10 ^bEsth.
3:1

14 ^aEsth. 7:9
^bEsth. 6:4
^cEsth. 7:10
¹Lit. *tree* or
wood ²About
75 feet

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aEsth. 2:23;
10:2 ¹Lit. *the
king's sleep
fled away*

2 ¹Bigthan,
Esth. 2:21

man quickly, that he may do as Esther has said." So the king and Haman went to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 At the banquet of wine ^athe king said to Esther, ^b"What is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

7 Then Esther answered and said, "My petition and request is *this*:

8 "If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and ¹fulfill my request, then let the king and Haman come to the ^abanquet which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said."

Haman's Plot Against Mordecai

9 So Haman went out that day ^ajoyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and ^bthat he did not stand or tremble before him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai.

10 Nevertheless Haman ^arestrained himself and went home, and he sent and called for his friends and his wife Zeresh.

11 Then Haman told them of his great riches, ^athe multitude of his children, everything in which the king had promoted him, and how he had ^badvanced him above the officials and servants of the king.

12 Moreover Haman said, "Besides, Queen Esther invited no one but me to come in with the king to the banquet that she prepared; and tomorrow I am again invited by her, along with the king.

13 "Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."

14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a ^agallows¹ be made, ²fifty cubits high, and in the morning ^bsuggest to the king that Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the banquet." And the thing pleased Haman; so he had ^athe gallows made.

The King Honors Mordecai

6 That night ¹the king could not sleep. So one was commanded to bring ^athe book of the records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

2 And it was found written that Mordecai had told of ¹Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the doorkeepers who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

3 Then the king said, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" And the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

4 So the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had *just* en-

tered "the outer court of the king's palace" to suggest that the king hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 The king's servants said to him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in."

6 So Haman came in, and the king asked him, "What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought in his heart, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?"

7 And Haman answered the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor,

8 "let a royal robe be brought which the king has worn, and a horse on which the king has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head.

9 "Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that he may array the man whom the king delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!'"

10 Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry, take the robe and the horse, as you have suggested, and do so for Mordecai the Jew who sits within the king's gate! Leave nothing undone of all that you have spoken."

11 So Haman took the robe and the horse, arrayed Mordecai and led him on horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!"

12 Afterward Mordecai went back to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered.

13 When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him, his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him."

14 While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hastened to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

Haman Hanged Instead of Mordecai

7 So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther.

2 And on the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

3 Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in

4 ^aEsth. 5:1
^bEsth. 5:14

6 ^a[Prov. 16:18; 18:12]

8 ^a1 Kin. 1:33
¹*crown*

9 ^aGen. 41:43
¹*Lit. cause him to ride*

12 ^a2 Chr. 26:20 ^b2 Sam. 15:30; Jer. 14:3, 4

13 ^a[Gen. 12:3]; Zech. 2:8

14 ^aEsth. 5:8

CHAPTER 7

2 ^aEsth. 5:6

4 ^aEsth. 3:9; 4:7 ^bDeut. 28:68

6 ^aEsth. 3:10

8 ^aEsth. 1:6
^bJob 9:24

9 ^aEsth. 1:10
^bEsth. 5:14; [Ps. 7:16; Prov. 11:5, 6]
^cEsth. 6:2 ¹*Lit. tree or wood*

10 ^a[Ps. 7:16; 94:23; Prov. 11:5, 6] ^bPs. 37:35, 36; Dan. 6:24

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aEsth. 7:6
^bEsth. 2:7, 15

2 ^aEsth. 3:10

4 ^aEsth. 4:11; 5:2

5 ^aEsth. 3:13

your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.

4 "For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king's loss."

5 So King Ahasuerus answered and said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?"

6 And Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman!" So Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

7 Then the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.

8 When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the banquet of wine, Haman had fallen across the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, "Will he also assault the queen while I am in the house?" As the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

9 Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, "Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's behalf, is standing at the house of Haman." Then the king said, "Hang him on it!"

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided.

Esther Saves the Jews

8 On that day King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her.

2 So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai; and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 Now Esther spoke again to the king, fell down at his feet, and implored him with tears to counteract the evil of Haman the Agagite, and the scheme which he had devised against the Jews.

4 And the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king,

5 and said, "If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight and the thing seems right to the king and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to revoke the letters

devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to annihilate the Jews who are in all the king's provinces.

6 "For how can I endure to see the evil that will come to my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my countrymen?"

7 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and Mordecai the Jew, "Indeed, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows because he tried to lay his hand on the Jews.

8 "You yourselves write a decree concerning the Jews, I as you please, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for whatever is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet ring no one can revoke."

9 "So the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third day; and it was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded, to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, one hundred and twenty-seven provinces in all, to every province in its own script, to every people in their own language, and to the Jews in their own script and language.

10 "And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback, riding on royal horses bred from swift steeds. 11 By these letters the king permitted the Jews who were in every city to gather together and protect their lives—to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the forces of any people or province that would assault them, both little children and women, and to plunder their possessions.

12 "On one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

13 "A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province and published for all people, so that the Jews would be ready on that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 The couriers who rode on royal horses went out, hastened and pressed on by the king's command. And the decree was issued in Shushan the citadel.

15 So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

16 The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor.

17 And in every province and city, wherever the king's command and decree came, the Jews had joy and

6 ^aNeh. 2:3; Esth. 7:4; 9:1

7 ^aEsth. 8:1; Prov. 13:22

8 ^aEsth. 1:19; Dan. 6:8, 12.

15 ¹Lit. as is good in your eyes

9 ^aEsth. 3:12

^bEsth. 1:1

^cEsth. 1:22; 3:12

10 ^{a1} Kin. 21:8; Esth. 3:12, 13

¹Lit. sons of the swift horses

11 ^aEsth. 9:2

^bEsth. 9:10, 15, 16

12 ^aEsth. 3:13; 9:1

¹LXX adds the text of the letter here

13 ^aEsth. 3:14, 15

14 ¹Or Susa

²palace

15 ^aEsth. 3:15; Prov. 29:2

¹vi-olet ²Or Susa

16 ^aPs. 97:11;

112:4

17 ^{a1} Sam.

25:8; Esth.

9:19 ^bPs. 18:43

^cGen. 35:5;

Ex. 15:16;

Deut. 2:25;

11:25; 1 Chr.

14:17; Esth.

9:2

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1 ^aEsth. 8:12

^bEsth. 3:13

^{c2} Sam. 22:41

2 ^aEsth. 8:11;

9:15–18 ^bPs.

71:13, 14

^cEsth. 8:17

4 ^{a2} Sam. 3:1;

1 Chr. 11:9;

[Prov. 4:18]

6 ^aEsth. 1:2;

3:15; 4:16

¹Or

Susa

²palace

10 ^aEsth. 5:11;

9:7–10; Job

18:19;

27:13–15; Ps.

21:10 ^bEsth.

8:11 ¹spoil

11 ¹Or Susa

²palace

³Lit. came

12 ^aEsth. 5:6;

7:2

13 ^aEsth. 8:11;

9:15 ^{b2} Sam.

21:6, 9

gladness, a feast and a holiday. Then many of the people of the land became Jews, because fear of the Jews fell upon them.

The Jews Destroy Their Tormentors

9 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, the time came for the king's command and his decree to be executed. On the day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, the opposite occurred, in that the Jews themselves overpowered those who hated them.

2 The Jews gathered together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could withstand them, because fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and all those doing the king's work, helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

4 For Mordecai was great in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent.

5 Thus the Jews defeated all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, with slaughter and destruction, and did what they pleased with those who hated them.

6 And in Shushan the citadel the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men.

7 Also Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,

8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vajezatha—

10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews—they killed; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

11 On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the citadel was brought to the king.

12 And the king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the citadel, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what is your petition? It shall be granted to you. Or what is your further request? It shall be done."

13 Then Esther said, "If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do again tomorrow according to today's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows."

14 So the king commanded this to be done; the decree was issued in Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

15 And the Jews who were in

¹Shushan gathered together again on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and killed three hundred men at Shushan; ^bbut they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

16 The remainder of the Jews in the king's provinces gathered together and protected their lives, had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of their enemies; ^bbut they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

17 This was on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. And on the fourteenth of ¹the month they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

The Feast of Purim

18 But the Jews who were at ¹Shushan assembled together ^aon the thirteenth day, as well as on the fourteenth; and on the fifteenth of ²the month they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages who dwell in the unwallied towns celebrated the fourteenth day of the month of Adar ^awith gladness and feasting, ^bas a holiday, and for ^csending presents to one another.

20 And Mordecai wrote these things and sent letters to all the Jews, near and far, who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus,

21 to establish among them that they should celebrate yearly the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar,

22 as the days on which the Jews had rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of ^asending presents to one another and gifts to the ^bpoor.

23 So the Jews accepted the custom which they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them,

24 because Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, ^ahad plotted against the Jews to annihilate them, and had cast Pur (that is, the lot), to consume them and destroy them;

25 but ^awhen ¹Esther came before the king, he commanded by letter that ²this wicked plot which *Haman* had devised against the Jews should ^breturn on his own head, and that

¹⁵ ^aEsth. 8:11; 9:2 ^bEsth. 9:10
¹Or *Susa*

¹⁶ ^aEsth. 9:2
^bEsth. 8:11

¹⁷ ¹Lit. *it*

¹⁸ ^aEsth. 9:11,
¹⁵ ¹Or *Susa*
²Lit. *it*

¹⁹ ^aDeut. 16:11, 14
^bEsth. 8:16, 17
^cNeh. 8:10, 12;
Esth. 9:22

²² ^aNeh. 8:10;
Esth. 9:19
^b[Deut. 15:7-11]; Job 29:16

²⁴ ^aEsth. 3:6,
7; 9:26

²⁵ ^aEsth. 7:4-10; 8:3;
9:13, 14 ^bEsth. 7:10 ¹Lit. *she*
or *it* ²Lit. *his*

²⁶ ^aEsth. 9:20
¹Lit. *Lot*

²⁷ ^aEsth. 8:17;
[Is. 56:3, 6];
Zech. 2:11

²⁹ ^aEsth. 2:15
^bEsth. 8:10;
9:20, 21

³⁰ ^aEsth. 1:1

³¹ ^aEsth. 4:3,
16

CHAPTER 10

¹ ^aGen. 10:5;
Ps. 72:10; Is. 11:11; 24:15

² ^aEsth. 8:15;
9:4 ^bEsth. 6:1
¹Lit. *made*
him great

³ ^aGen. 41:40,
43, 44; 2 Chr. 28:7 ^bNeh. 2:10; Ps. 122:8, 9 ¹Lit. *seed*, LXX,
Vg. add a dream of Mordecai here; Vg. adds six more chapters

he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 So they called these days Purim, after the name ¹Pur. Therefore, because of all the words of ^athis letter, what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had happened to them,

27 the Jews established and imposed it upon themselves and their descendants and all who would ^ajoin them, that without fail they should celebrate these two days every year, according to the written *instructions* and according to the *prescribed* time,

28 that these days *should* be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, that these days of Purim should not fail to *be observed* among the Jews, and that the memory of them should not perish among their descendants.

29 Then Queen Esther, ^athe daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this ^bsecond letter about Purim.

30 And *Mordecai* sent letters to all the Jews, to ^athe one hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth,

31 to confirm these days of Purim at their *appointed* time, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had prescribed for them, and as they had decreed for themselves and their descendants concerning matters of their ^afasting and lamenting.

32 So the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim, and it was written in the book.

Mordecai's Advancement

10 And King Ahasuerus imposed tribute on the land and on ^athe islands of the sea.

2 Now all the acts of his power and his might, and the account of the greatness of Mordecai, ^ato which the king ¹advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the ^bchronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew was ^asecond to King Ahasuerus, and was great among the Jews and well received by the multitude of his brethren, ^bseeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his ¹countrymen.

JOB

JOB is perhaps the earliest book of the Bible. Set in the period of the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph), it tells the story of a man who loses everything—his wealth, his family, his health—and wrestles with the question, Why?

The book begins with a heavenly debate between God and Satan, moves through three cycles of earthly debates between Job and his friends, and concludes with a dramatic “divine diagnosis” of Job’s problem. In the end, Job acknowledges the sovereignty of God in his life and receives back more than he had before his trials.

Iyyôb is the Hebrew title for this book, and the name has two possible meanings. If derived from the Hebrew word for “Persecution,” it means “Persecuted One.” It is more likely that it comes from the Arabic word meaning “To Come Back” or “Repent.” If so, it may be defined “Repentant One.” Both meanings apply to the book. The Greek title is *Iob*, and the Latin title is *Iob*.

Job and His Family in Uz

THERE was a man ^ain the land of Uz, whose name was ^bJob; and that man was ^cblameless and upright, and one who ^dfeared God and ^eshunned evil.

2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the ^fpeople of the East.

4 And his sons would go and feast in their houses, each on his appointed day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and ^gsanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning ^hand offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my sons have sinned and ⁱcursed² God in their hearts.” Thus Job did regularly.

Satan Attacks Job’s Character

6 Now ^jthere was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and ^kSatan also came among them.

7 And the LORD said to ^lSatan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, “From ^mgoing to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you ⁿconsidered My servant Job, that ^othere is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and ^pshuns evil?”

9 So Satan answered the LORD

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aChr. 1:17
^bEzek. 14:14,
20; James
5:11 ^cGen. 6:9;
17:1; [Deut.
18:13] ^d[Prov.
16:6] ^eLit.
turned away
from

3 ^fLit. sons

5 ^gGen. 8:20;
[Job 42:8]
^h1 Kin. 21:10,
13 ⁱconsecrate ²Lit.
blessed, but in
an evil sense;
cf. Job 1:11;
2:5, 9

6 ^jJob 2:1 ^kLit.
the Adversary

7 ^l[1 Pet. 5:8]
^mLit. the Adversary

8 ⁿLit. set your
heart on ²Lit.
turns away
from

10 ^oJob 29:2-6;
Ps. 34:7; Is.
5:2 ^p[Ps.
128:1, 2; Prov.
10:22] ¹Protected him

11 ^aJob 2:5;
19:21 ^bIs. 8:21;
Mal. 3:13, 14
^cLit. bless, but
in an evil
sense; cf. Job
1:5

12 ^dLit. hand

13 ^e[Ecc. 9:12]

15 ^fLit. Sheba;
cf. Job 6:19
²Lit. fell upon

16 ^gdestroyed

18 ^hJob 1:4, 13

and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing?”

10 ⁱ“Have You not ^jmade a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? ^kYou have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

11 ^l“But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely ^mcurse! You to Your face!”

12 And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your ⁿpower; only do not lay a hand on his person.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Job Loses His Property and Children

13 Now there was a day ^owhen his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house;

14 and a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them,

15 “when the ^pSabeans ^qraided them and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and ^rconsumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, ^s“Your sons and daughters were eating and

drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

19 "and suddenly a great wind came from ¹across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

20 Then Job arose, ^atore his robe, and shaved his head; and he ^bfell to the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked shall I return there.
The LORD ^bgave, and the LORD has ^taken away;
^aBlessed be the name of the LORD."

22 "In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Satan Attacks Job's Health

2 Again ^athere was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" ^aSatan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

3 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there* is none like him on the earth, ^aa blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he ^bholds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, ^cto ^ddestroy him without cause."

4 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

5 "But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his ^bbone and his flesh, and he will surely ¹curse You to Your face!"

6 ^aAnd the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life."

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils ^afrom the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

8 And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself ^awhile he sat in the midst of the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? ¹Curse God and die!"

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. ^aShall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" ^bIn all this Job did not ^csin with his lips.

19 ¹LXX omits across

20 ^aGen. 37:29, 34; Josh. 7:6; Ezra 9:3

^b[1 Pet. 5:6]

21 ^a[Ps. 49:17; Eccl. 5:15];

1 Tim. 6:7

^bEccl. 5:19;

[James 1:17]

^cGen. 31:16;

[1 Sam. 2:6]

^dEph. 5:20;

[1 Thess. 5:18]

22 ^aJob 2:10

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aJob 1:6-8

2 ^aJob 1:7

3 ^aJob 1:1, 8

^bJob 27:5, 6

^cJob 9:17 ¹Lit. consume

5 ^aJob 1:11

^bJob 19:20

¹Lit. *bless*, but in an evil sense; cf. Job 1:5

6 ^aJob 1:12

7 ^aIs. 1:6

8 ^aJob 42:6; Jer. 6:26;

Ezek. 27:30;

Jon. 3:6; Matt. 11:21

9 ¹Lit. *Bless*, but in an evil sense; cf. Job 1:5

10 ^aJob 1:21, 22; [Heb. 12:6; James 5:10;

11] ^bJob 1:22; [James 1:12]

^cPs. 39:1

11 ^aGen. 36:11;

1 Chr. 1:36;

Job 6:19; Jer. 49:7; Obad. 9

^bGen. 25:2;

1 Chr. 1:32

^cJob 42:11; Rom. 12:15

12 ^aJosh. 7:6; Neh. 9:1;

Lam. 2:10; Ezek. 27:30

13 ^aGen. 50:10; Ezek. 3:15

CHAPTER 3

2 ¹Lit. *answered*

3 ^aJob 10:18, 19; Jer. 20:14-18

5 ^aJob 10:21, 22; Jer. 13:16; Amos 5:8

6 ¹LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. *be joined*

8 ^aJer. 9:17

9 ¹*eyelids of the dawn*

11 ^aJob 10:18, 19

¹*expire*

12 ^aGen. 30:3

Job's Three Friends

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place—Eliphaz the ^aTemanite, Bildad the ^bShuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come ^aand mourn with him, and to comfort him.

12 And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not recognize him, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and ^asprinkled dust on his head toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him on the ground ^aseven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

Job Deplores His Birth

3 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his *birth*.

2 And Job ¹spoke, and said:

3 "May^a the day perish on which I was born,
And the night in which it was said,
'A male child is conceived.'

4 May that day be darkness;
May God above not seek it,
Nor the light shine upon it.

5 May darkness and ^athe shadow of death claim it;
May a cloud settle on it;
May the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As *for* that night, may darkness seize it;
May it not ¹rejoice among the days of the year,
May it not come into the number of the months.

7 Oh, may that night be barren!
May no joyful shout come into it!

8 May those curse it who curse the day,
Those ^awho are ready to arouse Leviathan.

9 May the stars of its morning be dark;
May it look for light, but *have* none,

And not see the ¹dawning of the day;
10 Because it did not shut up the doors of my *mother's* womb,
Nor hide sorrow from my eyes.

11 "Why^a did I not die at birth?
Why did I *not* ¹perish when I came from the womb?

12 ^aWhy did the knees receive me?
Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?

13 For now I would have lain still and been quiet,
I would have been asleep;
Then I would have been at rest

- 14 With kings and counselors of the earth,
Who ^abuilt ruins for themselves,
- 15 Or with princes who had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver;
- 16 Or why was I not hidden ^alike a stillborn child,
Like infants who never saw light?
- 17 There the wicked cease from troubling,
And there the ¹weary are at ^arest.
- 18 There the prisoners ¹rest together;
^aThey do not hear the voice of the oppressor.
- 19 The small and great are there,
And the servant is free from his master.
- 20 "Why^a is light given to him who is in misery,
And life to the ^bbitter of soul,
- 21 Who ^along¹ for death, but it does not come,
And search for it more than ^bhidden treasures;
- 22 Who rejoice exceedingly,
And are glad when they can find the ^agrave?
- 23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden,
^aAnd whom God has hedged in?
- 24 For my sighing comes before I eat,
And my groanings pour out like water.
- 25 For the thing I greatly ^afeared has come upon me,
And what I dreaded has happened to me.
- 26 I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;
I have no rest, for trouble comes."

Eliphaz: Job Has Sinned

- 4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:
- 2 "If one attempts a word with you, will you become weary?
But who can withhold himself from speaking?
- 3 Surely you have instructed many,
And you ^ahave strengthened weak hands.
- 4 Your words have upheld him who was stumbling,
And you ^ahave strengthened the ¹feeble knees;
- 5 But now it comes upon you, and you are weary;
It touches you, and you are troubled.
- 6 Is not ^ayour reverence ^byour confidence?
And the integrity of your ways your hope?

14 ^aJob 15:28;
Is. 58:12

16 ^aPs. 58:8

17 ^aJob 17:16
¹Lit. weary of strength

18 ^aJob 39:7
¹are at ease

20 ^aJer. 20:18
^b2 Kin. 4:27

21 ^aRev. 9:6
^bProv. 2:4 ¹Lit. wait

22 ^aJob 7:15, 16

23 ^aJob 19:8;
Ps. 88:8; Lam. 3:7

24 ¹Lit. my bread

25 ^a[Job 9:28; 30:15]

CHAPTER 4

3 ^aIs. 35:3

4 ^aIs. 35:3 ¹Lit. bending

6 ^aJob 1:1
^bProv. 3:26

7 ^a[Job 8:20; 36:6, 7; Ps. 37:25]

8 ^a[Job 15:31, 35; Prov. 22:8; Hos. 10:13; Gal. 6:7]

10 ^aJob 5:15;
Ps. 58:6

11 ^aJob 29:17;
Ps. 34:10

13 ^aJob 33:15

14 ^aHab. 3:16

18 ^aJob 15:15

20 ^aPs. 90:5, 6

CHAPTER 5

3 ^a[Ps. 37:35, 36]; Jer. 12:1-3

- 7 "Remember now, ^awho ever perished being innocent?
Or where were the upright ever cut off?
- 8 Even as I have seen,
^aThose who plow iniquity
And sow trouble reap the same.
- 9 By the blast of God they perish,
And by the breath of His anger they are consumed.
- 10 The roaring of the lion,
The voice of the fierce lion,
And ^athe teeth of the young lions are broken.
- 11 ^aThe old lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the cubs of the lioness are scattered.
- 12 "Now a word was secretly brought to me,
And my ear received a whisper of it.
- 13 ^aIn disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falls on men,
- 14 Fear came upon me, and ^atrembling,
Which made all my bones shake.
- 15 Then a spirit passed before my face;
The hair on my body stood up.
- 16 It stood still,
But I could not discern its appearance.
A form was before my eyes;
There was silence;
Then I heard a voice saying:
- 17 'Can a mortal be more righteous than God?
Can a man be more pure than his Maker?
- 18 If He ^aputs no trust in His servants,
If He charges His angels with error,
- 19 How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed before a moth?
- 20 ^aThey are broken in pieces from morning till evening;
They perish forever, with no one regarding.
- 21 Does not their own excellence go away?
They die, even without wisdom.'

Eliphaz: Job Is Chastened by God

- 5 "Call out now;
Is there anyone who will answer you?
And to which of the holy ones will you turn?
- 2 For wrath kills a foolish man,
And envy slays a simple one.
- 3 ^aI have seen the foolish taking root,

- But suddenly I cursed his dwelling place.
- 4 His sons are ^afar from safety, They are crushed in the gate, And ^bthere is no deliverer.
- 5 Because the hungry eat up his harvest,
¹Taking it even from the thorns,
²And a snare snatches their ³substance.
- 6 For affliction does not come from the dust,
 Nor does trouble spring from the ground;
- 7 Yet man is ^aborn to ¹trouble, As the sparks fly upward.
- 8 "But as for me, I would seek God,
 And to God I would commit my cause—
- 9 Who does great things, and unsearchable,
 Marvelous things without number.
- 10 ^aHe gives rain on the earth, And sends waters on the fields.
- 11 ^aHe sets on high those who are lowly,
 And those who mourn are lifted to safety.
- 12 ^aHe frustrates the devices of the crafty,
 So that their hands cannot carry out their plans.
- 13 He catches the ^awise in their own craftiness,
 And the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them.
- 14 They meet with darkness in the daytime,
 And grope at noontime as in the night.
- 15 But ^aHe saves the needy from the sword,
 From the mouth of the mighty, And from their hand.
- 16 ^aSo the poor have hope, And injustice shuts her mouth.
- 17 "Behold, ^ahappy is the man whom God corrects;
 Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.
- 18 ^aFor He bruises, but He binds up;
 He wounds, but His hands make whole.
- 19 ^aHe shall deliver you in six troubles,
 Yes, in seven ^bno evil shall touch you.
- 20 ^aIn famine He shall redeem you from death,
 And in war from the ¹power of the sword.
- 21 ^aYou shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue,
 And you shall not be afraid of destruction when it comes.
- 22 You shall laugh at destruction and famine,

⁴ aPs. 119:155
^bPs. 109:12

⁵ ¹LXX *They shall not be taken from evil men; Vg. And the armed man shall take him by violence*
²LXX *The might shall draw them off; Vg. And the thirsty shall drink up their riches*
³wealth

⁷ aJob 14:1
¹labor

¹⁰ a[Job 36:27-29; 37:6-11; 38:26]

¹¹ aPs. 113:7

¹² aNeh. 4:15

¹³ a[Job 37:24; 1 Cor. 3:19]

¹⁵ aJob 4:10, 11; Ps. 35:10

¹⁶ a1 Sam. 2:8; Ps. 107:41, 42

¹⁷ aPs. 94:12; [Prov. 3:11, 12; Heb. 12:5, 6; Rev. 3:19]

¹⁸ a[Deut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:6, 7]; Is. 30:26; Hos. 6:1

¹⁹ aPs. 34:19; 91:3; [1 Cor. 10:13] ^bPs. 91:10; [Prov. 24:16]

²⁰ aPs. 33:19, 20; 37:19 ¹Lit. hand

²¹ aJob 5:15; Ps. 31:20

²² aPs. 91:13; Is. 11:9; 35:9; 65:25; Ezek. 34:25 ^bHos. 2:18

²³ aPs. 91:12

²⁵ aPs. 112:2
^bPs. 72:16

²⁶ a[Prov. 9:11; 10:27]

²⁷ aPs. 111:2

CHAPTER 6

⁴ aJob 16:13; Ps. 38:2 ^bPs. 88:15, 16 ^cJob 30:15

⁵ aJob 39:5-8

⁹ aNum. 11:15; 1 Kin. 19:4; Job 7:16; 9:21; 10:1

¹⁰ aActs 20:20
^b[Lev. 19:2; Is. 57:15]

- And ^ayou shall not be afraid of the ^bbeasts of the earth.
- 23 ^aFor you shall have a covenant with the stones of the field, And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.
- 24 You shall know that your tent is in peace;
 You shall visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss.
- 25 You shall also know that ^ayour descendants *shall be* many, And your offspring ^blike the grass of the earth.
- 26 ^aYou shall come to the grave at a full age,
 As a sheaf of grain ripens in its season.
- 27 Behold, this we have ^asearched out;
 It is true.
 Hear it, and know for yourself."

Job: My Complaint Is Just

- 6 Then Job answered and said:
- 2 "Oh, that my grief were fully weighed,
 And my calamity laid with it on the scales!
- 3 For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea—
 Therefore my words have been rash.
- 4 "For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me;
 My spirit drinks in their poison;
^bThe terrors of God are arrayed ^aagainst me.
- 5 Does the ^awild donkey bray when it has grass,
 Or does the ox low over its fodder?
- 6 Can flavorless food be eaten without salt?
 Or is there *any* taste in the white of an egg?
- 7 My soul refuses to touch them;
 They *are* as loathsome food to me.
- 8 "Oh, that I might have my request,
 That God would grant *me* the thing that I long for!
- 9 That it would please God to crush me,
 That He would loose His hand and ^acut me off!
- 10 Then I would still have comfort;
 Though in anguish I would exult,
 He will not spare;
 For ^aI have not concealed the words of ^bthe Holy One.
- 11 "What strength do I have, that I should hope?
 And what is my end, that I should prolong my life?
- 12 *Is* my strength the strength of stones?
 Or is my flesh bronze?

13 Is my help not within me?
And is success driven from me?

14 ^aTo^a him who is ¹afflicted,
kindness *should be shown* by
his friend,

Even though he forsakes the
fear of the Almighty.

15 ^aMy brothers have dealt
deceitfully like a brook,
^bLike the streams of the brooks
that pass away,

16 Which are dark because of the
ice,
And into which the snow
vanishes.

17 When it is warm, they cease to
flow;

When it is hot, they vanish
from their place.

18 The paths of their way turn
aside,

They go nowhere and perish.

19 The caravans of ^aTema look,
The travelers of ^bSheba hope
for them.

20 They are ^adisappointed¹
because they were confident;
They come there and are
confused.

21 For now ^ayou are nothing,
You see terror and ^bare afraid.

22 Did I ever say, 'Bring
something to me?'

Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from
your wealth?'

23 Or, 'Deliver me from the
enemy's hand?'

Or, 'Redeem me from the hand
of oppressors?'

24 "Teach me, and I will hold my
tongue;
Cause me to understand
wherein I have erred.

25 How forceful are right
words!
But what does your arguing
prove?

26 Do you intend to rebuke *my*
words,
And the speeches of a
desperate one, *which are* as
wind?

27 Yes, you overwhelm the
fatherless,
And you ^aundermine your
friend.

28 Now therefore, be pleased to
look at me;
For I would never lie to your
face.

29 ^aYield now, let there be no
injustice!

Yes, concede, my
^bbrighteousness ¹still stands!

30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my ¹taste discern the
unsavory?

Job: My Suffering Is Comfortless

7 "Is there not ^aa time of hard
service for man on earth?

14 ^a[Prov.
17:17] ¹Or *de-
spairing*

15 ^aPs. 38:11
^bJer. 15:18

19 ^aGen. 25:15;
Is. 21:14; Jer.
25:23 ^{b1} Kin.
10:1; Ps.
72:10; Ezek.
27:22, 23

20 ^aJer. 14:3
¹Lit. *ashamed*

21 ^aJob 13:4
^bPs. 38:11

27 ^aPs. 57:6

29 ^aJob 17:10
^bJob 27:5, 6;
34:5 ¹Lit. *is in
it*

30 ¹*palate*

CHAPTER 7

1 ^a[Job 14:5,
13, 14]; Ps.
39:4

2 ¹Lit. *pants
for*

3 ^a[Job 15:31]

4 ^aDeut. 28:67;
Job 7:13, 14

5 ^aIs. 14:11

6 ^aJob 9:25;
16:22; 17:11;
Is. 38:12;
[James 4:14]

7 ^aJob 7:16;
Ps. 78:39;
89:47

8 ^aJob 8:18;
20:9

9 ^a2 Sam.
12:23

10 ^aPs. 103:16

11 ^aPs. 39:1, 9
^{b1} Sam. 1:10

13 ^aJob 9:27

15 ¹Lit. *my
bones*

16 ^aJob 10:1
^bJob 14:6 ^cPs.
62:9 ¹Without
substance, fu-
tile

17 ^aJob 22:2;
Ps. 8:4; 144:3;
Heb. 2:6

18 ¹*attend to*

Are not his days also like the
days of a hired man?

2 Like a servant who ¹earnestly
desires the shade,
And like a hired man who

3 So I have been allotted ^amonths
of futility,

And wearisome nights have
been appointed to me.

4 ^aWhen I lie down, I say, 'When
shall I arise,
And the night be ended?'

For I have had my fill of tossing
till dawn.

5 My flesh is ^acaked with worms
and dust,

My skin is cracked and breaks
out afresh.

6 "My^a days are swifter than a
weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.

7 Oh, remember that ^amy life is a
breath!

My eye will never again see
good.

8 ^aThe eye of him who sees me
will see me no *more*;
While your eyes *are* upon me, I
shall no longer *be*.

9 As the cloud disappears and
vanishes away,

So ^ahe who goes down to the
grave does not come up.

10 He shall never return to his
house,
^aNor shall his place know him
anymore.

11 "Therefore I will ^anot restrain
my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of
my spirit;

I will ^bcomplain in the
bitterness of my soul.

12 *Am* I a sea, or a sea serpent,
That You set a guard over me?

13 ^aWhen I say, 'My bed will
comfort me,
My couch will ease my
complaint,'

14 Then You scare me with dreams
And terrify me with visions,

15 So that my soul chooses
strangling
And death rather than ¹my
body.

16 ^aI loathe *my life*;
I would not live forever.

^bLet me alone,
For ^amy days *are but* ¹a
breath.

17 "What^a is man, that You should
exalt him,
That You should set Your heart
on him,

18 That You should ¹visit him
every morning,
And test him every moment?

19 How long?

- Will You not look away from me,
And let me alone till I swallow
my saliva?
20 Have I sinned?
What have I done to You, ^aO
watcher of men?
Why ^bhave You set me as Your
target,
So that I am a burden ^{to}
myself?
21 Why then do You not pardon
my transgression,
And take away my iniquity?
For now I will lie down in the
dust,
And You will seek me
diligently,
But I *will* no longer *be*.”
- Bildad: Job Should Repent*
- 8 Then Bildad the Shuhite an-
swered and said:
- 2 “How long will you speak these
things,
And the words of your mouth
be like a strong wind?
3 ^aDoes God subvert judgment?
Or does the Almighty pervert
justice?
4 If ^ayour sons have sinned
against Him,
He has cast them away ^{for}
their transgression.
5 ^aIf you would earnestly seek
God
And make your supplication to
the Almighty,
6 If you *were* pure and upright,
Surely now He would ^{awake}
for you,
And prosper your rightful
dwelling place.
7 Though your beginning was
small,
Yet your latter end would
^aincrease abundantly.
- 8 “For^a inquire, please, of the
former age,
And consider the things
discovered by their fathers;
9 For ^awe *were born* yesterday,
and know ^{nothing},
Because our days on earth *are*
a shadow.
10 Will they not teach you and tell
you,
And utter words from their
heart?
11 “Can the papyrus grow up
without a marsh?
Can the reeds flourish without
water?
12 ^aWhile it is yet green *and* not cut
down,
It withers before any *other*
plant.
13 So *are* the paths of all who
^aforget God;

20 ^aPs. 36:6
^bPs. 21:12 ¹So
with MT, Tg.,
Vg.; LXX.
Jewish tradi-
tion to You

CHAPTER 8

3 ^aGen. 18:25;
[Deut. 32:4;
2 Chr. 19:7;
Job 34:10, 12;
36:23; 37:23];
Rom. 3:5

4 ^aJob 1:5, 18,
19 ¹Lit. *into
the hand of
their trans-
gression*

5 ^a[Job
5:17-27;
11:13]

6 ^a*arise*

7 ^aJob 42:12

8 ^aDeut. 4:32;
32:7; Job
15:18; 20:4

9 ^aGen. 47:9;
[1 Chr. 29:15];
Job 7:6; [Ps.
39:5; 102:11;
144:4] ¹Lit.
not

12 ^aPs. 129:6

13 ^aPs. 9:17
^bJob 11:20;
18:14; 27:8;
Ps. 112:10;
[Prov. 10:28]

14 ¹Lit. *a spi-
der's house*

15 ^aJob 8:22;
27:18; Ps.
49:11

18 ^aJob 7:10

19 ^aPs. 113:7

20 ^aJob 4:7 ¹*re-
ject*

21 ¹Lit. *shouts
of joy*

22 ^aPs. 35:26;
109:29 ¹Lit.
will not be

CHAPTER 9

2 ^a[Job 4:17;
15:14-16; Ps.
143:2; Rom.
3:20] ^b[Hab.
2:4; Rom.
1:17; Gal.
3:11; Heb.
10:38]

3 ^a*argue*

4 ^aJob 36:5

6 ^aIs. 2:19, 21;
Hag. 2:6; Heb.
12:26 ^bJob
26:11

8 ^aGen. 1:6;
Job 37:18; Ps.
104:2, 3; Is.
40:22 ¹*walks*

2 ¹Lit. *heights*

9 ^aGen. 1:16;
Job 38:31;
Amos 5:8

¹Heb. *Ash,
Keshil, and
Kimah*

10 ^aJob 5:9

- And the hope of the ^bhypocrite
shall perish.
14 Whose confidence shall be cut
off,
And whose trust is ^{1a}a spider's
web.
15 ^aHe leans on his house, but it
does not stand.
He holds it fast, but it does not
endure.
16 He grows green in the sun,
And his branches spread out in
his garden.
17 His roots wrap around the rock
heap,
And look for a place in the
stones.
18 ^aIf he is destroyed from his
place,
Then it will deny him, *saying*, ‘I
have not seen you.’

- 19 “Behold, this is the joy of His
way,
And ^aout of the earth others
will grow.
20 Behold, ^aGod will not ¹cast
away the blameless,
Nor will He uphold the
evildoers.
21 He will yet fill your mouth with
laughing,
And your lips with ¹rejoicing.
22 Those who hate you will be
^aclothed with shame,
And the dwelling place of the
wicked ¹will come to
nothing.”

Job: There Is No Mediator

- 9 Then Job answered and said:
- 2 “Truly I know *it is* so,
But how can a ^aman be
^bbrighteous before God?
3 If one wished to ¹contend with
Him,
He could not answer Him one
time out of a thousand.
4 ^aGod is wise in heart and mighty
in strength.
Who has hardened *himself*
against Him and prospered?
5 He removes the mountains, and
they do not know
When He overturns them in His
anger;
6 He ^ashakes the earth out of its
place,
And its ^bpillars tremble;
7 He commands the sun, and it
does not rise;
He seals off the stars;
8 ^aHe alone spreads out the
heavens,
And ¹treads on the ²waves of
the sea;
9 ^aHe made ¹the Bear, Orion, and
the Pleiades,
And the chambers of the south;
10 ^aHe does great things past
finding out,

- Yes, wonders without number.
 11 ^aIf He goes by me, I do not see Him;
 If He moves past, I do not perceive Him;
 12 ^aIf He takes away, ¹who can hinder Him?
 Who can say to Him, 'What are You doing?'
 13 God will not withdraw His anger,
^aThe allies of ¹the proud lie prostrate beneath Him.
 14 ^aHow then can I answer Him,
 And choose my words to reason with Him?
 15 ^aFor though I were righteous, I could not answer Him;
 I would beg mercy of my Judge.
 16 If I called and He answered me,
 I would not believe that He was listening to my voice.
 17 For He crushes me with a tempest,
 And multiplies my wounds ^awithout cause.
 18 He will not allow me to catch my breath,
 But fills me with bitterness.
 19 If *it is a matter* of strength, indeed *He is* strong;
 And if of justice, who will appoint my day *in court*?
 20 Though I were righteous, my own mouth would condemn me;
 Though I *were* blameless, it would prove me perverse.
 21 "I am blameless, yet I do not know myself;
 I despise my life.
 22 It is all one *thing*;
 Therefore I say, ^aHe destroys the blameless and the wicked.
 23 If the scourge slays suddenly,
 He laughs at the plight of the innocent.
 24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked.
 He covers the faces of its judges.
 If it is not *He*, who else could it be?
 25 "Now ^amy days are swifter than a runner;
 They flee away, they see no good.
 26 They pass by like ¹swift ships,
^aLike an eagle swooping on its prey.
 27 ^aIf I say, 'I will forget my complaint,
 I will put off my sad face and wear a smile,'
 28 ^aI am afraid of all my sufferings;
 I know that You ^bwill not hold me innocent.

11 ^a[Job 23:8, 9; 35:14]

12 ^a[Is. 45:9; Dan. 4:35; Rom. 9:20]
¹Lit. *who can turn Him back?*

13 ^aJob 26:12
¹Heb. *rahab*

15 ^aJob 10:15; 23:1-7

17 ^aJob 2:3

22 ^a[Eccl. 9:2, 3]; Ezek. 21:3

25 ^aJob 7:6, 7

26 ^aJob 39:29; Hab. 1:8 ¹Lit. *ships of reeds*

27 ^aJob 7:13

28 ^aPs. 119:120
^bEx. 20:7

30 ^a[Jer. 2:22]
¹lye

31 ¹loathe

32 ^aEccl. 6:10; [Is. 45:9; Jer. 49:19; Rom. 9:20]

33 ^a[1 Sam. 2:25]; Job 9:19; Is. 1:18

34 ^aJob 13:20, 21; Ps. 39:10

CHAPTER 10

1 ^a1 Kin. 19:4; Job 7:16; Jon. 4:3 ^bJob 7:11
¹Lit. *leave on myself*

4 ^a[1 Sam. 16:7; Job 28:24; 34:21]

8 ^aJob 10:3; Ps. 119:73
^b[Job 9:22]

9 ^aGen. 2:7; Job 33:6

10 ^a[Ps. 139:14-16]

- 29 *If* I am condemned,
 Why then do I labor in vain?
 30 ^aIf I wash myself with snow water,
 And cleanse my hands with ¹soap,
 31 Yet You will plunge me into the pit,
 And my own clothes will ¹abhor me.
 32 "For ^a*He is* not a man, as I *am*,
 That I may answer Him,
 And that we should go to court together.
 33 ^aNor is there any mediator between us,
 Who may lay his hand on us both.
 34 ^aLet Him take His rod away from me,
 And do not let dread of Him terrify me.
 35 *Then* I would speak and not fear Him,
 But it is not so with me.

Job: I Would Plead with God

- 10 "My ^asoul loathes my life;
 I will ¹give free course to my complaint,
^bI will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
 2 I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me;
 Show me why You contend with me.
 3 *Does it* seem good to You that You should oppress,
 That You should despise the work of Your hands,
 And smile on the counsel of the wicked?
 4 Do You have eyes of flesh?
 Or ^ado You see as man sees?
 5 *Are* Your days like the days of a mortal man?
Are Your years like the days of a mighty man,
 6 That You should seek for my iniquity
 And search out my sin,
 7 Although You know that I am not wicked,
 And *there is* no one who can deliver from Your hand?
 8 'Your^a hands have made me and fashioned me,
 An intricate unity;
 Yet You would ^bdestroy me.
 9 Remember, I pray, ^athat You have made me like clay.
 And will You turn me into dust again?
 10 ^aDid You not pour me out like milk,
 And curdle me like cheese,
 11 Clothe me with skin and flesh,
 And knit me together with bones and sinews?

- 12 You have granted me life and favor,
And Your care has preserved
my spirit.
- 13 'And these *things* You have
hidden in Your heart;
I know that this *was* with
You:
- 14 If I sin, then ^aYou mark me,
And will not acquit me of my
iniquity.
- 15 If I am wicked, ^a'woe to me;
^bEven if I am righteous, I
^ccannot lift up my head.
I am full of disgrace;
^cSee my misery!
- 16 If *my head* is exalted,
^aYou hunt me like a fierce lion,
And again You show Yourself
awesome against me.
- 17 You renew Your witnesses
against me,
And increase Your indignation
toward me;
Changes and war are *ever* with
me.
- 18 'Why^a then have You brought
me out of the womb?
Oh, that I had perished and no
eye had seen me!
- 19 I would have been as though I
had not been.
I would have been carried from
the womb to the grave.
- 20 ^a'Are not my days few?
Cease! ^bLeave me alone, that I
may take a little comfort,
- 21 Before I go to the *place* from
which I shall not return,
^a'To the land of darkness ^band
the shadow of death,
- 22 A land as dark as darkness
itself,
As the shadow of death,
without any order,
Where even the light is like
darkness.' "

Zophar Urges Job to Repent

- 11** Then Zophar the Naamathite
answered and said:
- 2 "Should not the multitude of
words be answered?
And should ^{1a} a man full of talk
be vindicated?
- 3 Should your empty talk make
men ^{1b}hold their peace?
And when you mock, should no
one rebuke you?
- 4 For you have said,
^a'My doctrine is pure,
And I am clean in your eyes.'
- 5 But oh, that God would
speak,
And open His lips against you,
That He would show you the
secrets of wisdom!
For *they would* double your
prudence.

14 ^aJob 7:20;
Ps. 139:1

15 ^aJob 10:7;
Is. 3:11 ^b[Job
9:12, 15] ^cPs.
25:18 ¹Lit. *will
not*

16 ^aIs. 38:13;
Lam. 3:10;
Hos. 13:7

18 ^aJob
3:11-13

20 ^aPs. 39:5
^bJob 7:16, 19

21 ^aPs. 88:12
^bPs. 23:4

CHAPTER 11

2 ¹Lit. *a man
of lips*

3 ¹*be silent*

4 ^aJob 6:30

6 ^a[Ezra 9:13]
¹Lit. *forgets
some of your
iniquity for
you*

7 ^aJob 33:12,
13; 36:26;
[Eccl. 3:11;
Rom. 11:33]

8 ¹The abode
of the dead

10 ^aJob 9:12;
[Rev. 3:7] ¹*re-
strain*

11 ^a[Ps. 10:14]

12 ^a[Ps. 39:5];
Rom. 1:22

13 ^a[1 Sam.
7:3] ^bPs. 88:9

14 ^aPs. 101:3

15 ^aJob 22:26;
Ps. 119:6;
[1 John 3:21]

16 ^aIs. 65:16

17 ^aPs. 37:6;
Prov. 4:18; Is.
58:8, 10

18 ^aLev. 26:5,
6; Ps. 3:5;
Prov. 3:24

20 ^aLev. 26:16;
Deut. 28:65;
Job 17:5 ^bJob
18:14; [Prov.
11:7] ¹Lit. *the
breathing out
of life*

CHAPTER 12

3 ^aJob 13:2
¹Lit. *a heart*

Know therefore that ^aGod
¹exacts from you
Less than your iniquity
deserves.

- 7 "Can^a you search out the deep
things of God?
Can you find out the limits of
the Almighty?
- 8 *They are* higher than heaven—
what can you do?
Deeper than ¹Sheol— what can
you know?
- 9 Their measure is longer than
the earth
And broader than the sea.
- 10 "If^a He passes by, imprisons, and
gathers to judgment,
Then who can ¹hinder Him?
- 11 For ^a'He knows deceitful
men;
He sees wickedness also.
Will He not then consider it?
- 12 For an ^a'empty-headed man will
be wise,
When a wild donkey's colt is
born a man.

- 13 "If you would ^a'prepare your
heart,
And ^b'stretch out your hands
toward Him;
- 14 If iniquity *were* in your hand,
and you put it far away,
And ^a'would not let wickedness
dwell in your tents;
- 15 ^a'Then surely you could lift up
your face without spot;
Yes, you could be steadfast, and
not fear;
- 16 Because you would ^a'forget your
misery,
And remember it as waters
that have passed away,
- 17 And your life ^a'would be
brighter than noonday.
Though you were dark, you
would be like the morning.
- 18 And you would be secure,
because there is hope;
Yes, you would dig *around you*,
and ^a'take your rest in
safety.
- 19 You would also lie down, and
no one would make you
afraid;
Yes, many would court your
favor.
- 20 But ^a'the eyes of the wicked will
fail,
And they shall not escape,
And ^b'their hope—¹loss of life!"

Job Answers His Critics

- 12** Then Job answered and said:
- 2 "No doubt you *are* the people,
And wisdom will die with you!
- 3 But I have ¹understanding as
well as you;
I am not ^a'inferior to you.

- Indeed, who does not *know* such things as these?
- 4 ^a“I am one mocked by his friends,
Who ^bcalled on God, and He answered him,
The just and blameless *who* is ridiculed.
- 5 A ¹lamp is despised in the thought of one who is at ease;
It is made ready for ^athose whose feet slip.
- 6 ^a“The tents of robbers prosper, And those who provoke God are secure—
In what God provides by His hand.
- 7 “But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you;
And the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
- 8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you;
And the fish of the sea will explain to you.
- 9 Who among all these does not know
That the hand of the LORD has done this,
- 10 ^a“In whose hand is the ¹life of every living thing,
And the ^bbreath of ²all mankind?
- 11 Does not the ear test words
And the ¹mouth taste its food?
- 12 Wisdom is with aged men,
And with ¹length of days, understanding.
- 13 “With Him *are* ^awisdom and strength,
He has counsel and understanding.
- 14 If ^aHe breaks a *thing* down, it cannot be rebuilt;
If He imprisons a man, there can be no release.
- 15 If He ^awithholds the waters, they dry up;
If He ^bsends them out, they overwhelm the earth.
- 16 With Him *are* strength and prudence.
The deceived and the deceiver *are* His.
- 17 He leads counselors away plundered,
And makes fools of the judges.
- 18 He loosens the bonds of kings,
And binds their waist with a belt.
- 19 He leads ¹princes away plundered,
And overthrows the mighty.
- 20 ^a“He deprives the trusted ones of speech,
And takes away the discernment of the elders.
- 21 ^a“He pours contempt on princes,
And ¹disarms the mighty.

4 ^aJob 21:3
^bPs. 91:15

5 ^aProv. 14:2
¹Or *disaster*

6 ^a[Job 9:24; 21:6–16; Ps. 73:12; Jer. 12:1; Mal. 3:15]

10 ^a[Acts 17:28] ^bJob 27:3; 33:4 ¹Or *soul* ²Lit. *all flesh of men*

11 ¹palate

12 ¹Long life

13 ^aJob 9:4; 36:5

14 ^aJob 11:10; Is. 25:2

15 ^aDeut. 11:17; [1 Kin. 8:35, 36]
^bGen. 7:11–24

19 ¹Lit. *priests*, but not in a technical sense

20 ^aJob 32:9

21 ^a[Job 34:19]; Ps. 107:40; [Dan. 2:21] ¹loosens the belt of

22 ^aDan. 2:22; [1 Cor. 4:5]

23 ^aIs. 9:3; 26:15 ¹Lit. *spreads out*

24 ^aPs. 107:4
¹Lit. *heart*

25 ^aJob 5:14; 15:30; 18:18
^bPs. 107:27

CHAPTER 13

2 ^aJob 12:3

3 ^aJob 23:3; 31:35

4 ^aJob 6:21; [Jer. 23:32]

5 ^aJob 13:13; 21:5; Prov. 17:28

7 ^aJob 27:4; 36:4 ¹unrighteously

11 ¹Lit. *exaltation*

13 ¹Be silent

14 ^aJob 18:4

15 ^aPs. 23:4; [Prov. 14:32]
^bJob 27:5

16 ^aJob 8:13

- 22 He ^auncovers deep things out of darkness,
And brings the shadow of death to light.
- 23 ^a“He makes nations great, and destroys them;
He ¹enlarges nations, and guides them.
- 24 He takes away the ¹understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth,
And ^amakes them wander in a pathless wilderness.
- 25 ^a“They grope in the dark without light,
And He makes them ^bstagger like a drunken *man*.

13 “Behold, my eye has seen all *this*,
My ear has heard and understood it.

2 ^a“What you know, I also know;
I *am* not inferior to you.

3 ^a“But I would speak to the Almighty,
And I desire to reason with God.

4 But you forgers of lies,
^a“You *are* all worthless physicians.

5 Oh, that you would be silent,
And ^ait would be your wisdom!

6 Now hear my reasoning,
And heed the pleadings of my lips.

7 ^a“Will you speak ¹wickedly for God,
And talk deceitfully for Him?

8 Will you show partiality for Him?
Will you contend for God?

9 Will it be well when He searches you out?
Or can you mock Him as one mocks a man?

10 He will surely rebuke you
If you secretly show partiality.

11 Will not His ¹excellence make you afraid,
And the dread of Him fall upon you?

12 Your platitudes *are* proverbs of ashes,
Your defenses are defenses of clay.

13 “Hold! your peace with me, and let me speak,
Then let come on me what *may*!

14 Why ^ado I take my flesh in my teeth,
And put my life in my hands?

15 ^a“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.
^bEven so, I will defend my own ways before Him.

16 He also *shall* be my salvation,
For a ^ahypocrite could not come before Him.

- 17 Listen carefully to my speech,
And to my declaration with
your ears.
18 See now, I have prepared my
case,
I know that I shall be
“vindicated.”
19 “Who is he *who* will contend
with me?
If now I hold my tongue, I
perish.

Job's Despondent Prayer

- 20 “Only^a two *things* do not do to
me,
Then I will not hide myself
from You:
21 “Withdraw Your hand far from
me,
And let not the dread of You
make me afraid.
22 Then call, and I will “answer;
Or let me speak, then You
respond to me.
23 How many *are* my iniquities
and sins?
Make me know my
transgression and my sin.
24 “Why do You hide Your face,
And “regard me as Your
enemy?
25 “Will You frighten a leaf driven
to and fro?
And will You pursue dry
stubble?
26 For You write bitter things
against me,
And “make me inherit the
iniquities of my youth.
27 “You put my feet in the stocks,
And watch closely all my paths.
You “set a limit for the “soles of
my feet.
28 “Man¹ decays like a rotten thing,
Like a garment that is
moth-eaten.

14 “Man *who* is born of woman
Is of few days and “full of
“trouble.

- 2 “He comes forth like a flower
and fades away;
He flees like a shadow and
does not continue.
3 And “do You open Your eyes on
such a one,
And “bring “me to judgment
with Yourself?
4 Who “can bring a clean *thing*
out of an unclean?
No one!
5 “Since his days *are* determined,
The number of his months is
with You;
You have appointed his limits,
so that he cannot pass.
6 “Look away from him that he
may “rest,
Till “like a hired man he
finishes his day.

18 ^a[Rom. 8:34]
19 ^aJob 7:21;
10:8; Is. 50:8
20 ^aJob 9:34
21 ^aJob 9:34;
Ps. 39:10
22 ^aJob 9:16;
14:15
24 ^a[Deut. 32:20]; Ps.
13:1 ^bLam. 2:5
25 ^aIs. 42:3
26 ^aJob 20:11
27 ^aJob 33:11
¹Lit. *inscribe
a print* ²Lit.
roots
28 ¹Lit. *He*

CHAPTER 14

1 ^aJob 5:7;
Eccl. 2:23
¹*turmoil*
2 ^aJob 8:9; Ps.
90:5, 6, 9;
102:11;
103:15; 144:4;
Is. 40:6; James
1:10, 11; 1 Pet.
1:24
3 ^aPs. 8:4;
144:3 ^b[Ps.
143:2] ¹LXX,
Syr., Vg. *him*
4 ^a[Job 15:14;
25:4; Ps. 51:2,
5, 10; John
3:6; Rom.
5:12; Eph. 2:3]
5 ^aJob 7:1;
21:21; Heb.
9:27
6 ^aJob 7:16,
19; Ps. 39:13
^bJob 7:1 ¹Lit.
cease
10 ^aJob 10:21.
22 ¹*lies pros-
trate* ²*expires*
12 ^aPs. 102:25,
26; [Is. 51:6;
65:17; 66:22];
Acts 3:21;
[2 Pet. 3:7, 10,
11; Rev. 20:11;
21:1]
14 ^aJob 13:15
15 ^aJob 13:22
16 ^aJob 10:6,
14; 13:27;
31:4; 34:21;
Ps. 56:8;
139:1–3; Prov.
5:21; [Jer.
32:19]
17 ^aDeut.
32:32–34 ¹Lit.
plaster over
21 ^aEccl. 9:5;
Is. 63:16

CHAPTER 15

1 ^aJob 4:1

- 7 “For there is hope for a tree,
If it is cut down, that it will
sprout again,
And that its tender shoots will
not cease.
8 Though its root may grow old
in the earth,
And its stump may die in the
ground,
9 Yet at the scent of water it will
bud
And bring forth branches like a
plant.
10 But man dies and “is laid away;
Indeed he “breathes his last
And where is “he?
11 As water disappears from the
sea,
And a river becomes parched
and dries up,
12 So man lies down and does not
rise.
“Till the heavens *are* no more,
They will not awake
Nor be roused from their sleep.
13 “Oh, that You would hide me in
the grave,
That You would conceal me
until Your wrath is past,
That You would appoint me a
set time, and remember me!
14 If a man dies, shall he live
again?
All the days of my hard service
“I will wait,
Till my change comes.
15 “You shall call, and I will answer
You;
You shall desire the work of
Your hands.
16 For now “You number my steps,
But do not watch over my sin.
17 “My transgression is sealed up
in a bag,
And You “cover my iniquity.

- 18 “But *as* a mountain falls *and*
crumbles away,
And *as* a rock is moved from
its place;
19 As water wears away stones,
And *as* torrents wash away the
soil of the earth;
So You destroy the hope of
man.
20 You prevail forever against
him, and he passes on;
You change his countenance
and send him away.
21 His sons come to honor, and
“he does not know it;
They are brought low, and he
does not perceive it.
22 But his flesh will be in pain
over it,
And his soul will mourn over
it.”

Eliphaz Accuses Job of Folly

15 Then “Eliphaz the Temanite
answered and said:

- 2 "Should a wise man answer
with empty knowledge,
And fill ¹himself with the east
wind?
- 3 Should he reason with
unprofitable talk,
Or by speeches with which he
can do no good?
- 4 Yes, you cast off fear,
And restrain ¹prayer before
God.
- 5 For your iniquity teaches your
mouth,
And you choose the tongue of
the crafty.
- 6 "Your own mouth condemns
you, and not I;
Yes, your own lips testify
against you.
- 7 "Are you the first man *who* was
born?
"Or were you made before the
hills?
- 8 "Have you heard the counsel of
God?
Do you limit wisdom to
yourself?
- 9 "What do you know that we do
not know?
What do you understand that *is*
not in us?
- 10 "Both the gray-haired and the
aged *are* among us,
Much older than your father.
- 11 *Are* the consolations of God too
small for you,
And the word *spoken* ¹gently
with you?
- 12 Why does your heart carry you
away,
And ¹what do your eyes wink
at,
- 13 That you turn your spirit
against God,
And let *such* words go out of
your mouth?
- 14 "What^a is man, that he could be
pure?
And *he who is* born of a
woman, that he could be
righteous?
- 15 "If God puts no trust in His
saints,
And the heavens are not pure
in His sight,
- 16 "How much less man, *who is*
abominable and filthy,
^aWho drinks iniquity like water!
- 17 "I will tell you, hear me;
What I have seen I will declare,
- 18 What wise men have told,
Not hiding *anything received*
"from their fathers,
- 19 To whom alone the ¹land was
given,
And "no alien passed among
them:
- 20 The wicked man writhes with
pain all *his* days,

- 2 ¹Lit. *his*
belly
- 4 ¹*meditation*
or complaint
- 6 ^aJob 9:20;
[Luke 19:22]
- 7 ^aJob 38:4,
21; Ps. 90:2;
Prov. 8:25
- 8 ^aJob 29:4;
Rom. 11:34;
[1 Cor. 2:11]
- 9 ^aJob 12:3;
13:2
- 10 ^aJob 8:8-10;
12:12; 32:6, 7
- 11 ¹Or *a secret*
thing
- 12 ¹Or *why do*
your eyes
flash
- 14 ^aJob 14:4;
Prov. 20:9;
[Eccl. 7:20;
1 John 1:8, 10]
- 15 ^aJob 4:18;
25:5
- 16 ^aJob 4:19;
Ps. 14:3; 53:3
^bJob 34:7;
Prov. 19:28
- 18 ^aJob 8:8;
20:4
- 19 ^aJoel 3:17
¹Or *earth*
- 20 ^aPs. 90:12
- 21 ^aJob 20:21;
1 Thess. 5:3
¹*Terrifying*
- 22 ^aJob
14:10-12
- 23 ^aPs. 59:15;
109:10 ^bJob
18:12
- 24 ¹*attack*
- 27 ^aPs. 17:10;
73:7; 119:70
- 29 ^aJob 20:28;
27:16, 17
- 30 ^aJob 4:9
- 31 ^aJob 35:13;
Is. 59:4
- 32 ^aJob 22:16;
Ps. 55:23;
Eccl. 7:17
- 35 ^aPs. 7:14; Is.
59:4; [Hos.
10:13]
- CHAPTER 16
- 2 ^aJob 13:4;
21:34 ¹*Trou-*
blesome
- 3 ¹Empty
words

- ^aAnd the number of years is
hidden from the oppressor.
- 21 ¹Dreadful sounds *are* in his ears;
^aIn prosperity the destroyer
comes upon him.
- 22 He does not believe that he will
"return from darkness,
For a sword is waiting for him.
- 23 He "wanders about for bread,
saying, 'Where is it?'
He knows ^bthat a day of
darkness is ready at his
hand.
- 24 Trouble and anguish make him
afraid;
They overpower him, like a
king ready for ¹battle.
- 25 For he stretches out his hand
against God,
And acts defiantly against the
Almighty,
- 26 Running stubbornly against
Him
With his strong, embossed
shield.
- 27 "Though^a he has covered his
face with his fatness,
And made *his* waist heavy with
fat,
- 28 He dwells in desolate cities,
In houses which no one
inhabits,
Which are destined to become
ruins.
- 29 He will not be rich,
Nor will his wealth "continue,
Nor will his possessions
overspread the earth.
- 30 He will not depart from
darkness;
The flame will dry out his
branches,
And "by the breath of His
mouth he will go away.
- 31 Let him not "trust in futile
things, deceiving himself,
For futility will be his reward.
- 32 It will be accomplished ^abefore
his time,
And his branch will not be
green.
- 33 He will shake off his unripe
grape like a vine,
And cast off his blossom like
an olive tree.
- 34 For the company of hypocrites
will be barren,
And fire will consume the tents
of bribery.
- 35 "They conceive trouble and
bring forth futility;
Their womb prepares deceit."

Job Reproaches His Pitiless Friends

- 16** Then Job answered and said:
- 2 "I have heard many such things;
^aMiserable¹ comforters *are* you
all!
- 3 Shall ¹words of wind have an
end?

- Or what provokes you that you answer?
 4 I also could speak as you *do*,
 If your soul were in my soul's place.
 I could heap up words against you.
 And ^ashake my head at you;
 5 But I would strengthen you
 with my mouth,
 And the comfort of my lips
 would relieve your grief.
 6 "Though I speak, my grief is not
 relieved;
 And if I remain silent, how am I
 eased?
 7 But now He has ^aworn me out;
 You ^bhave made desolate all my
 company.
 8 You have shriveled me up,
 And it is a ^awitness *against me*;
 My leanness rises up against me
 And bears witness to my face.
 9 ^aHe tears *me* in His wrath, and
 hates me;
 He gnashes at me with His
 teeth;
^bMy adversary sharpens His
 gaze on me.
 10 They ^agape at me with their
 mouth,
 They ^bstrike me reproachfully
 on the cheek,
 They gather together against
 me.
 11 God ^ahas delivered me to the
 ungodly,
 And turned me over to the
 hands of the wicked.
 12 I was at ease, but He has
^ashattered me;
 He also has taken *me* by my
 neck, and shaken me to
 pieces;
 He has ^bset me up for His
 target,
 13 His archers surround me.
 He pierces my ¹heart and does
 not pity;
 He pours out my gall on the
 ground.
 14 He breaks me with wound
 upon wound;
 He runs at me like a ¹warrior.
 15 "I have sewn sackcloth over my
 skin,
 And ^alaid my ¹head in the dust.
 16 My face is ¹flushed from
 weeping,
 And on my eyelids is the
 shadow of death;
 17 Although no violence is in my
 hands,
 And my prayer is pure.
 18 "O earth, do not cover my blood,
 And ^alet my cry have no *resting*
 place!
 19 Surely even now ^amy witness is
 in heaven,

4 ^aPs. 22:7;
 109:25; Lam.
 2:15; Zeph.
 2:15; Matt.
 27:39
 7 ^aJob 7:3 ^bJob
 16:20;
 19:13-15
 8 ^aJob 10:17
 9 ^aJob 10:16,
 17; 19:11;
 Hos. 6:1 ^bJob
 13:24; 33:10
 10 ^aPs. 22:13;
 35:21 ^bIs. 50:6;
 Lam. 3:30;
 Mic. 5:1; Matt.
 26:67; Mark
 14:65; Luke
 22:63; Acts
 23:2

11 ^aJob 1:15,
 17
 12 ^aJob 9:17
^bJob 7:20;
 Lam. 3:12
 13 ¹Lit. *kid-
 neys*
 14 ¹Vg. *giant*
 15 ^aJob 30:19;
 Ps. 7:5 ¹Lit.
horn
 16 ¹Lit. *red*
 18 ^aJob 27:9;
 [Ps. 66:18]
 19 ^aGen. 31:50;
 Rom. 1:9;
 Phil. 1:8;
 1 Thess. 2:5
 21 ^aJob 31:35;
 Eccl. 6:10; [Is.
 45:9; Rom.
 9:20] ¹friend
 22 ^aJob 10:21;
 Eccl. 12:5

CHAPTER 17

1 ^aPs. 88:3, 4
 2 ^{a1} Sam. 1:6;
 Job 12:4; 17:6;
 30:1, 9; 34:7
¹Lit. *lodge*
 3 ^aProv. 6:1;
 17:18; 22:26
 4 ^aJob 12:20;
 32:9
 5 ^aJob 11:20
 6 ^aJob 30:9
 7 ^aPs. 6:7; 31:9
 9 ^aProv. 4:18
^bPs. 24:4
 10 ^aJob 6:29
¹So with
 some Heb.
 mss., LXX,
 Syr., Vg.; MT,
 Tg. *all of*
them
 11 ^aJob 7:6
¹desires
 15 ^aJob 7:6;
 13:15; 14:19;
 19:10
 16 ^aJon. 2:6
¹The abode of
 the dead

- And my evidence is on high.
 20 My friends scorn me;
 My eyes pour out *tears* to God.
 21 ^aOh, that one might plead for a
 man with God,
 As a man *pleads* for his
¹neighbor!
 22 For when a few years are
 finished,
 I shall ^ago the way of no return.

Job Prays for Relief

- 17 "My spirit is broken,
 My days are extinguished,
^aThe grave is *ready* for me.
 2 Are not mockers with me?
 And does not my eye ¹dwell on
 their ^aprovocation?
 3 "Now put down a pledge for me
 with Yourself.
 Who is he *who* ^awill shake
 hands with me?
 4 For You have hidden their heart
 from ^aunderstanding;
 Therefore You will not exalt
them.
 5 He who speaks flattery to *his*
 friends,
 Even the eyes of his children
 will ^afail.
 6 "But He has made me ^aa byword
 of the people,
 And I have become one in
 whose face men spit.
 7 ^aMy eye has also grown dim
 because of sorrow,
 And all my members *are* like
 shadows.
 8 Upright *men* are astonished at
 this,
 And the innocent stirs himself
 up against the hypocrite.
 9 Yet the righteous will hold to
 his ^away,
 And he who has ^bclean hands
 will be stronger and stronger.
 10 "But please, ^acome back again,
¹all of you,
 For I shall not find *one* wise
man among you.
 11 ^aMy days are past,
 My purposes are broken off,
 Even the ¹thoughts of my heart.
 12 They change the night into
 day;
^a'The light is near,' *they say*, in
 the face of darkness.
 13 If I wait for the grave *as* my
 house,
 If I make my bed in the
 darkness,
 14 If I say to corruption, 'You *are*
 my father,'
 And to the worm, 'You *are* my
 mother and my sister,'
 15 Where then is my ^ahope?
 As for my hope, who can see it?
 16 Will they go down ^ato the gates
 of ¹Sheol?

Shall *we have* ^brest together in the dust?"

Bildad: The Wicked Are Punished

18 Then ^aBildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 "How long *till* you put an end to words?

Gain understanding, and afterward we will speak.

3 Why are we counted ^aas beasts, And regarded as stupid in your sight?

4 "You! who tear yourself in anger, Shall the earth be forsaken for you? Or shall the rock be removed from its place?

5 "The ^elight of the wicked indeed goes out, And the flame of his fire does not shine.

6 The light is dark in his tent, ^aAnd his lamp beside him is put out.

7 The steps of his strength are shortened, And ^ahis own counsel casts him down.

8 For ^ehe is cast into a net by his own feet,

And he walks into a snare.

9 The net takes *him* by the heel, And ^aas a snare lays hold of him.

10 A noose is hidden for him on the ground,

And a trap for him in the road.

11 ^aTerrors frighten him on every side,

And drive him to his feet.

12 His strength is starved, And ^adestruction is ready at his side.

13 It devours patches of his skin; The firstborn of death devours his ⁱlimbs.

14 He is uprooted from ^athe shelter of his tent, And they parade him before the king of terrors.

15 They dwell in his tent *who are* none of his; Brimstone is scattered on his dwelling.

16 His roots are dried out below, And his branch withers above.

17 ^aThe memory of him perishes from the earth, And he has no name ⁱamong the renowned.

18 ⁱHe is driven from light into darkness, And chased out of the world.

19 ^aHe has neither son nor posterity among his people, Nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 Those ⁱin the west are astonished ^aat his day,

¹⁶ ^bJob 3:17–19; 21:33

CHAPTER 18

¹ ^aJob 8:1

³ ^aPs. 73:22

⁴ ^aJob 13:14
¹Lit. *one who tears his soul*

⁵ ^aJob 21:17; Prov. 13:9; 20:20; 24:20

⁶ ^aJob 21:17; Ps. 18:28

⁷ ^aJob 5:12, 13; 15:6

⁸ ^aJob 22:10; Ps. 9:15; 35:8; Is. 24:17, 18

⁹ ^aJob 5:5

¹¹ ^aJob 20:25; Jer. 6:25

¹² ^aJob 15:23

¹³ ⁱparts

¹⁴ ^aJob 11:20

¹⁶ ^aJob 29:19

¹⁷ ^aJob 24:20; [Ps. 34:16]; Prov. 10:7

¹Lit. *before the outside*, i.e., the distinguished or famous

¹⁸ ⁱOr *They drive him*

¹⁹ ^aJob 27:14, 15; Is. 14:22

²⁰ ^aPs. 37:13; Jer. 50:27; Obad. 12 ¹Lit. *who came after*

²Lit. *who have gone before*

²¹ ^aJer. 9:3;

¹ Thess. 4:5

CHAPTER 19

³ ⁱshamed or disgraced ²A Jewish tradition *make yourselves strange to me*

⁵ ^aPs. 35:26; 38:16; 55:12, 13

⁶ ^aJob 16:11

⁷ ⁱviolence

⁸ ^aJob 3:23; Ps. 88:8; Lam. 3:7, 9 ⁱwalled off my way

⁹ ^aJob 12:17, 19; Ps. 89:44

¹⁰ ^aJob 17:14, 16

¹¹ ^aJob 13:24; 33:10

¹³ ^aJob 16:20; Ps. 31:11; 38:11; 69:8; 88:8, 18

As those ²ⁱin the east are frightened.

21 Surely such *are* the dwellings of the wicked, And this is the place of *him* who "does not know God."

Job Trusts in His Redeemer

19 Then Job answered and said:

2 "How long will you torment my soul, And break me in pieces with words?

3 These ten times you have ⁱreproached me; You are not ashamed *that* you ²have wronged me.

4 And if indeed I have erred, My error remains with me.

5 If indeed you ^aexalt *yourselves* against me, And plead my disgrace against me,

6 Know then that ^aGod has wronged me, And has surrounded me with His net.

7 "If I cry out concerning ⁱwrong, I am not heard. If I cry aloud, *there is* no justice.

8 ^aHe has ⁱfenced up my way, so that I cannot pass; And He has set darkness in my paths.

9 ^aHe has stripped me of my glory, And taken the crown *from* my head.

10 He breaks me down on every side, And I am gone; My ^ahope He has uprooted like a tree.

11 He has also kindled His wrath against me, And ^aHe counts me as *one of* His enemies.

12 His troops come together And build up their road against me; They encamp all around my tent.

13 ^aHe^a has removed my brothers far from me, And my acquaintances are completely estranged from me.

14 My relatives have failed, And my close friends have forgotten me.

15 Those who dwell in my house, and my maidservants, Count me as a stranger; I am an alien in their sight.

16 I call my servant, but he gives no answer;

I beg him with my mouth.

17 My breath is offensive to my wife,

- And I am ¹repulsive to the children of my own body.
 18 Even ^ayoung children despise me;
 I arise, and they speak against me.
 19 ^aAll my close friends abhor me,
 And those whom I love have turned against me.
 20 ^aMy bone clings to my skin and to my flesh,
 And I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.
 21 "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
 For the hand of God has struck me!
 22 Why do you ^apersecute me as God *does*,
 And are not satisfied with my flesh?
 23 "Oh, that my words were written!
 Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
 24 That they were engraved on a rock
 With an iron pen and lead, forever!
 25 For I know *that* my ^aRedeemer lives,
 And He shall stand at last on the earth;
 26 And after my skin is ¹destroyed, *this I know*,
 That ^ain my flesh I shall see God,
 27 Whom I shall see for myself,
 And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my ¹heart yearns within me!
 28 If you should say, 'How shall we persecute him?'—
 Since the root of the matter is found in me,
 29 Be afraid of the sword for yourselves;
 For wrath *brings* the punishment of the sword,
 That you may know *there is* a judgment."

Zophar's Sermon on the Wicked Man

- 20** Then ^aZophar the Naamathite answered and said:
 2 "Therefore my anxious thoughts make me answer,
 Because of the turmoil within me.
 3 I have heard the rebuke ¹that reproaches me,
 And the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer.
 4 "Do you *not* know this of ^aold,
 Since man was placed on earth,

17 ¹Lit. *strange*

18 ^a2 Kin. 2:23; Job 17:6

19 ^aPs. 38:11; 55:12, 13

20 ^aJob 16:8; 33:21; Ps. 102:5; Lam. 4:8

22 ^aJob 13:24, 25; 16:11; 19:6; Ps. 69:26

26 ^a[Ps. 17:15]; Matt. 5:8; 1 Cor. 13:12; [1 John 3:2] ¹Lit. *struck off*

27 ¹Lit. *kidneys*

CHAPTER 20

1 ^aJob 11:1

3 ¹Lit. *of my insulting correction*

4 ^aJob 8:8; 15:10

5 ^aPs. 37:35, 36 ^b[Job 8:13; 13:16; 15:34; 27:8]

6 ^aIs. 14:13, 14

8 ^aPs. 73:20; 90:5 ^bJob 18:18; 27:21–23

11 ^aJob 13:26 ^bJob 21:26

13 ¹Lit. *palate*

17 ^aPs. 36:8; Jer. 17:8

19 ¹*crushed*

20 ^aEccl. 5:13–15 ¹Lit. *belly*

22 ¹Or *the wretched or sufferer*

- 5 ^a"That the triumphing of the wicked is short,
 And the joy of the hypocrite is *but* for a ^bmoment?
 6 ^a"Though his haughtiness mounts up to the heavens,
 And his head reaches to the clouds,
 7 Yet he will perish forever like his own refuse;
 Those who have seen him will say, 'Where is he?'
 8 He will fly away ^alike a dream, and not be found;
 Yes, he ^bwill be chased away like a vision of the night.
 9 The eye *that* saw him will see *him* no more,
 Nor will his place behold him anymore.
 10 His children will seek the favor of the poor,
 And his hands will restore his wealth.
 11 His bones are full of ^ahis youthful vigor,
^bBut it will lie down with him in the dust.
 12 "Though evil is sweet in his mouth,
 And he hides it under his tongue,
 13 *Though* he spares it and does not forsake it,
 But still keeps it in his ¹mouth,
 14 Yet his food in his stomach turns sour;
 It becomes cobra venom within him.
 15 He swallows down riches
 And vomits them up again;
 God casts them out of his belly.
 16 He will suck the poison of cobras;
 The viper's tongue will slay him.
 17 He will not see ^athe streams,
 The rivers flowing with honey and cream.
 18 He will restore that for which he labored,
 And will not swallow *it* down;
 From the proceeds of business He will get no enjoyment.
 19 For he has ¹oppressed and forsaken the poor,
 He has violently seized a house which he did not build.
 20 "Because^a he knows no quietness in his ¹heart,
 He will not save anything he desires.
 21 Nothing is left for him to eat;
 Therefore his well-being will not last.
 22 In his self-sufficiency he will be in distress;
 Every hand of ¹misery will come against him.
 23 *When* he is about to fill his stomach,

- God will cast on him the fury of His wrath.
And will rain it on him while he is eating.
- 24 ^aHe will flee from the iron weapon;
A bronze bow will pierce him through.
- 25 It is drawn, and comes out of the body;
Yes, ^athe glittering point comes out of his 'gall.
- ^bTerrors come upon him;
- 26 Total darkness is reserved for his treasures.
^aAn unfanned fire will consume him;
It shall go ill with him who is left in his tent.
- 27 The heavens will reveal his iniquity,
And the earth will rise up against him.
- 28 The increase of his house will depart,
And his goods will flow away in the day of His ^awrath.
- 29 ^aThis is the portion from God for a wicked man,
The heritage appointed to him by God."

Job's Discourse on the Wicked

- 21** Then Job answered and said:
- 2 ^a"Listen carefully to my speech,
And let this be your ¹consolation.
- 3 Bear with me that I may speak,
And after I have spoken, keep ^amocking.
- 4 "As for me, is my complaint against man?
And if it were, why should I not be impatient?
- 5 Look at me and be astonished;
^aPut your hand over your mouth.
- 6 Even when I remember I am terrified,
And trembling takes hold of my flesh.
- 7 ^aWhy do the wicked live and become old,
Yes, become mighty in power?
- 8 Their descendants are established with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes.
- 9 Their houses are safe from fear,
^aNeither is ¹the rod of God upon them.
- 10 Their bull breeds without failure;
Their cow calves ^awithout miscarriage.
- 11 They send forth their little ones like a flock,
And their children dance.
- 12 They sing to the tambourine and harp,

24 ^aIs. 24:18; Amos 5:19

25 ^aJob 16:13
^bJob 18:11, 14
¹Gallbladder

26 ^aPs. 21:9

28 ^aJob 20:15; 21:30

29 ^aJob 27:13; 31:2, 3

CHAPTER 21

2 ¹comfort

3 ^aJob 16:10

5 ^aJudg. 18:19; Job 13:5; 29:9; 40:4

7 ^aJob 12:6; Ps. 17:10, 14; 73:3, 12; [Jer. 12:1]; Hab. 1:13, 16

9 ^aPs. 73:5
¹The rod of God's chastisement

10 ^aEx. 23:26

13 ^aJob 21:23; 36:11 ¹Without lingering
²Or Sheol

14 ^aJob 22:17

15 ^aEx. 5:2; Job 22:17; 34:9 ^bJob 35:3; Mal. 3:14

16 ^aJob 22:18; Ps. 1:1; Prov. 1:10 ¹Lit. their goal

17 ^a[Job 31:2, 3; Luke 12:46]

18 ^aPs. 1:4; 35:5; Is. 17:13; Hos. 13:3
¹steals away

19 ^a[Ex. 20:5; Jer. 31:29; Ezek. 18:2
¹stores up
²Lit. his

20 ^aPs. 75:8; Is. 51:17; Jer. 25:15; Rev. 14:10; 19:15

22 ^aJob 35:11; 36:22; [Is. 40:13; 45:9; Rom. 11:34; 1 Cor. 2:16]

24 ¹LXX, Vg. bowels; Syr. sides; Tg. breasts

26 ^aJob 3:13; 20:11; Eccl. 9:2

28 ¹Vg. omits the tent

- And rejoice to the sound of the flute.
- 13 They ^aspend their days in wealth,
And ¹in a moment go down to the ²grave.
- 14 ^aYet they say to God, 'Depart from us,
For we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways.
- 15 ^aWho is the Almighty, that we should serve Him?
And ^bwhat profit do we have if we pray to Him?
- 16 Indeed ¹their prosperity is not in their hand;
^aThe counsel of the wicked is far from me.
- 17 "How often is the lamp of the wicked put out?
How often does their destruction come upon them,
The sorrows God ^adistributes in His anger?
- 18 ^aThey are like straw before the wind,
And like chaff that a storm ¹carries away.
- 19 They say, 'God ¹lays up ²one's iniquity ^afor his children';
Let Him recompense him, that he may know it.
- 20 Let his eyes see his destruction,
And ^alet him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
- 21 For what does he care about his household after him,
When the number of his months is cut in half?
- 22 "Can ^aanyone teach God knowledge,
Since He judges those on high?
- 23 One dies in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and secure;
- 24 His ¹pails are full of milk,
And the marrow of his bones is moist.
- 25 Another man dies in the bitterness of his soul,
Never having eaten with pleasure.
- 26 They ^alie down alike in the dust,
And worms cover them.
- 27 "Look, I know your thoughts,
And the schemes *with which* you would wrong me.
- 28 For you say,
'Where is the house of the prince?
And where is ¹the tent,
The dwelling place of the wicked?'
- 29 Have you not asked those who travel the road?

- And do you not know their signs?
 30 "For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom; They shall be brought out on the day of wrath.
 31 Who condemns his way to his face? And who repays him *for what* he has done?
 32 Yet he shall be brought to the grave,
 And a vigil kept over the tomb.
 33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him;
 "Everyone shall follow him,
 As countless *have gone* before him.
 34 How then can you comfort me with empty words,
 Since 'falseness remains in your answers?"

Eliphaz Accuses Job of Wickedness

22 Then "Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

- 2 "Can^a a man be profitable to God,
 Though he who is wise may be profitable to himself?
 3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty that you are righteous?
 Or *is it* gain to Him that you make your ways blameless?
 4 "Is it because of your fear of Him that He corrects you,
 And enters into judgment with you?
 5 *Is not* your wickedness great,
 And your iniquity without end?
 6 For you have "taken pledges from your brother for no reason,
 And stripped the naked of their clothing.
 7 You have not given the weary water to drink,
 And you "have withheld bread from the hungry.
 8 But the 'mighty man possessed the land,
 And the honorable man dwelt in it.
 9 You have sent widows away empty,
 And the 'strength of the fatherless was crushed.
 10 Therefore snares *are* all around you,
 And sudden fear troubles you,
 11 Or darkness *so that* you cannot see;
 And an abundance of "water covers you.
 12 "Is not God in the height of heaven?"

30 ^aJob 20:29; [Prov. 16:4; 2 Pet. 2:9]

33 ^aHeb. 9:27

34 ¹*faithlessness*

CHAPTER 22

1 ^aJob 4:1; 15:1; 42:9

2 ^aJob 35:7; [Ps. 16:2; Luke 17:10]

6 ^a[Ex. 22:26, 27]; Deut. 24:6, 10, 17; Job 24:3, 9; Ezek. 18:16

7 ^aDeut. 15:7; Job 31:17; Is. 58:7; Ezek. 18:7; Matt. 25:42

8 ¹Lit. *man of arm*

9 ¹Lit. *arms*

11 ^aJob 38:34; Ps. 69:1, 2; 124:5; Lam. 3:54

13 ^aPs. 73:11

14 ^aPs. 139:11, 12

16 ^aJob 14:19; 15:32; Ps. 90:5; Is. 28:2; Matt. 7:26, 27

17 ^aJob 21:14, 15 ¹LXX, Syr. *us*

19 ^aPs. 52:6; 58:10; 107:42

20 ¹LXX *substance is*

21 ^a[Ps. 34:10]; Is. 27:5

22 ^aJob 6:10; 23:12; Prov. 2:6 ^b[Ps. 119:11]

24 ^a2 Chr. 1:15

25 ¹Ancient vss. suggest *defense*; MT *gold*, as in v. 24

26 ^aJob 27:10; Ps. 37:4; Is. 58:14

27 ^aJob 11:13; 33:26; [Is. 58:9-11]

29 ^aJob 5:11; [Matt. 23:12; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5]

- And see the highest stars,
 how lofty they are!
 13 And you say, "What does God know?
 Can He judge through the deep darkness?
 14 "Thick clouds cover Him, so that He cannot see,
 And He walks above the circle of heaven."
 15 Will you keep to the old way
 Which wicked men have trod,
 16 Who "were cut down before their time,
 Whose foundations were swept away by a flood?
 17 "They said to God, 'Depart from us!
 What can the Almighty do to 'them?'
 18 Yet He filled their houses with good *things*;
 But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
 19 "The^a righteous see *it* and are glad,
 And the innocent laugh at them:
 20 "Surely our 'adversaries are cut down,
 And the fire consumes their remnant.'
 21 "Now acquaint yourself with Him, and "be at peace;
 Thereby good will come to you.
 22 Receive, please, "instruction from His mouth,
 And ^blay up His words in your heart.
 23 If you return to the Almighty,
 you will be built up;
 You will remove iniquity far from your tents.
 24 Then you will "lay your gold in the dust,
 And the *gold* of Ophir among the stones of the brooks.
 25 Yes, the Almighty will be your ¹gold
 And your precious silver;
 26 For then you will have your "delight in the Almighty,
 And lift up your face to God.
 27 "You will make your prayer to Him,
 He will hear you,
 And you will pay your vows.
 28 You will also declare a thing,
 And it will be established for you;
 So light will shine on your ways.
 29 When they cast you down, and you say, 'Exaltation *will come*!'
 Then "He will save the humble *person*.
 30 He will *even* deliver one who is not innocent;

Yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands."

Job Proclaims God's Righteous Judgments

23 Then Job answered and said:

- 2 "Even today my ^acomplaint is bitter;
¹My hand is listless because of my groaning.
- 3 "Oh, that I might where I might find Him,
That I might come to His seat!
- 4 I would present my case before Him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
- 5 I would know the words which He would answer me,
And understand what He would say to me.
- 6 "Would He contend with me in His great power?
No! But He would take *note* of me.
- 7 There the upright could reason with Him,
And I would be delivered forever from my Judge.
- 8 "Look,^a I go forward, but He is not *there*,
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
- 9 When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him;
When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him.
- 10 But "He knows the way that I take;
When ^bHe has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.
- 11 "My foot has held fast to His steps;
I have kept His way and not turned aside.
- 12 I have not departed from the ^acommandment of His lips;
^bI have treasured the words of His mouth
More than my ¹necessary food.
- 13 "But He is unique, and who can make Him change?
And *whatever* ^aHis soul desires, *that* He does.
- 14 For He performs *what is* ^aappointed for me,
And many such *things are* with Him.
- 15 Therefore I am terrified at His presence;
When I consider *this*, I am afraid of Him.
- 16 For God ^amade my heart weak,
And the Almighty terrifies me;
- 17 Because I was not ^acut off from the presence of darkness,
And He did *not* hide deep darkness from my face.

CHAPTER 23

² ^aJob 7:11
¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX, Syr. *His*

³ ^aJob 13:3, 18; 16:21; 31:35

⁶ ^aIs. 57:16

⁸ ^aJob 9:11; 35:14

¹⁰ ^a[Ps. 1:6; 139:1-3] ^b[Ps. 17:3; 66:10; James 1:12]

¹¹ ^aJob 31:7; Ps. 17:5

¹² ^aJob 6:10; 22:22 ^bPs. 44:18 ¹Lit. *appointed portion*

¹³ ^a[Ps. 115:3]

¹⁴ ^a[1 Thess. 3:2-4]

¹⁶ ^aPs. 22:14

¹⁷ ^aJob 10:18, 19 ¹Or *by* or *before*

CHAPTER 24

¹ ^a[Acts 1:7] ^b[Is. 2:12]; Jer. 46:10; [Obad. 15]; Zeph. 1:7

² ^a[Deut. 19:14; 27:17]; Prov. 22:28; 23:10; Hos. 5:10

³ ^a[Deut. 24:6, 10, 12, 17]; Job 22:6, 9

⁴ ^aJob 29:16; Prov. 28:28

⁷ ^aEx. 22:26, 27; [Deut. 24:12, 13]; Job 22:6; [James 2:15, 16]

⁸ ^aLam. 4:5

¹⁰ ^aJob 31:19

¹⁴ ^aPs. 10:8

¹⁵ ^aProv. 7:7-10 ^bPs. 10:11 ¹Lit. *puts a covering on his face*

Job Complains of Violence on the Earth

24 "Since ^atimes are not hidden from the Almighty,
Why do those who know Him see not His ^bdays?

- 2 "Some remove ^alandmarks;
They seize flocks violently and feed *on them*;
- 3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless;
They ^atake the widow's ox as a pledge.
- 4 They push the needy off the road;
All the ^apoor of the land are forced to hide.
- 5 Indeed, *like* wild donkeys in the desert,
They go out to their work, searching for food.
The wilderness *yields* food for them *and* for *their* children.
- 6 They gather their fodder in the field
And glean in the vineyard of the wicked.
- 7 They ^aspend the night naked, without clothing,
And have no covering in the cold.
- 8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains,
And ^ahuddle around the rock for want of shelter.
- 9 "Some snatch the fatherless from the breast,
And take a pledge from the poor.
- 10 They cause *the poor* to go naked, without ^aclothing;
And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.
- 11 They press out oil within their walls,
And tread winepresses, yet suffer thirst.
- 12 The dying groan in the city,
And the souls of the wounded cry out;
Yet God does not charge *them* with wrong.
- 13 "There are those who rebel against the light;
They do not know its ways
Nor abide in its paths.
- 14 "The murderer rises with the light;
He kills the poor and needy;
And in the night he is like a thief.
- 15 "The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight,
^bSaying, 'No eye will see me';
And he ¹disguises *his* face.
- 16 In the dark they break into houses

Which they marked for themselves in the daytime;
 17 ^aThey do not know the light.
 For the morning is the same to them as the shadow of death;
 If *someone* recognizes *them*,
They are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

18 *"They should be swift on the face of the waters,
 Their portion should be cursed in the earth,
 So that no one would turn into the way of their vineyards.*

19 As drought and heat ¹consume the snow waters,
 So ²the grave consumes those who have sinned.

20 The womb *should* forget him,
 The worm *should* feed sweetly on him;

^aHe *should* be remembered no more,
 And wickedness *should* be broken like a tree.

21 For he ¹preys on the barren who do not bear,
 And does no good for the widow.

22 *"But God draws the mighty away with His power;
 He rises up, but no man is sure of life.*

23 He gives them security, and they rely on it;
 Yet ^aHis eyes are on their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while,
 Then they are gone.
 They are brought low;
 They are ¹taken out of the way like all *others*;
 They dry out like the heads of grain.

25 *"Now if it is not so, who will prove me a liar,
 And make my speech worth nothing?"*

Bildad: How Can Man Be Righteous?

25 Then ^aBildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 *"Dominion and fear belong to Him;
 He makes peace in His high places.*

3 ¹Is there any number to His armies?
 Upon whom does ^aHis light not rise?

4 ^aHow then can man be righteous before God?
 Or how can he be ^bpure who is born of a woman?

16 ^a[John 3:20]

19 ¹Lit. *seize*
²Or *Sheol*

20 ^aJob 18:17;
 Ps. 34:16;
 Prov. 10:7

21 ¹Lit. *feeds on*

23 ^aPs. 11:4;
 [Prov. 15:3]

24 ¹Lit. *gathered up*

CHAPTER 25

1 ^aJob 8:1;
 18:1

3 ^aJames 1:17
¹Can His armies be counted?

4 ^aJob 4:17;
 15:14; Ps. 130:3; 143:2
^b[Job 14:4]

5 ^aJob 15:15

6 ^aPs. 22:6

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6 ^a[Ps. 139:8];
 Prov. 15:11;
 [Heb. 4:13]

7 ^aJob 9:8; Ps. 24:2; 104:2

8 ^aJob 37:11;
 Prov. 30:4 ¹do not break

10 ^a[Job 38:1-11]; Ps. 33:7; 104:9;
 Prov. 8:29; Jer. 5:22

11 ¹amazed

12 ^aEx. 14:21;
 Job 9:13; Is. 51:15; [Jer. 31:35] ¹Lit. *rahab*

13 ^a[Job 9:8];
 Ps. 33:6 ^bIs. 27:1

CHAPTER 27

2 ^aJob 34:5

5 If even the moon does not shine,
 And the stars are not pure in His ^asight,

6 How much less man, *who is* ^aa maggot,
 And a son of man, *who is* a worm?"

Job: Man's Frailty and God's Majesty

26 But Job answered and said:

2 *"How have you helped him who is without power?*

How have you saved the arm that has no strength?

3 How have you counseled *one who has no wisdom?*
 And *how* have you declared sound advice to many?

4 To whom have you uttered words?
 And whose spirit came from you?

5 *"The dead tremble,
 Those under the waters and those inhabiting them.*

6 ^aSheol is naked before Him,
 And Destruction has no covering.

7 ^aHe stretches out the north over empty space;
He hangs the earth on nothing.

8 ^aHe binds up the water in His thick clouds,
 Yet the clouds ¹are not broken under it.

9 He covers the face of His throne,
 And spreads His cloud over it.

10 ^aHe drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters,
 At the boundary of light and darkness.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble,
 And are ¹astonished at His rebuke.

12 ^aHe stirs up the sea with His power,
 And by His understanding He breaks up ¹the storm.

13 ^aBy His Spirit He adorned the heavens;
 His hand pierced ^bthe fleeing serpent.

14 Indeed these *are* the mere edges of His ways,
 And how small a whisper we hear of Him!
 But the thunder of His power who can understand?"

Job Maintains His Integrity

27 Moreover Job continued his discourse, and said:

2 *"As God lives, ^awho has taken away my justice,
 And the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter,*

- 3 As long as my breath *is* in me,
And the breath of God in my
nostrils,
- 4 My lips will not speak
wickedness,
Nor my tongue utter deceit.
Far be it from me
That I should say you are right;
Till I die ^aI will not put away
my integrity from me.
- 6 My righteousness I ^ahold fast,
and will not let it go;
^bMy heart shall not ¹reproach
me as long as I live.
- 7 "May my enemy be like the
wicked,
And he who rises up against
me like the unrighteous.
- 8 ^aFor what is the hope of the
hypocrite,
Though he may gain *much*,
If God takes away his life?
- 9 ^aWill God hear his cry
When trouble comes upon him?
- 10 ^aWill he delight himself in the
Almighty?
Will he always call on God?
- 11 "I will teach you ¹about the hand
of God;
What is with the Almighty I
will not conceal.
- 12 Surely all of you have seen it;
Why then do you behave with
complete nonsense?
- 13 "This^a is the portion of a wicked
man with God,
And the heritage of oppressors,
received from the Almighty:
- 14 ^aIf his children are multiplied, *it*
is for the sword;
And his offspring shall not be
satisfied with bread.
- 15 Those who survive him shall be
buried in death,
And ^atheir¹ widows shall not
weep,
- 16 Though he heaps up silver like
dust,
And piles up clothing like
clay—
- 17 He may pile *it* up, but ^athe just
will wear *it*,
And the innocent will divide
the silver.
- 18 He builds his house like a
¹moth,
^aLike a ²booth *which* a
watchman makes.
- 19 The rich man will lie down,
¹But not be gathered *up*;
He opens his eyes,
And he *is* ^ano more.
- 20 ^aTerrors overtake him like a
flood;
A tempest steals him away in
the night.
- 21 The east wind carries him
away, and he is gone;
It sweeps him out of his place.

⁵ ^aJob 2:9;
13:15

⁶ ^aJob 2:3;
33:9 ^bActs
24:16 ¹reprove

⁸ ^aMatt. 16:26;
Luke 12:20

⁹ ^aJob 35:12;
13; Ps. 18:41;
Prov. 1:28;
28:9; [Is. 1:15];
Jer. 14:12;
Ezek. 8:18;
[Mic. 3:4;
John 9:31;
James 4:3]

¹⁰ ^aJob 22:26,
27; [Ps. 37:4;
Is. 58:14]

¹¹ ¹Or *by*

¹³ ^aJob 20:29

¹⁴ ^aDeut.
28:41; Esth.
9:10; Hos. 9:13

¹⁵ ^aPs. 78:64
¹Lit. *his*

¹⁷ ^aProv. 28:8;
[Eccl. 2:26]

¹⁸ ^aIs. 1:8;
Lam. 2:6 ¹So
with MT, Vg.;
LXX, Syr. *spider*
(cf. 8:14);
Tg. *decay*
²Temporary
shelter

¹⁹ ^aJob 7:8, 21;
20:7 ¹So with
MT, Tg.; LXX,
Syr. *But shall*
not add (i.e.,
do it again);
Vg. *But take*
away nothing

²⁰ ^aJob 18:11

²² ^aJer. 13:14;
Ezek. 5:11;
24:14 ¹Lit.
hand

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² ¹Lit. *dust*

⁸ ¹Lit. *sons of*
pride, figura-
tive of the
great lions

⁹ ¹At the base

¹² ^aEccl. 7:24

¹³ ^aProv. 3:15

¹⁴ ^aJob 28:22

¹⁵ ^aProv.
3:13–15; 8:10,
11, 19

¹⁷ ^aProv. 8:10;
16:16 ¹vessels

- 22 It hurls against him and does
not ^aspare;
He flees desperately from its
¹power.

- 23 Men shall clap their hands at
him,
And shall hiss him out of his
place.

Job's Discourse on Wisdom

- 28 "Surely there is a mine for
silver,
And a place *where* gold is
refined.

- 2 Iron is taken from the ¹earth,
And copper *is* smelted from
ore.

- 3 Man puts an end to darkness,
And searches every recess
For ore in the darkness and the
shadow of death.

- 4 He breaks open a shaft away
from people;
In places forgotten by feet
They hang far away from men;
They swing to and fro.

- 5 As for the earth, from it comes
bread,
But underneath it is turned up
as by fire;

- 6 Its stones *are* the source of
sapphires,
And it contains gold dust.

- 7 *That* path no bird knows,
Nor has the falcon's eye seen it.

- 8 The ¹proud lions have not
trodden it,
Nor has the fierce lion passed
over it.

- 9 He puts his hand on the flint;
He overturns the mountains ¹at
the roots.

- 10 He cuts out channels in the
rocks,
And his eye sees every precious
thing.

- 11 He dams up the streams from
trickling;
What is hidden he brings forth
to light.

- 12 "But^a where can wisdom be
found?
And where *is* the place of
understanding?

- 13 Man does not know its ^avalue,
Nor is it found in the land of
the living.

- 14 ^aThe deep says, '*It is not in me*';
And the sea says, '*It is not with*
me.'

- 15 It ^acannot be purchased for
gold,
Nor can silver be weighed *for*
its price.

- 16 It cannot be valued in the gold
of Ophir,
In precious onyx or sapphire.

- 17 Neither ^agold nor crystal can
equal it,
Nor can it be exchanged for
¹jewelry of fine gold.

- 18 No mention shall be made of
¹coral or quartz,
 For the price of wisdom is
 above ^arubies.
- 19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot
 equal it,
 Nor can it be valued in pure
^agold.
- 20 "From^a where then does wisdom
 come?
 And where *is* the place of
 understanding?"
- 21 It is hidden from the eyes of all
 living,
 And concealed from the birds
 of the ¹air.
- 22 ^aDestruction¹ and Death
 say,
 'We have heard a report about it
 with our ears.'
- 23 God understands its way,
 And He knows its place.
- 24 For He looks to the ends of the
 earth,
 And ^asees under the whole
 heavens,
- 25 ^aTo establish a weight for the
 wind,
 And apportion the waters by
 measure.
- 26 When He ^amade a law for the
 rain,
 And a path for the thunderbolt,
- 27 Then He saw ¹wisdom and
 declared it;
 He prepared it, indeed, He
 searched it out.
- 28 And to man He said,
 'Behold, ^athe fear of the Lord,
 that *is* wisdom,
 And to depart from evil *is*
 understanding.'

Job's Summary Defense

29 Job further continued his dis-
 course, and said:

- 2 "Oh, that I were as *in* months
^apast,
 As *in* the days *when* God
^bwatched over me;
- 3 ^aWhen His lamp shone upon my
 head,
 And *when* by His light I walked
 through darkness;
- 4 Just as I was in the days of my
 prime,
 When ^athe friendly counsel of
 God was over my tent;
- 5 When the Almighty was yet
 with me,
 When my children *were* around
 me;
- 6 When ^amy steps were bathed
 with ¹cream,
 And ^bthe rock poured out rivers
 of oil for me!
- 7 "When I went out to the gate by
 the city,

18 ^aProv. 3:15;
 8:11 ¹Heb.
ramoth

19 ^aProv. 8:19

20 ^aJob 28:12;
 [Ps. 11:10;
 Prov. 1:7;
 9:10]

21 ¹heaven

22 ^aJob 28:14
¹Heb. *Abad-*
don

24 ^a[Ps. 11:4;
 33:13, 14;
 66:7; Prov.
 15:3]

25 ^aPs. 135:7

26 ^aJob 37:3;
 38:25

27 ¹Lit. *it*

28 ^a[Deut. 4:6;
 Ps. 111:10;
 Prov. 1:7; 9:10;
 Eccl. 12:13]

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2 ^aJob 1:1-5
^bJob 1:10

3 ^aJob 18:6

4 ^aJob 15:8;
 [Ps. 25:14;
 Prov. 3:32]

6 ^aGen. 49:11;
 Deut. 32:14;
 Job 20:17
^bDeut. 32:13;
 Ps. 81:16 ¹So
 with ancient
 vss. and a few
 Heb. mss. (cf.
 Job 20:17);
 MT *wrath*

9 ^aJob 21:5

10 ^aPs. 137:6

12 ^aJob
 31:16-23; [Ps.
 72:12; Prov.
 21:13; 24:11]

14 ^aDeut.
 24:13; Job
 27:5, 6; Ps.
 132:9; [Is.
 59:17; 61:10;
 Eph. 6:14]

15 ^aNum. 10:31

16 ^aProv. 29:7

17 ^aPs. 58:6;
 Prov. 30:14

18 ^aPs. 30:6

19 ^aJob 18:16
^bPs. 1:3; [Jer.
 17:7, 8]

20 ^aGen. 49:24;
 Ps. 18:34

23 ^a[Zech.
 10:1]

- When I took my seat in the
 open square,
 8 The young men saw me and hid,
 And the aged arose *and* stood;
- 9 The princes refrained from
 talking,
 And ^aput *their* hand on their
 mouth;
- 10 The voice of nobles was
 hushed,
 And their ^atongue stuck to the
 roof of their mouth.
- 11 When the ear heard, then it
 blessed me,
 And when the eye saw, then it
 approved me;
- 12 Because ^aI delivered the poor
 who cried out,
 The fatherless and *the one who*
 had no helper.
- 13 The blessing of a perishing
man came upon me,
 And I caused the widow's heart
 to sing for joy.
- 14 ^aI put on righteousness, and it
 clothed me;
 My justice *was* like a robe and
 a turban.
- 15 I *was* ^aeyes to the blind,
 And I *was* feet to the lame.
- 16 I *was* a father to the poor,
 And ^aI searched out the case
that I did not know.
- 17 I broke ^athe fangs of the
 wicked,
 And plucked the victim from
 his teeth.
- 18 "Then I said, ^aI shall die in my
 nest,
 And multiply *my* days as the
 sand.
- 19 ^aMy root is spread out ^bto the
 waters,
 And the dew lies all night on
 my branch.
- 20 My glory *is* fresh within me,
 And my ^abow is renewed in my
 hand.'
- 21 "*Men* listened to me and waited,
 And kept silence for my
 counsel.
- 22 After my words they did not
 speak again,
 And my speech settled on them
as dew.
- 23 They waited for me *as* for the
 rain,
 And they opened their mouth
 wide *as* for ^athe spring rain.
- 24 *If* I mocked at them, they did
 not believe *it*,
 And the light of my
 countenance they did not cast
 down.
- 25 I chose the way for them, and
 sat as chief;
 So I dwelt as a king in the
 army,
 As *one who* comforts
 mourners.

- 30** "But now they mock at me,
men ¹younger than I,
 Whose fathers I disdained to
 put with the dogs of my
 flock.
- 2 Indeed, what *profit* is the
 strength of their hands to me?
 Their vigor has perished.
- 3 *They are* gaunt from want and
 famine,
 Fleeting late to the wilderness,
 desolate and waste,
- 4 Who pluck ¹mallow by the
 bushes,
 And broom tree roots *for* their
 food.
- 5 They were driven out from
 among *men*,
 They shouted at them as *at* a
 thief.
- 6 *They had* to live in the clefts of
 the ¹valleys,
In ²caves of the earth and the
 rocks.
- 7 Among the bushes they brayed,
 Under the nettles they nestled.
- 8 *They were* sons of fools,
 Yes, sons of vile men;
 They were scourged from the
 land.
- 9 "And^a now I am their taunting
 song;
 Yes, I am their byword.
- 10 They abhor me, they keep far
 from me;
 They do not hesitate ^ato spit in
 my face.
- 11 Because ^aHe has loosed ¹my
 bowstring and afflicted me,
 They have cast off restraint
 before me.
- 12 At my right *hand* the rabble
 arises;
 They push away my feet,
 And ^athey raise against me
 their ways of destruction.
- 13 They break up my path,
 They promote my calamity;
 They have no helper.
- 14 They come as broad breakers;
 Under the ruinous storm they
 roll along.
- 15 Terrors are turned upon me;
 They pursue my honor as the
 wind,
 And my prosperity has passed
 like a cloud.
- 16 "And^a now my soul is ^bpoured
 out because of my *plight*;
 The days of affliction take hold
 of me.
- 17 My bones are pierced in me at
 night,
 And my gnawing pains take no
 rest.
- 18 By great force my garment is
 disfigured;
 It binds me about as the collar
 of my coat.
- 19 He has cast me into the mire,

CHAPTER 30

¹ ¹Lit. *of fewer days*

⁴ ¹A plant of the salty marshes

⁶ ¹wadis ²Lit. *holes*

⁹ ^aJob 17:6; Ps. 69:12; Lam. 3:14, 63

¹⁰ ^aNum. 12:14; Deut. 25:9; Job 17:6; Is. 50:6; Matt. 26:67; 27:30

¹¹ ^aJob 12:18 ¹So with MT, Syr., Tg.; LXX, Vg. *His*

¹² ^aJob 19:12

¹⁶ ^aPs. 42:4 ^bPs. 22:14; Is. 53:12

²⁰ ^aJob 19:7

²¹ ^aJob 10:3; 16:9, 14; 19:6, 22

²³ ^a[Heb. 9:27]

²⁵ ^aPs. 35:13, 14; Rom. 12:15

²⁶ ^aJob 3:25, 26; Jer. 8:15

²⁷ ¹*I see the inside*

²⁸ ^aJob 30:31; Ps. 38:6; 42:9; 43:2

²⁹ ^aPs. 44:19; 102:6; Mic. 1:8

³⁰ ^aPs. 119:83; Lam. 4:8; 5:10 ^bPs. 102:3

CHAPTER 31

¹ ^a[Matt. 5:28] ¹look intently or gaze

² ^aJob 20:29

⁴ ^a[2 Chr. 16:9]; Job 24:23; 28:24; 34:21; 36:7; [Prov. 5:21; 15:3; Jer. 32:19]

⁶ ^aJob 23:10; 27:5, 6 ¹Lit. *Let Him weigh me*

⁷ ^aNum. 15:39; [Ecc. 11:9]; Ezek. 6:9; [Matt. 5:29]

And I have become like dust
 and ashes.

20 "I ^acry out to You, but You do not
 answer me;

I stand up, and You regard me.
21 But You have become cruel to
 me;

With the strength of Your hand
 You ^aoppose me.

22 You lift me up to the wind and
 cause me to ride on it;
 You spoil my success.

23 For I know *that* You will bring
 me to death,
 And to the house ^aappointed
 for all living.

24 Surely He would not stretch out
 His hand against a heap of
 ruins,

If they cry out when He
 destroys it.

25 ^aHave I not wept for him who
 was in trouble?
 Has not my soul grieved for the
 poor?

26 But when I looked for good,
 evil came to me;
 And when I waited for light,
 then came darkness.

27 My heart is in turmoil and
 cannot rest;
 Days of affliction confront me.
28 ^aI go about mourning, but not in
 the sun;
 I stand up in the assembly *and*
 cry out for help.

29 ^aI am a brother of jackals,
 And a companion of ostriches.

30 ^aMy skin grows black and falls
 from me;

^bMy bones burn with fever.

31 My harp is *turned* to mourning,
 And my flute to the voice of
 those who weep.

31 "I have made a covenant with
 my eyes;
 Why then should I ¹look upon a
^ayoung woman?

2 For what *is* the ^aallotment of
 God from above,
 And the inheritance of the
 Almighty from on high?

3 Is it not destruction for the
 wicked,
 And disaster for the workers of
 iniquity?

4 ^aDoes He not see my ways,
 And count all my steps?

5 "If I have walked with
 falsehood,
 Or if my foot has hastened to
 deceit,

6 ¹Let me be weighed on honest
 scales,
 That God may know my
^aintegrity.

7 If my step has turned from the
 way,
 Or ^amy heart walked after my
 eyes,

- Or if any spot adheres to my hands,
 8 *Then* ^alet me sow, and another eat;
 Yes, let my harvest be ¹rooted out.
- 9 “If my heart has been enticed by a woman,
 Or *if* I have lurked at my neighbor’s door,
 10 *Then* let my wife grind for ^aanother,
 And let others bow down over her.
- 11 For that *would be* wickedness;
 Yes, ^ait *would be* iniquity *deserving of judgment*.
- 12 For that *would be* a fire *that* consumes to destruction,
 And would root out all my increase.
- 13 “If I have ^adespised the cause of my male or female servant
 When they complained against me,
 14 What then shall I do when ^aGod rises up?
 When He punishes, how shall I answer Him?
- 15 ^aDid not He who made me in the womb make them?
 Did not the same One fashion us in the womb?
- 16 “If I have kept the poor from *their* desire,
 Or caused the eyes of the widow to ^afail,
 17 Or eaten my morsel by myself,
 So that the fatherless could not eat of it
- 18 (But from my youth I reared him as a father,
 And from my mother’s womb I guided ¹the widow);
- 19 If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,
 Or any poor *man* without covering;
- 20 If his ¹heart has not ^ablessed me,
 And *if* he was *not* warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
- 21 If I have raised my hand ^aagainst the fatherless,
 When I saw I had help in the gate;
- 22 *Then* let my arm fall from my shoulder,
 Let my arm be torn from the socket.
- 23 For ^adestruction *from* God is a terror to me,
 And because of His magnificence I cannot endure.
- 24 “If ^aI have made gold my hope,
 Or said to fine gold, ‘*You are my confidence*’;
- 25 ^aIf I have rejoiced because my wealth was great,

8 ^aLev. 26:16; Deut. 28:30, 38; Job 20:18; Mic. 6:15 ¹*up-rooted*

10 ^aDeut. 28:30; 2 Sam. 12:11; Jer. 8:10

11 ^aGen. 38:24; [Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22]; Job 31:28

13 ^a[Deut. 24:14, 15]

14 ^a[Ps. 44:21]

15 ^aJob 34:19; Prov. 14:31; 22:2; [Mal. 2:10]

16 ^aJob 29:12

18 ¹Lit. *her*

20 ^a[Deut. 24:13] ¹Lit. *loins*

21 ^aJob 22:9

23 ^aIs. 13:6

24 ^a[Matt. 6:19, 20; Mark 10:23–25]

25 ^aJob 1:3, 10; Ps. 62:10

26 ^a[Deut. 4:19; 17:3]; Ezek. 8:16 ¹Lit. *light*

29 ^a[Prov. 17:5; 24:17]; Obad. 12

30 ^a[Matt. 5:44] ¹Or *life*

32 ^aGen. 19:2, 3 ¹So with LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg.; MT *road*

33 ^aGen. 3:10; [Prov. 28:13] ¹Or *as men do*

34 ^aEx. 23:2

35 ^aJob 19:7; 30:20, 24, 28 ^bJob 13:22, 24; 33:10 ¹Lit. *Accuser*

39 ^aJob 24:6, 10–12; [James 5:4] ^b1 Kin. 21:19 ¹Lit. *strength*

40 ^aGen. 3:18

CHAPTER 32

1 ^aJob 6:29; 31:6; 33:9

- And because my hand had gained much;
 26 ^aIf I have observed the ¹sun when it shines,
 Or the moon moving in brightness,
- 27 So that my heart has been secretly enticed,
 And my mouth has kissed my hand;
- 28 This *also would be* an iniquity *deserving of judgment*,
 For I would have denied God *who is above*.
- 29 “If ^aI have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me,
 Or lifted myself up when evil found him
- 30 (^aIndeed I have not allowed my mouth to sin
 By asking for a curse on his ¹soul);
- 31 If the men of my tent have not said,
 ‘Who is there that has not been satisfied with his meat?’
- 32 (^a*But* no sojourner had to lodge in the street,
 For I have opened my doors to the ¹traveler);
- 33 If I have covered my transgressions ^aas ¹Adam,
 By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,
- 34 Because I feared the great ^amultitude,
 And dreaded the contempt of families,
 So that I kept silence
 And did not go out of the door—
- 35 “Oh, that I had one to hear me!
 Here is my mark.
 Oh, ^bthat the Almighty would answer me,
 That my ¹Prosecutor had written a book!
- 36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder,
 And bind it on me *like* a crown;
- 37 I would declare to Him the number of my steps;
 Like a prince I would approach Him.
- 38 “If my land cries out against me,
 And its furrows weep together;
- 39 If ^aI have eaten its ¹fruit without money,
 Or ^bcaused its owners to lose their lives;
- 40 *Then* let ^athistles grow instead of wheat,
 And weeds instead of barley.”

The words of Job are ended.

Elihu Contradicts Job’s Friends

32 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the ^aBuzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he ^bjustified himself rather than God.

3 Also against his three friends his wrath was aroused, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now because they *were* years older than he, Elihu had waited ^cto speak to Job.

5 When Elihu saw that *there* was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was aroused.

6 So Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, answered and said:

"I *am* ^ayoung in years, and you are very old;
Therefore I was afraid,
And dared not declare my opinion to you.

7 I said, ¹'Age should speak,
And multitude of years should teach wisdom.'

8 But *there* is a spirit in man,
And ^athe breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

9 ^a'Great¹ men are not *always* wise,
Nor do the aged *always* understand justice.

10 "Therefore I say, 'Listen to me, I also will declare my opinion.'
11 Indeed I waited for your words, I listened to your reasonings,
while you searched out what to say.

12 I paid close attention to you;
And surely not one of you convinced Job,
Or answered his words—

13 ^a'Lest you say,
'We have found wisdom';
God will vanquish him, not man.

14 Now he has not ¹directed *his* words against me;
So I will not answer him with your words.

15 ^a'They are dismayed and answer no more;
Words escape them.

16 And I have waited, because they did not speak,
Because they stood still *and* answered no more.

17 I also will answer my part,
I too will declare my opinion.

18 For I am full of words;
The spirit within me compels me.

19 Indeed my ¹belly *is* like wine *that* has no ²vent;
It is ready to burst like new wineskins.

20 I will speak, that I may find relief;

2 ^aGen. 22:21
^bJob 27:5, 6

4 ¹Vg. *till Job had spoken*

6 ^aLev. 19:32

7 ¹Lit. *Days, years*

8 ^a1 Kin. 3:12; 4:29; [Job 35:11; 38:36; Prov. 2:6; Eccl. 2:26; Dan. 1:17; 2:21; Matt. 11:25; James 1:5]

9 ^a[1 Cor. 1:26]
¹Or *Men of many years*

13 ^a[Jer. 9:23; 1 Cor. 1:29]

14 ¹ordered

19 ¹bosom
²opening

22 ^aJob 27:8

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4 ^a[Gen. 2:7]; Job 32:8

6 ^aJob 4:19
¹Lit. *as your mouth*

7 ^aJob 9:34

8 ¹Lit. *in my ears*

9 ^aJob 10:7

10 ^aJob 13:24; 16:9

11 ^aJob 13:27; 19:8

13 ^aJob 40:2; [Is. 45:9]

14 ^aJob 33:29; 40:5; Ps. 62:11

15 ^a[Num. 12:6]

16 ^a[Job 36:10, 15]

I must open my lips and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to anyone;
Nor let me flatter any man.

22 For I do not know how to flatter,
Else my Maker would soon take me ^aaway.

Elihu Contradicts Job

33 "But please, Job, hear my speech,
And listen to all my words.

2 Now, I open my mouth;
My tongue speaks in my mouth.

3 My words *come* from my upright heart;
My lips utter pure knowledge.

4 ^a'The Spirit of God has made me,
And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

5 If you can answer me,
Set *your words* in order before me;
Take your stand.

6 ^a'Truly I *am* ¹as your spokesman before God;
I also have been formed out of clay.

7 ^a'Surely no fear of me will terrify you,
Nor will my hand be heavy on you.

8 "Surely you have spoken ¹in my hearing,
And I have heard the sound of *your words, saying,*

9 'I ^aam pure, without transgression;
I *am* innocent, and *there is* no iniquity in me.

10 Yet He finds occasions against me,

^a'He counts me as His enemy;
11 ^a'He puts my feet in the stocks,
He watches all my paths.'

12 "Look, *in this* you are not righteous.

I will answer you,
For God is greater than man.

13 Why do you ^a'contend with Him'?
For He does not give an accounting of any of His words.

14 ^a'For God may speak in one way,
or in another,

Yet man does not perceive it.

15 ^a'In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falls upon men,

While slumbering on their beds,
16 ^a'Then He opens the ears of men,
And seals their instruction.

17 In order to turn man *from his* deed,
And conceal pride from man,

18 He keeps back his soul from the Pit,

- And his life from ¹perishing by the sword.
- 19 “*Man* is also chastened with pain on his ^abed, And with strong *pain* in many of his bones,
- 20 “So that his life abhors ^bbread, And his soul ¹succulent food.
- 21 His flesh wastes away from sight, And his bones stick out *which once* were not seen.
- 22 Yes, his soul draws near the Pit, And his life to the executioners.
- 23 “If there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand, To show man His uprightness,
- 24 Then He is gracious to him, and says, ‘Deliver him from going down to the Pit; I have found ¹a ransom’;
- 25 His flesh shall be young like a child’s, He shall return to the days of his youth.
- 26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see His face with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness.
- 27 Then he looks at men and ^asays, ‘I have sinned, and perverted *what was right*, And it ^bdid not profit me.’
- 28 He will ^aredeem ¹his soul from going down to the Pit, And ²his life shall see the light.
- 29 “Behold, God works all these *things*, Twice, *in fact*, three *times* with a man,
- 30 “To bring back his soul from the Pit, That he may be enlightened with the light of life.
- 31 “Give ear, Job, listen to me; Hold your peace, and I will speak.
- 32 If you have anything to say, answer me; Speak, for I desire to justify you.
- 33 If not, ^alisten to me; ¹Hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom.”

Elihu Proclaims God’s Justice

34 Elihu further answered and said:

- 2 “Hear my words, you wise *men*; Give ear to me, you who have knowledge.

18 ¹Lit. *passing*

19 ^aJob 30:17

20 ^aPs. 107:18
^bJob 3:24; 6:7
¹desirable

24 ¹an atone-
ment

27 ^a[2 Sam. 12:13; Prov. 28:13; Luke 15:21; 1 John 1:9] ^b[Rom. 6:21]

28 ^aIs. 38:17
¹Kt. *my* ²Kt. *my*

30 ^aPs. 56:13

33 ^aPs. 34:11
¹Keep silent

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3 ^aJob 6:30; 12:11

5 ^aJob 13:18; 33:9 ^bJob 27:2

6 ^aJob 6:4; 9:17 ¹Lit. *arrow*

7 ^aJob 15:16
¹derision

9 ^aMal. 3:14

10 ^a[Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4; 2 Chr. 19:7]; Job 8:3; 36:23; Ps. 92:15; Rom. 9:14 ¹men of heart

11 ^aJob 34:25; Ps. 62:12; [Prov. 24:12; Jer. 32:19]; Ezek. 33:20; [Matt. 16:27]; Rom. 2:6; [2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 22:12]

12 ^aJob 8:3

14 ^aJob 12:10; Ps. 104:29; [Eccl. 12:7]

15 ^a[Gen. 3:19]; Job 10:9; [Eccl. 12:7]

17 ^a2 Sam. 23:3; Job 34:30 ^bJob 40:8

18 ^aEx. 22:28

19 ^a[Deut. 10:17; Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11, 12] ^bJob 31:15

20 ^aEx. 12:29; Job 34:25; 36:20

- 3 “For the ear tests words As the palate tastes food.

- 4 Let us choose justice for ourselves; Let us know among ourselves what is good.

- 5 “For Job has said, ‘I am righteous, But ^bGod has taken away my justice;

- 6 “Should I lie concerning my right? My ¹wound is incurable, *though I am* without transgression.’

- 7 What man is like Job,

- ^aWho drinks ¹scorn like water,

- 8 Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, And walks with wicked men?

- 9 For ^ahe has said, ‘It profits a man nothing That he should delight in God.’

- 10 “Therefore listen to me, you ¹men of understanding: ^aFar be it from God *to do*

- wickedness, And *from* the Almighty *to commit* iniquity.

- 11 “For He repays man *according to his work*, And makes man to find a reward according to *his way*.

- 12 Surely God will never do wickedly, Nor will the Almighty ^apervert justice.

- 13 Who gave Him charge over the earth?

- Or who appointed *Him* over the whole world?

- 14 If He should set His heart on it, If He should ^agather to Himself His Spirit and His breath,

- 15 “All flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.

- 16 “If *you have* understanding, hear this;

- Listen to the sound of my words:

- 17 “Should one who hates justice govern? Will you ^bcondemn *Him who is* most just?

- 18 “Is it fitting to say to a king, ‘*You are worthless,*’ And to nobles, ‘*You are wicked?*’

- 19 Yet He ^ais not partial to princes, Nor does He regard the rich more than the poor; For ^athey are all the work of His hands.

- 20 In a moment they die, ^ain the middle of the night; The people are shaken and pass away; The mighty are taken away without a hand.

- 21 "For^a His eyes *are* on the ways of man,
And He sees all his steps.
- 22 "There is no darkness nor shadow of death
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
- 23 For He need not further consider a man,
That he should go before God in judgment.
- 24 "He breaks in pieces mighty men without inquiry,
And sets others in their place.
- 25 Therefore He knows their works;
He overthrows *them* in the night,
And they are crushed.
- 26 He strikes them as wicked *men*
In the open sight of others,
- 27 Because they "turned back from Him,
And ^bwould not consider any of His ways,
- 28 So that they ^acaused the cry of the poor to come to Him;
For He ^bhears the cry of the afflicted.
- 29 When He gives quietness, who then can make trouble?
And when He hides *His* face, who then can see Him,
Whether *it is* against a nation or a man alone?—
- 30 That the hypocrite should not reign,
Lest the people be ensnared.
- 31 "For has *anyone* said to God,
'I have borne *chastening*;
I will offend no more;
- 32 Teach me *what* I do not see;
If I have done iniquity, I will do no more?'
- 33 Should He repay *it* according to your *terms*,
Just because you disavow it?
You must choose, and not I;
Therefore speak what you know.
- 34 "Men of understanding say to me,
Wise men who listen to me:
- 35 'Job^a speaks without knowledge,
His words *are* without wisdom.'
- 36 Oh, that Job were tried to the utmost,
Because *his* answers *are like* those of wicked men!
- 37 For he adds "rebellion to his sin;
He claps *his hands* among us,
And multiplies his words against God."

*Elihu Condemns
Self-Righteousness*

- 35 Moreover Elihu answered and said:

21 ^a[2 Chr. 16:9]; Job 31:4; Ps. 34:15; [Prov. 5:21; 15:3; Jer. 16:17; 32:19]

22 ^a[Ps. 139:11, 12; Amos 9:2, 3]

24 ^aJob 12:19; [Dan. 2:21]

27 ^a1 Sam. 15:11 ^bPs. 28:5; Is. 5:12

28 ^aJob 35:9; James 5:4
^b[Ex. 22:23]; Job 22:27

35 ^aJob 35:16; 38:2

37 ^aJob 7:11; 10:1

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3 ^aJob 21:15; 34:9

4 ^aJob 34:8

5 ^aGen. 15:5; [Job 22:12; Ps. 8:3]

6 ^aJob 7:20; [Prov. 8:36; Jer. 7:19]

7 ^aJob 22:2; Ps. 16:2; Prov. 9:12; [Luke 17:10]; Rom. 11:35

9 ^aJob 34:28

10 ^aIs. 51:13
^bJob 8:21; Ps. 42:8; 77:6; 149:5; Acts 16:25

11 ^aJob 36:22; Ps. 94:12; [Is. 48:17]; Jer. 32:33; [1 Cor. 2:13]

12 ^aProv. 1:28

13 ^aJob 27:9; [Prov. 15:29; Is. 1:15]; Jer. 11:11; [Mic. 3:4]

14 ^aJob 9:11
^b[Ps. 37:5, 6]

15 ^aPs. 89:32

16 ^aJob 34:35; 38:2

- 2 "Do you think this is right?
Do you say,
'My righteousness is more than God's?'
- 3 For 'you say,
'What advantage will it be to You?
What profit shall I have, more than *if* I had sinned?'
- 4 "I will answer you,
And "your companions with you.
- 5 "Look to the heavens and see;
And behold the clouds—
They are higher than you.
- 6 If you sin, what do you accomplish "against Him?
Or, *if* your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to Him?
- 7 "If you are righteous, what do you give Him?
Or what does He receive from your hand?
- 8 Your wickedness affects a man such as you,
And your righteousness a son of man.
- 9 "Because^a of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;
They cry out for help because of the arm of the mighty.
- 10 But no one says, "*Where is* God my Maker,
^bWho gives songs in the night,
11 Who "teaches us more than the beasts of the earth,
And makes us wiser than the birds of heaven?'
- 12 "There they cry out, but He does not answer,
Because of the pride of evil men.
- 13 "Surely God will not listen to empty *talk*,
Nor will the Almighty regard it.
- 14 "Although you say you do not see Him,
Yet justice *is* before Him, and ^byou must wait for Him.
- 15 And now, because He has not "punished in His anger,
Nor taken much notice of folly,
- 16 "Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain;
He multiplies words without knowledge."

Elihu Proclaims God's Goodness

- 36 Elihu also proceeded and said:

- 2 "Bear with me a little, and I will show you
That *there are* yet words to speak on God's behalf.
- 3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar;
I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words *are* not false;
One who is perfect in
knowledge *is* with you.

5 “Behold, God *is* mighty, but
despises *no one*;
He is mighty in strength ¹of
understanding.

6 He does not preserve the life of
the wicked,
But gives justice to the
^aoppressed.

7 *He* does not withdraw His eyes
from the righteous;
But ^b*they are* on the throne
with kings,
For He has seated them forever,
And they are exalted.

8 And ^a*if they are* bound in
¹fetters,

9 Then He tells them their work
and their transgressions—
That they have acted ¹defiantly.

10 *He* also opens their ear to
¹instruction,
And commands that they turn
from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve *Him*,
They shall “spend their days in
prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.

12 But if they do not obey,
They shall perish by the sword,
And they shall die ¹without
^aknowledge.

13 “But the hypocrites in heart
^astore up wrath;
They do not cry for help when
He binds them.

14 *He* die in youth,
And their life *ends* among the
²perversed persons.

15 He delivers the poor in their
affliction,
And opens their ears in
oppression.

16 “Indeed He would have brought
you out of dire distress,
Into a broad place where *there*
is no restraint;
And ^bwhat is set on your table
would be full of ^arichness.

17 But you are filled with the
judgment due the ^awicked;
Judgment and justice take hold
of you.

18 Because *there is* wrath, *beware*
lest He take you away with
one blow;
For ^aa large ransom would not
help you avoid it.

19 *Will* your riches,
Or all the mighty forces,
Keep you from distress?

20 Do not desire the night,
When people are cut off in
their place.

21 Take heed, “do not turn to
iniquity,

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5 ^aJob 12:13,
16; 37:23 ¹of
heart

6 ^aJob 5:15

7 ^a[Ps. 33:18;
34:15] ^bPs.
113:8

8 ^aPs. 107:10
¹chains

9 ¹proudly

10 ^aJob 33:16;
36:15 ¹disci-
pline

11 ^a[Is. 1:19,
20]

12 ^aJob 4:21
¹MT as one
without
knowledge

13 ^a[Rom. 2:5]

14 ^aPs. 55:23
¹Lit. Their
soul dies

²Heb. *qedeshim*, those
practicing
sodomy or
prostitution
in religious
rituals

16 ^aPs. 18:19;
31:8; 118:5
^bPs. 23:5 ^aPs.
36:8

17 ^aJob 22:5,
10, 11

18 ^aPs. 49:7

19 ^a[Prov. 11:4]

21 ^a[Ps. 31:6;
66:18] ^b[Heb.
11:25]

23 ^aJob 34:13;
[Is. 40:13, 14]
^bJob 8:3

24 ^a[Rev. 15:3]

26 ^a[1 Cor.
13:12] ^bHeb.
1:12

27 ^aPs. 147:8

28 ^a[Prov. 3:20]

30 ^aJob 37:3

31 ^a[Acts
14:17] ^bPs.
104:14, 15

32 ^aPs. 147:8
¹strike the
mark

33 ^a1 Kin.
18:41 ¹Lit.
what is rising

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3 ¹Or light

4 ^aPs. 29:3

5 ^aJob 5:9;
9:10; 36:26

6 ^aPs. 147:16,
17 ¹Lit.
shower of rain

For ^byou have chosen this
rather than affliction.

22 “Behold, God is exalted by His
power;
Who teaches like Him?

23 *Who* has assigned Him His
way,
Or who has said, ‘You have
done ^bwrong’?

Elihu Proclaims God’s Majesty

24 “Remember to ^amagnify His
work,
Of which men have sung.

25 Everyone has seen it;
Man looks on it from afar.

26 “Behold, God *is* great, and we
^ado not know *Him*;
^bNor can the number of His
years *be* discovered.

27 For He ^adraws up drops of
water,
Which distill as rain from the
mist,

28 ^aWhich the clouds drop down
And pour abundantly on
man.

29 Indeed, can *anyone* understand
the spreading of clouds,
The thunder from His
canopy?

30 Look, He ^ascatters His light
upon it,
And covers the depths of the
sea.

31 For ^bby these He judges the
peoples;
He ^bgives food in abundance.

32 *He* covers *His* hands with
lightning,
And commands it to ¹strike.

33 *His* thunder declares it,
The cattle also, concerning ¹the
rising storm.

37 “At this also my heart
trembles,

And leaps from its place.

2 Hear attentively the thunder of
His voice,
And the rumbling *that* comes
from His mouth.

3 He sends it forth under the
whole heaven,
His lightning to the ends of the
earth.

4 After it ^aa voice roars;
He thunders with His majestic
voice,
And He does not restrain them
when His voice is heard.

5 God thunders marvelously with
His voice;
^aHe does great things which we
cannot comprehend.

6 For ^aHe says to the snow, ‘Fall
on the earth’;
Likewise to the ¹gentle rain and
the heavy rain of His
strength.

- 7 He seals the hand of every man,
 "That ^aall men may know His work.
- 8 The beasts ^ago into dens,
 And remain in their lairs.
- 9 From the chamber *of the south*
 comes the whirlwind,
 And cold from the scattering
 winds *of the north*.
- 10 "By the breath of God ice is
 given,
 And the broad waters are
 frozen.
- 11 Also with moisture He
 saturates the thick clouds;
 He scatters His ^bbright
 clouds.
- 12 And they swirl about, being
 turned by His guidance,
 That they may ^ado whatever He
 commands them
 On the face of ¹the whole earth.
- 13 "He causes it to come,
 Whether for ¹correction,
 Or ^bfor His land,
 Or ^cfor mercy.
- 14 "Listen to this, O Job;
 Stand still and ^aconsider the
 wondrous works of God.
- 15 Do you know when God
¹dispatches them,
 And causes the light of His
 cloud to shine?
- 16 "Do you know how the clouds
 are balanced,
 Those wondrous works of
^bHim who is perfect in
 knowledge?
- 17 Why *are* your garments hot,
 When He quiets the earth by
 the south *wind*?
- 18 With Him, have you ^aspread out
 the ^bskies,
 Strong as a cast metal mirror?
- 19 "Teach us what we should say to
 Him,
 For we can prepare nothing
 because of the darkness.
- 20 Should He be told that I *wish*
 to speak?
 If a man were to speak, surely
 he would be swallowed up.
- 21 Even now *men* cannot look at
 the light *when it is* bright in
 the skies,
 When the wind has passed and
 cleared them.
- 22 He comes from the north *as*
 golden *splendor*;
 With God is awesome majesty.
- 23 As for the Almighty, ^awe cannot
 find Him;
^bHe is excellent in power,
 In judgment and abundant
 justice;
 He does not oppress.
- 24 Therefore men ^afear Him;
 He shows no partiality to any
who are ^bwise of heart."

7 ^aPs. 109:27
^bPs. 19:3, 4

8 ^aJob 38:40;
 Ps. 104:21, 22

10 ^aJob 38:29,
 30; Ps. 147:17,
 18

11 ¹clouds of
 light

12 ^aJob 36:32;
 Ps. 148:8 ¹Lit.
*the world of
 the earth*

13 ^aEx. 9:18,
 23; 1 Sam.
 12:18, 19 ^bJob
 38:26, 27
^c1 Kin.
 18:41–46 ¹Lit.
a rod

14 ^aPs. 111:2

15 ¹places
 them

16 ^aJob 36:29
^bJob 36:4

18 ^aGen. 1:6;
 [Is. 44:24]
^bJob 9:8; Ps.
 104:2; [Is.
 45:12; Jer.
 10:12; Zech.
 12:1]

23 ^a[Job 11:7;
 8; Rom. 11:33,
 34; 1 Tim.
 6:16] ^b[Job
 9:4; 36:5]

24 ^a[Matt.
 10:28] ^b[Job
 5:13; Matt.
 11:25]; 1 Cor.
 1:26

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1 ^aEx. 19:16;
 Job 40:6

2 ^aJob 34:35;
 42:3 ^b1 Tim.
 1:7

3 ^aJob 40:7
¹Lit. *gird up
 your loins like*

4 ^aJob 15:7;
 Ps. 104:5

5 ¹measuring
 line

7 ^aJob 1:6

8 ^aGen. 1:9;
 Ps. 33:7;
 104:9; Prov.
 8:29; [Jer.
 5:22]

10 ^aJob 26:10

11 ^a[Ps. 89:9;
 93:4]

12 ^a[Ps. 74:16;
 148:5]

13 ^aJob 34:25;
 Ps. 104:35

15 ^aJob 18:5;
 [Prov. 13:9]
^b[Num. 15:30];
 Ps. 10:15;
 37:17 ¹Lit.
high

16 ^a[Ps. 77:19];
 Prov. 8:24

17 ^aPs. 9:13
¹Lit. *opened*

The LORD Reveals His Omnipotence
to Job

38 Then the LORD answered Job
 "out of the whirlwind, and
 said:

- 2 "Who^a is this who darkens
 counsel
 By ^bwords without knowledge?
- 3 "Now ¹prepare yourself like a
 man;
 I will question you, and you
 shall answer Me.
- 4 "Where^a were you when I laid
 the foundations of the earth?
 Tell Me, if you have
 understanding.
- 5 Who determined its
 measurements?
 Surely you know!
 Or who stretched the ¹line upon
 it?
- 6 To what were its foundations
 fastened?
 Or who laid its cornerstone,
- 7 When the morning stars sang
 together,
 And all ^athe sons of God
 shouted for joy?
- 8 "Or^a who shut in the sea with
 doors,
 When it burst forth *and* issued
 from the womb;
- 9 When I made the clouds its
 garment,
 And thick darkness its
 swaddling band;
- 10 When ^aI fixed My limit for it,
 And set bars and doors;
- 11 When I said,
 'This far you may come, but no
 farther,
 And here your proud waves
^amust stop!'
- 12 "Have you ^acommanded the
 morning since your days
began,
 And caused the dawn to know
 its place,
- 13 That it might take hold of the
 ends of the earth,
 And ^athe wicked be shaken out
 of it?
- 14 It takes on form like clay *under*
 a seal,
 And stands out like a garment.
- 15 From the wicked their ^alight is
 withheld,
 And ^bthe ¹upraised arm is
 broken.
- 16 "Have you ^aentered the springs
 of the sea?
 Or have you walked in search
 of the depths?
- 17 Have ^athe gates of death been
¹revealed to you?
 Or have you seen the doors of
 the shadow of death?

- 18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth?
Tell Me, if you know all this.
- 19 "Where is the way to the dwelling of light?
And darkness, where is its place,
- 20 That you may take it to its territory,
That you may know the paths to its home?
- 21 Do you know *it*, because you were born then,
Or *because* the number of your days is great?
- 22 "Have you entered ^athe treasury of snow,
Or have you seen the treasury of hail,
- 23 ^aWhich I have reserved for the time of trouble,
For the day of battle and war?
- 24 By what way is light ¹diffused,
Or the east wind scattered over the earth?
- 25 "Who ^ahas divided a channel for the overflowing *water*,
Or a path for the thunderbolt,
- 26 To cause it to rain on a land *where there is no one*,
A wilderness in which *there is no man*;
- 27 ^aTo satisfy the desolate waste,
And cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass?
- 28 ^aHas the rain a father?
Or who has begotten the drops of dew?
- 29 From whose womb comes the ice?
And the ^afrost of heaven, who gives it birth?
- 30 The waters harden like stone,
And the surface of the deep is ^afrozen.¹
- 31 "Can you bind the cluster of the ^aPleiades,¹
Or loose the belt of Orion?
- 32 Can you bring out ¹Mazzaroth in its season?
Or can you guide ²the Great Bear with its cubs?
- 33 Do you know ^athe ordinances of the heavens?
Can you set their dominion over the earth?
- 34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
That an abundance of water may cover you?
- 35 Can you send out lightnings, that they may go,
And say to you, 'Here we *are*!'
- 36 ^aWho has put wisdom in ¹the mind?
Or who has given understanding to the heart?
- 22 ^aPs. 135:7
- 23 ^aEx. 9:18; Josh. 10:11; Is. 30:30; Ezek. 13:11, 13; Rev. 16:21
- 24 ¹Lit. *divided*
- 25 ^aJob 28:26
- 27 ^aPs. 104:13, 14; 107:35
- 28 ^aJob 36:27, 28; [Ps. 147:8; Jer. 14:22]
- 29 ^a[Job 37:10]; Ps. 147:16, 17
- 30 ^a[Job 37:10]
¹Lit. *imprisoned*
- 31 ^aJob 9:9; Amos 5:8 ¹Or *the Seven Stars*
- 32 ¹Lit. *Constellations*
²Or *Arcturus*
- 33 ^a[Ps. 148:6]; Jer. 31:35, 36
- 36 ^a[Job 9:4; 32:8; Ps. 51:6; Eccl. 2:26; James 1:5]
¹Lit. *the inward parts*
- 39 ^aPs. 104:21
- 41 ^aPs. 147:9; [Matt. 6:26; Luke 12:24]
- CHAPTER 39
- 1 ^aDeut. 14:5; 1 Sam. 24:2; Ps. 104:18 ^bPs. 29:9
- 3 ¹Lit. *pangs*
- 5 ¹A species of wild donkey
- 6 ^aJob 24:5; Jer. 2:24; Hos. 8:9 ¹Lit. *salt land*
- 8 ^aGen. 1:29
- 9 ^aNum. 23:22; Deut. 33:17; Ps. 22:21; 29:6; 92:10; Is. 34:7
- 12 ¹Lit. *seed*
- 37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom?
Or who can pour out the bottles of heaven,
- 38 When the dust hardens in clumps,
And the clods cling together?
- 39 "Can^a you hunt the prey for the lion,
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
- 40 When they crouch in *their* dens,
Or lurk in their lairs to lie in wait?
- 41 ^aWho provides food for the raven,
When its young ones cry to God,
And wander about for lack of food?
- 39 "Do you know the time when the wild ^amountain goats bear young?
Or can you mark when ^athe deer gives birth?
- 2 Can you number the months *that they fulfill*?
Or do you know the time when they bear young?
- 3 They bow down,
They bring forth their young,
They deliver their ¹offspring.
- 4 Their young ones are healthy,
They grow strong with grain;
They depart and do not return to them.
- 5 "Who set the wild donkey free?
Who loosed the bonds of the ¹onager,
- 6 ^aWhose home I have made the wilderness,
And the ¹barren land his dwelling?
- 7 He scorns the tumult of the city;
He does not heed the shouts of the driver.
- 8 The range of the mountains is his pasture,
And he searches after ^aevery green thing.
- 9 "Will the ^awild ox be willing to serve you?
Will he bed by your manger?
- 10 Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes?
Or will he plow the valleys behind you?
- 11 Will you trust him because his strength is great?
Or will you leave your labor to him?
- 12 Will you trust him to bring home your ¹grain,
And gather it to your threshing floor?

- 13 "The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,
But are her wings and pinions *like the kindly stork's?*"
- 14 For she leaves her eggs on the ground,
And warms them in the dust;
- 15 She forgets that a foot may crush them,
Or that a wild beast may break them.
- 16 She "treats her young harshly,
as though *they were* not hers;
Her labor is in vain, without ¹concern,
- 17 Because God deprived her of wisdom,
And did not "endow her with understanding.
- 18 When she lifts herself on high,
She scorns the horse and its rider.
- 19 "Have you given the horse strength?
Have you clothed his neck with ¹thunder?"
- 20 Can you "frighten him like a locust?
His majestic snorting strikes terror.
- 21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in *his* strength;
"He gallops into the clash of arms.
- 22 He mocks at fear, and is not frightened;
Nor does he turn back from the sword.
- 23 The quiver rattles against him,
The glittering spear and javelin.
- 24 He devours the distance with fierceness and rage;
Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet *has* sounded.
- 25 At *the blast* of the trumpet he says, "Aha!"
He smells the battle from afar,
The thunder of captains and shouting.
- 26 "Does the hawk fly by your wisdom,
And spread its wings toward the south?"
- 27 Does the "eagle mount up at your command,
And ^bmake its nest on high?"
- 28 On the rock it dwells and resides,
On the crag of the rock and the stronghold.
- 29 From there it spies out the prey;
Its eyes observe from afar.
- 30 Its young ones suck up blood;
And "where the slain *are*, there it is."

40 Moreover the LORD "answered Job, and said:

16 ^aLam. 4:3
¹Lit. *fear*

17 ^aJob 35:11

19 ¹Or *a mane*

20 ¹make him *spring*

21 ^aJer. 8:6

27 ^aProv. 30:18, 19 ^bJer. 49:16; Obad. 4

30 ^aMatt. 24:28; Luke 17:37

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1 ^aJob 38:1

2 ^aJob 9:3;
10:2; 33:13
^bJob 13:3; 23:4

4 ^aEzra 9:6;
Job 42:6 ^bJob 29:9; Ps. 39:9

6 ^aJob 38:1

7 ^aJob 38:3
^bJob 42:4 ¹Lit. *gird up your loins*

8 ^aJob 16:11;
19:6; [Ps. 51:4;
Rom. 3:4]
¹nullify

9 ^aJob 37:4;
[Ps. 29:3, 4]

10 ^aPs. 93:1;
104:1

12 ^a1 Sam. 2:7;
[Is. 2:12;
13:11]; Dan. 4:37

15 ¹A large animal, exact identity unknown

19 ^aJob 26:14

20 ^aPs. 104:14

- 2 "Shall "the one who contends with the Almighty correct *Him?*
He who ^brebukes God, let him answer it."

Job's Response to God

- 3 Then Job answered the LORD and said:

- 4 "Behold,^a I am vile;
What shall I answer You?
^bI lay my hand over my mouth.
5 Once I have spoken, but I will not answer;
Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."

God's Challenge to Job

- 6 "Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:

- 7 "Now^a ¹prepare yourself like a man;
^bI will question you, and you shall answer Me:

- 8 "Would^a you indeed ¹annul My judgment?
Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?
9 Have you an arm like God?
Or can you thunder with ^aa voice like His?
10 "Then adorn yourself *with* majesty and splendor,
And array yourself with glory and beauty.
11 Disperse the rage of your wrath;
Look on everyone *who is* proud, and humble him.
12 Look on everyone *who is* "proud, *and* bring him low;
Tread down the wicked in their place.
13 Hide them in the dust together,
Bind their faces in hidden darkness.
14 Then I will also confess to you
That your own right hand can save you.

- 15 "Look now at the ¹behemoth, which I made *along* with you;
He eats grass like an ox.
16 See now, his strength *is* in his hips,
And his power *is* in his stomach muscles.
17 He moves his tail like a cedar;
The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit.
18 His bones *are like* beams of bronze,
His ribs like bars of iron.
19 He is the first of the "ways of God;
Only He who made him can bring near His sword.
20 Surely the mountains "yield food for him,

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- And all the beasts of the field play there.
 21 He lies under the lotus trees,
 In a covert of reeds and marsh.
 22 The lotus trees cover him *with*
 their shade;
 The willows by the brook surround him.
 23 Indeed the river may rage,
 Yet he is not disturbed;
 He is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth.
 24 *Though* he takes it in his eyes,
 Or one pierces *his* nose with a snare.

- 41 "Can you draw out
^aLeviathan¹ with a hook,
 Or *snare* his tongue with a line
 which you lower?
 2 Can you ^aput a reed through
 his nose,
 Or pierce his jaw with a ¹hook?
 3 Will he make many
 supplications to you?
 Will he speak softly to you?
 4 Will he make a covenant with
 you?
 Will you take him as a servant
 forever?
 5 Will you play with him as *with*
 a bird,
 Or will you leash him for your
 maidens?
 6 Will your companions ¹make a
 banquet of him?
 Will they apportion him among
 the merchants?
 7 Can you fill his skin with
 harpoons,
 Or his head with fishing spears?
 8 Lay your hand on him;
 Remember the battle—
 Never do it again!
 9 Indeed, *any* hope of
overcoming him is false;
 Shall *one* not be overwhelmed
 at the sight of him?
 10 No one *is* so fierce that he
 would dare stir him up.
 Who then is able to stand
 against Me?
 11 ^aWho has preceded Me, that I
 should pay *him*?
^bEverything under heaven is
 Mine.

- 12 "I will not ¹conceal his limbs,
 His mighty power, or his
 graceful proportions.
 13 Who can ¹remove his outer
 coat?
 Who can approach *him* with a
 double bridle?
 14 Who can open the doors of his
 face,
 With his terrible teeth all
 around?
 15 His rows of ¹scales are *his*
 pride,
 Shut up tightly *as with* a seal;
 16 One is so near another

¹ ^aPs. 74:14;
 104:26; Is.
 27:1 ¹A large
 sea creature;
 exact identity
 unknown

² ^{a2} Kin.
 19:38; Is.
 37:29 ¹thorn

⁶ ¹Or bargain
 over him

¹¹ ^a[Rom.
 11:35] ^bEx.
 19:5; [Deut.
 10:14; Job
 9:5–10;
 26:6–14]; Ps.
 24:1; 50:12;
 1 Cor. 10:26,
 28

¹² ¹Lit. keep
 silent about

¹³ ¹Lit. take
 off the face of
 his garment

¹⁵ ¹Lit. shields

²² ¹despair

²⁵ ¹Or purify
 themselves

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² ^aGen. 18:14;
 [Matt. 19:26;
 Mark 10:27;
 14:36; Luke
 18:27]

³ ^aJob 38:2

- That no air can come between
 them;
 17 They are joined one to another,
 They stick together and cannot
 be parted.
 18 His sneezings flash forth light,
 And his eyes *are* like the
 eyelids of the morning.
 19 Out of his mouth go burning
 lights;
 Sparks of fire shoot out.
 20 Smoke goes out of his nostrils,
 As *from* a boiling pot and
 burning rushes.
 21 His breath kindles coals,
 And a flame goes out of his
 mouth.
 22 Strength dwells in his neck,
 And ¹sorrow dances before him.
 23 The folds of his flesh are joined
 together;
 They are firm on him and
 cannot be moved.
 24 His heart is as hard as stone,
 Even as hard as the lower
 millstone.
 25 When he raises himself up, the
 mighty are afraid;
 Because of his crashings they
¹are beside themselves.
 26 *Though* the sword reaches him,
 it cannot avail;
 Nor does spear, dart, or javelin.
 27 He regards iron as straw,
 And bronze as rotten wood.
 28 The arrow cannot make him
 flee;
 Slingstones become like
 stubble to him.
 29 Darts are regarded as straw;
 He laughs at the threat of
 javelins.
 30 His undersides *are* like sharp
 potsherds;
 He spreads pointed *marks* in
 the mire.
 31 He makes the deep boil like a
 pot;
 He makes the sea like a pot of
 ointment.
 32 He leaves a shining wake
 behind him;
 One would think the deep had
 white hair.
 33 On earth there is nothing like
 him,
 Which is made without fear.
 34 He beholds every high *thing*;
 He is king over all the children
 of pride."

Job's Repentance and Restoration

42 Then Job answered the LORD
 and said:

- 2 "I know that You ^acan do
 everything,
 And that no purpose of *Yours*
 can be withheld from You.
 3 You asked, ^a"Who is this who
 hides counsel without
 knowledge?"

- Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
^bThings too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
- 4 Listen, please, and let me speak;
 You said, "I will question you, and you shall answer Me."
- 5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,
 But now my eye sees You.
- 6 Therefore I "abhor¹ myself,
 And repent in dust and ashes."
- 7 And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me *what is right*, as My servant Job *has*."
- 8 "Now therefore, take for yourselves ^aseven bulls and seven rams, ^bgo to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept ¹him, lest I deal with you *according to your folly*; because you have not spoken of Me *what is right*, as My servant Job *has*."
- 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD commanded them; for the LORD had ¹accepted Job.

³ ^bPs. 40:5;
 131:1; 139:6

⁴ ^aJob 38:3;
 40:7

⁵ ^aJob 26:14

⁶ ^aEzra 9:6
¹despise

⁸ ^aNum. 23:1

^b[Matt. 5:24]

^cGen. 20:17

¹Lit. *his face*

⁹ ¹Lit. *lifted up the face of Job*

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 30:3

^bIs. 40:2 ¹Lit.

turned the captivity of Job, what was captured from Job

¹¹ ^aJob 19:13

¹² ^aJames 5:11

^bJob 1:3

¹³ ^aJob 1:2

¹⁴ ¹Lit. *Hand-some as the Day*

²Cassia, a fragrance

³Lit. *The Horn of Color or The Colorful Ray*

¹⁶ ^aJob 5:26;

Prov. 3:16

¹⁷ ^aGen. 15:15;

25:8

10 "And the LORD ¹restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job ²twice as much as he had before.

11 Then ^aall his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.

12 Now the LORD blessed ^athe latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had ^bfourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.

13 ^aHe also had seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first ¹Jemimah, the name of the second ²Keziah, and the name of the third ³Keren-Happuch.

15 In all the land were found no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

16 After this Job ^alived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations.

17 So Job died, old and ^afull of days.

The Book of

PSALMS

THE Book of Psalms is the largest and perhaps most widely used book in the Bible. It explores the full range of human experience in a very personal and practical way. Its 150 "songs" run from the Creation through the patriarchal, theocratic, monarchical, exilic, and postexilic periods. The tremendous breadth of subject matter in the Psalms includes diverse topics, such as jubilation, war, peace, worship, judgment, messianic prophecy, praise, and lament. The Psalms were set to the accompaniment of stringed instruments and served as the temple hymn-book and devotional guide for the Jewish people.

The Book of Psalms was gradually collected and originally unnamed, perhaps due to the great variety of material. It came to be known as *Sepher Tehillim*—"Book of Praises"—because almost every psalm contains some note of praise to God. The Septuagint uses the Greek word *Psalmoi* as its title for this book, meaning "Poems Sung to the Accompaniment of Musical Instruments." It also calls it the *Psalterium* ("A Collection of Songs"), and this word is the basis for the term *Psalter*. The Latin title is *Liber Psalmorum*, "Book of Psalms."

BOOK ONE

Psalms 1—41

PSALM 1

The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

- B**LESSED ^ais the man
Who walks not in the counsel
of the ¹ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of
sinners,
^bNor sits in the seat of the
scornful;
2 But ^ahis delight is in the law of
the LORD,
^bAnd in His law he ¹meditates
day and night.
3 He shall be like a tree
^aPlanted by the ¹rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its
season,
Whose leaf also shall not
wither;
And whatever he does shall
^bprosper.
4 The ungodly *are* not so,
But *are* like the chaff which
the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not
stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation
of the righteous.
6 For ^athe LORD knows the way
of the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly
shall perish.

PSALM 2

The Messiah's Triumph and Kingdom

- W**HY ^ado the ¹nations ²rage,
And the people plot a ³vain
thing?
2 The kings of the earth set
themselves,
And the ^arulers take counsel
together,
Against the LORD and against
His ^bAnointed,¹ saying,
3 "Let ^aus break Their bonds in
pieces
And cast away Their cords
from us."
4 He who sits in the heavens
^ashall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in
derision.
5 Then He shall speak to them in
His wrath,
And distress them in His deep
displeasure:
6 "Yet I have ¹set My King
²On My holy hill of Zion."
7 "I will declare the ¹decree:
The LORD has said to Me,
^aYou are My Son,

PSALM 1

- 1 ^aProv. 4:14
^bJer. 15:17
¹wicked
2 ^aPs. 119:14,
16, 35 ^b[Josh.
1:8] ¹ponders
by talking to
himself
3 ^aJer. 17:8
^bGen. 39:2, 3,
23 ¹channels
4 ^aJob 21:18

6 ^aPs. 37:18

PSALM 2

- 1 ^aActs 4:25,
26 ¹Gentiles
²throng tu-
multuously
³worthless
or empty
2 ^a[Mark 3:6;
11:18]; ^b[John
1:41] ¹Christ,
Commis-
sioned One,
Heb. Messiah

3 ^aLuke 19:144 ^aPs. 37:136 ¹Lit. in-
stalled ²Lit.
Upon Zion,
the hill of My
holiness7 ^a[Heb. 1:5;
5:5] ¹Or de-
cree of the
LORD: He
said to Me9 ^aPs. 89:23;
110:5, 6; ¹So
with MT, Tg.;
LXX, Syr.,
Vg. rule (cf.
Rev. 2:27)12 ^a[Rev. 6:16,
17] ^b[Ps. 5:11;
34:22] ¹LXX,
Vg. Embrace
discipline;
Tg. Receive
instruction
²LXX the
LORD

PSALM 3

title ^a2 Sam.
15:13-173 ^aPs. 5:12;
28:7 ^bPs. 9:13;
27:6 ¹Lit.
around4 ^aPs. 4:3;
34:4 ^bPs. 2:6;
15:1; 43:35 ^aLev. 26:66 ^aPs. 23:4;
27:37 ^aJob 16:108 ^a[Is. 43:11]

PSALM 4

title ¹Choir
Director

- Today I have begotten You.
8 Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations for Your
inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for
Your possession.
9 ^aYou shall ¹break them with a
rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces
like a potter's vessel.' "
10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the
earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear.
And rejoice with trembling.
12 ¹Kiss the Son, lest ²He be angry,
And you perish in the way,
When ^aHis wrath is kindled but
a little.
^bBlessed are all those who put
their trust in Him.

PSALM 3

The LORD Helps His Troubled People

A Psalm of David ^awhen he fled
from Absalom his son.

- L**ORD, how they have increased
who trouble me!
Many are they who rise up
against me.
2 Many are they who say of me,
"There is no help for him in
God." Selah
3 But You, O LORD, *are* ^aa shield
¹for me,
My glory and ^athe One who
lifts up my head.
4 I cried to the LORD with my
voice,
And ^aHe heard me from His
^bholy hill. Selah
5 ^aI lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD
sustained me.
6 ^aI will not be afraid of ten
thousands of people
Who have set *themselves*
against me all around.
7 Arise, O LORD;
Save me, O my God!
^aFor You have struck all my
enemies on the cheekbone;
You have broken the teeth of
the ungodly.
8 ^aSalvation belongs to the LORD.
Your blessing is upon Your
people. Selah

PSALM 4

The Safety of the Faithful

To the ¹Chief Musician. With
stringed instruments. A Psalm of
David.

HEAR me when I call,
O God of my righteousness!

- You have relieved me in my distress;
¹Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long, O you sons of men, Will you *turn* my glory to shame?
How long will you love worthlessness
 And seek falsehood? Selah
- 3 But know that ^athe LORD has ¹set apart for Himself him who is godly;
 The LORD will hear when I call to Him.
- 4 ^aBe¹ angry, and do not sin.
^bMeditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah
- 5 Offer ^athe sacrifices of righteousness,
 And ^bput your trust in the LORD.
- 6 *There are many who say,*
 "Who will show us *any* good?"
^aLORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put ^agladness in my heart,
 More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.
- 8 ^aI will both lie down in peace, and sleep;
^bFor You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

A Prayer for Guidance

To the Chief Musician. With ¹flutes.
 A Psalm of David.

- G**IVE ^aear to my words, O LORD,
 Consider my ¹meditation.
- 2 Give heed to the voice of my cry,
 My King and my God,
 For to You I will pray.
- 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD;
^aIn the morning I will direct it to You,
 And I will look up.
- 4 For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
 Nor shall evil ¹dwell with You.
- 5 The ^aboastful shall not ^bstand in Your sight;
 You hate all workers of iniquity.
- 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;
 The LORD abhors the ^abloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- 7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
 In fear of You I will worship toward ¹Your holy temple.

¹ ¹Be gracious to me

3 ^a[2 Tim. 2:19] ¹Many Heb. mss., LXX, Tg., Vg. made wonderful

4 ^a[Ps. 119:11; Eph. 4:26] ^bPs. 77:6 ¹Lit. Tremble or Be agitated

5 ^aDeut. 33:19; Ps. 51:19 ^bPs. 37:3, 5; 62:8

6 ^aNum. 6:26; Ps. 80:3, 7, 19

7 ^aPs. 97:11, 12; Is. 9:3; Acts 14:17

8 ^aJob 11:19; Ps. 3:5 ^b[Lev. 25:18]; Deut. 12:10

PSALM 5

title ¹Heb. *nehiloth*

1 ^aPs. 4:1 ¹Lit. *groaning*

3 ^aPs. 55:17; 88:13

4 ¹Lit. *sojourn*

5 ^a[Hab. 1:13] ^bPs. 1:5

6 ^aPs. 55:23

7 ¹Lit. *the temple of Your holiness*

8 ^aPs. 25:4, 5; 27:11; 31:3

9 ^aRom. 3:13 ¹uprightness

11 ¹protect, lit. cover

PSALM 6

title ^aPs. 12: title ¹Heb. *sheminith*

1 ^aPs. 38:1; 118:18; [Jer. 10:24]

2 ^aPs. 41:4; 147:3; [Hos. 6:1]

3 ^aPs. 88:3; John 12:27

5 ^aPs. 30:9; 88:10-12; 115:17; [Eccl. 9:10]; Is. 38:18

6 ¹Or Every night

7 ^aJob 17:7; Ps. 31:9

8 ^a[Matt. 25:41]

- 8 ^aLead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
 Make Your way straight before my face.

- 9 For *there is* no ¹faithfulness in their mouth;
 Their inward part is destruction;

- ^aTheir throat is an open tomb;
 They flatter with their tongue.

- 10 Pronounce them guilty, O God!
 Let them fall by their own counsels;
 Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions,
 For they have rebelled against You.

- 11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
 Let them ever shout for joy, because You ¹defend them;
 Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.
- 12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;
 With favor You will surround him as *with* a shield.

PSALM 6

A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. ^aOn ¹an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.

- O**LORD, ^ado not rebuke me in Your anger,
 Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I *am* weak;
 O LORD, ^aheal me, for my bones are troubled.
- 3 My soul also is greatly ^atroubled;
 But You, O LORD—how long?
- 4 Return, O LORD, deliver me!
 Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!
- 5 ^aFor in death *there is* no remembrance of You;
 In the grave who will give You thanks?
- 6 I am weary with my groaning;
¹All night I make my bed swim;
 I drench my couch with my tears.
- 7 ^aMy eye wastes away because of grief;
 It grows old because of all my enemies.
- 8 ^aDepart from me, all you workers of iniquity;

- For the LORD has ^bheard the voice of my weeping.
 9 The LORD has heard my supplication;
 The LORD will receive my prayer.
 10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled;
 Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies

A ^a“Meditation” of David, which he sang to the LORD ^bconcerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite.

- O** LORD my God, in You I put my trust;
^a“Save me from all those who persecute me;
 And deliver me,
 2 ^a“Lest they tear me like a lion,
^b“Rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
 3 O LORD my God, ^aif I have done this:
 If there is ^biniquity in my hands,
 4 If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me,
 Or ^a“have plundered my enemy without cause,
 5 Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me;
 Yes, let him trample my life to the earth,
 And lay my honor in the dust. Selah

- 6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger;
^a“Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies;
^b“Rise up ¹for me to the judgment You have commanded!
 7 So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You;
 For their sakes, therefore, return on high.
 8 The LORD shall judge the peoples;
^a“Judge me, O LORD, ^baccording to my righteousness,
 And according to my integrity within me.
 9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,
 But establish the just;
^a“For the righteous God tests the hearts and ¹“minds.
 10 ¹My defense is of God,
 Who saves the ^aupright in heart.
 11 God is a just judge,
 And God is angry with the wicked every day.
 12 If he does not turn back,
 He will ^a“sharpen His sword;

⁸ bPs. 3:4; 28:6

PSALM 7

title ^aHab. 3:1
^{b2} Sam. 16
¹Heb. *Shiggaion*

¹ aPs. 31:15

² aPs. 57:4; Is. 38:13 ^bPs. 50:22

³ a2 Sam. 16:7
^{b1} Sam. 24:11

⁴ a1 Sam. 24:7; 26:9

⁶ aPs. 94:2 ^bPs. 35:23; 44:23
¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX
 O LORD my God

⁸ aPs. 26:1; 35:24; 43:1
^bPs. 18:20; 35:24

⁹ a1 Sam. 16:7 ¹Lit. *kidneys*, the most secret part of man

¹⁰ aPs. 97:10, 11; 125:4 ¹Lit. *My shield is upon God*

¹² aDeut. 32:41

¹⁴ aJob 15:35; Is. 59:4; [James 1:15]

¹⁵ a[Job 4:8]; Ps. 57:6

¹⁶ aEsth. 9:25; Ps. 140:9 ¹The crown of his own head

PSALM 8

title ¹Heb. *Al Gittith*

¹ aPs. 148:13
^bPs. 113:4

² aMatt. 21:16; [1 Cor. 1:27]
^bPs. 44:16 ¹established

³ aPs. 111:2

⁴ aJob 7:17, 18; [Heb. 2:6–8] ^b[Job 10:12] ¹give attention to or care for

⁵ ¹Heb. *Elohim, God*; LXX, Syr., Tg., Jewish tradition *angels*

⁶ a[Gen. 1:26, 28] ^{b1} Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:22; Heb. 2:8]

⁹ aPs. 8:1

- He bends His bow and makes it ready.
 13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death;
 He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.
 14 ^a“Behold, *the wicked* brings forth iniquity;
 Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.
 15 He made a pit and dug it out,
^a“And has fallen into the ditch which he made.
 16 ^a“His trouble shall return upon his own head,
 And his violent dealing shall come down on ¹his own crown.
 17 I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness,
 And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

PSALM 8

The Glory of the LORD in Creation

To the Chief Musician. ¹On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, our Lord,
 How ^a“excellent is Your name in all the earth,
 Who have ^bset Your glory above the heavens!
 2 ^a“Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
 You have ¹ordained strength,
 Because of Your enemies,
 That You may silence ^bthe enemy and the avenger.
 3 When I ^aconsider Your heavens,
 the work of Your fingers,
 The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
 4 ^a“What is man that You are mindful of him,
 And the son of man that You ^bvisit ¹him?
 5 For You have made him a little lower than ¹the angels,
 And You have crowned him with glory and honor.
 6 ^a“You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
^b“You have put all *things* under his feet,
 7 All sheep and oxen—
 Even the beasts of the field,
 8 The birds of the air,
 And the fish of the sea
 That pass through the paths of the seas.
 9 ^aO LORD, our Lord,
 How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

Prayer and Thanksgiving for the LORD's Righteous Judgments

To the Chief Musician. To the tune of ¹"Death of the Son." A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and ^arejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, ^bO Most High.

3 When my enemies turn back,
They shall fall and perish at Your presence.

4 For You have maintained my right and my cause;
You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.

5 You have rebuked the ¹nations,
You have destroyed the wicked;
You have ^ablotted out their name forever and ever.

6 O enemy, destructions are finished forever!
And you have destroyed cities;
Even their memory has ^aperished.

7 ^aBut the LORD shall endure forever;
He has prepared His throne for judgment.

8 ^aHe shall judge the world in righteousness,
And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a ^arefuge¹ for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.

10 And those who ^aknow Your name will put their trust in You;

For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion!
^aDeclare His deeds among the people.

12 ^aWhen He avenges blood, He remembers them;
He does not forget the cry of the ¹humble.

13 Have mercy on me, O LORD!
Consider my trouble from those who hate me,
You who lift me up from the gates of death,

14 That I may tell of all Your praise
In the gates of ¹the daughter of Zion.
I will ^arejoice in Your salvation.

PSALM 9

title ¹Heb.
Muth Labben

2 ^aPs. 5:11;
104:34 ^b[Ps.
83:18; 92:1]

5 ^aProv. 10:7
¹Gentiles

6 ^a[Ps. 34:16]

7 ^aPs. 102:12,
26; Heb. 1:11

8 ^a[Ps. 96:13;
98:9; Acts
17:31]

9 ^aPs. 32:7;
46:1; 91:2 ¹Lit.
secure height

10 ^aPs. 91:14

11 ^aPs. 66:16;
107:22

12 ^a[Gen. 9:5;
Ps. 72:14] ¹*af-
flicted*

14 ^aPs. 13:5;
20:5; 35:9
¹Jerusalem

15 ^aPs. 7:15, 16
¹Gentiles

16 ^aEx. 7:5
^bPs. 92:3
¹Heb. *Hig-
gaion*

17 ^aJob 8:13;
Ps. 50:22
¹Gentiles

18 ^aPs. 9:12;
12:5 ^b[Ps.
62:5; 71:5];
Prov. 23:18

19 ¹Gentiles

20 ¹Gentiles

PSALM 10

2 ^aPs. 7:16;
9:16 ¹*hotly
pursues*

3 ^aPs. 49:6;
94:3, 4 ^bProv.
28:4 ¹Or *The
greedy man
curses and
spurns the
LORD*

4 ^aPs. 14:1;
36:1 ¹Or *All
his thoughts
are, "There is
no God"*

5 ¹Lit. *are
strong*

6 ^aPs. 49:11;
[Eccl. 8:11]
^bRev. 18:7

7 ^a[Rom. 3:14]
^bPs. 55:10, 11

15 ^aThe ¹nations have sunk down in the pit *which* they made;
In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.

16 The LORD is ^aknown by the judgment He executes;
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.
^bMeditation.¹ Selah

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell,
And all the ¹nations ^athat forget God.

18 ^aFor the needy shall not always be forgotten;
^bThe expectation of the poor shall *not* perish forever.

19 Arise, O LORD,
Do not let man prevail;
Let the ¹nations be judged in Your sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD,
That the ¹nations may know themselves to be but men.
Selah

PSALM 10

A Song of Confidence in God's Triumph over Evil

WHY do You stand afar off, O LORD?
Why do You hide in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in *his* pride ¹persecutes the poor;
^aLet them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

3 For the wicked ^aboasts of his heart's desire;
¹He ^bblesses the greedy and renounces the LORD.

4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God;

¹God is in none of his ^athoughts.

5 His ways ¹are always prospering;
Your judgments *are* far above, out of his sight;
As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.

6 ^aHe has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved;
^bI shall never be in adversity."

7 ^aHis mouth is full of cursing and ^bdeceit and oppression;
Under his tongue *is* trouble and iniquity.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages;
In the secret places he murders the innocent;
His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.

9 He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den;
He lies in wait to catch the poor;

- He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.
- 10 So ¹he crouches, he lies low, That the helpless may fall by his ²strength.
- 11 He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."
- 12 Arise, O LORD! O God, ^clift up Your hand! Do not forget the ^bhumble.
- 13 Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."
- 14 But You have ^aseen, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay it by Your hand. The helpless ^bcommits¹ himself to You; ^cYou are the helper of the fatherless.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*; Seek out his wickedness *until* You find none.
- 16 "The LORD is King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land.
- 17 LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,
- 18 To ¹do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, That the man of the earth may ²oppress no more.

PSALM 11

Faith in the LORD's Righteousness
To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- I**N ^athe LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain?"
- 2 For look! ^aThe wicked bend *their* bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot ¹secretly at the upright in heart.
- 3 ^aIf the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?
- 4 The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD's ^athrone is in heaven; ^bHis eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.
- 5 The LORD ^atests the righteous, But the wicked and the one

¹⁰ ¹Or *he is crushed, is bowed* ¹Or *mighty ones*

¹² ^aPs. 17:7; 94:2; Mic. 5:9 ^bPs. 9:12

¹⁴ ^a[Ps. 11:4] ^b[2 Tim. 1:12] ^cPs. 68:5; Hos. 14:3 ¹Lit. *leaves, entrusts*

¹⁶ ^aPs. 29:10

¹⁸ ¹vindicate ²terrify

PSALM 11

¹ ^aPs. 56:11

² ^aPs. 64:3, 4 ¹Lit. *in darkness*

³ ^aPs. 82:5; 87:1; 119:152

⁴ ^aPs. 2:4; [Is. 66:1]; Matt. 5:34; 23:22; [Acts 7:49]; Rev. 4:2 ^b[Ps. 33:18; 34:15, 16]

⁵ ^aGen. 22:1; [James 1:12]

⁶ ^a1 Sam. 1:4; Ps. 75:8; Ezek. 38:22 ¹Their allotted portion or serving

⁷ ^aPs. 33:5; 45:7 ¹Or *The upright beholds His countenance*

PSALM 12

¹ ^aPs. 6:title ¹Heb. *shem-inith*

¹ [Is. 57:1]; Mic. 7:2 ¹Save

² ^aPs. 10:7; 41:6 ¹An inconsistent mind

³ ¹destroy ²great

⁶ ^a2 Sam. 22:31; Ps. 18:30; 119:140; Prov. 30:5

PSALM 13

¹ ^aJob 13:24; Ps. 89:46

- who loves violence His soul hates.
- 6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind ^a*Shall be* ¹the portion of their cup.
- 7 For the LORD is righteous, He ^aloves righteousness; ¹His countenance beholds the upright.

PSALM 12

Man's Treachery and God's Constancy

To the Chief Musician. "On ¹an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.

- H**ELP¹ LORD, for the godly man ^aceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.
- 2 ^aThey speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and ¹a double heart they speak.
- 3 May the LORD ¹cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks ²proud things,
- 4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips *are* our own; Who is lord over us?"
- 5 "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set *him* in the safety for which he yearns."
- 6 The words of the LORD *are* ^apure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.
- 7 You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.
- 8 The wicked prowl on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

PSALM 13

Trust in the Salvation of the LORD

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- H**OW long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? ^aHow long will You hide Your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

Having sorrow in my heart
daily?
How long will my enemy be
exalted over me?

- 3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD
my God;
^aEnlighten my eyes,
^bLest I sleep the *sleep* of death;
4 Lest my enemy say,
“I have prevailed against him”;
Lest those who trouble me
rejoice when I am moved.
- 5 But I have trusted in Your
mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in Your
salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD,
Because He has dealt
bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

*Folly of the Godless, and God's
Final Triumph*

To the Chief Musician. A *Psalm* of
David.

THE “fool has said in his heart,
“There is no God.”
They are corrupt,
They have done abominable
works,
There is none who does good.

- 2 “The LORD looks down from
heaven upon the children of
men,
To see if there are any who
understand, who seek God.
- 3 “They have all turned aside,
They have together become
corrupt;
There is none who does good,
No, not one.
- 4 Have all the workers of iniquity
no knowledge,
Who eat up my people as they
eat bread,
And “do not call on the LORD?
There they are in great fear,
For God is with the generation
of the righteous.
- 6 You shame the counsel of the
poor,
But the LORD is his “refuge.
- 7 “Oh,¹ that the salvation of Israel
would come out of Zion!
^bWhen the LORD brings back
²the captivity of His people,
Let Jacob rejoice *and* Israel be
glad.

PSALM 15

*The Character of Those Who May
Dwell with the LORD*

A *Psalm* of David.

LORD, “who may ¹abide in Your
tabernacle?

³ ^a1 Sam.
14:29; Ezra
9:8; Job 33:30;
Ps. 18:28 ^bJer.
51:39

PSALM 14

¹ ^aPs. 10:4;
53:1

² ^aPs. 33:13,
14: 102:19;
Rom. 3:11

³ ^aRom. 3:12

⁴ ^aPs. 79:6; Is.
64:7; Jer.
10:25; Amos
8:4; Mic. 3:3

⁶ ^aPs. 9:9;
40:17; 46:1;
142:5

⁷ ^aPs. 53:6;
[Rom.
11:25–27]
^bDeut. 30:3;
Job 42:10 ¹Lit.
*Who will give
out of Zion
the salvation
of Israel?* ²Or
*His captive
people*

PSALM 15

¹ ^aPs. 24:3–5
¹*sojourn*

² ^aZech. 8:16;
[Eph. 4:25]

³ ^a[Lev.
19:16–18] ^bEx.
23:1 ¹*receive*

⁴ ^aEsth. 3:2
^bLev. 5:4

⁵ ² Pet. 1:10

PSALM 16

title ^aPs.
56–60

¹ ¹*Watch over*

² ^aJob 35:7

³ ^aPs. 119:63

⁴ ^aPs. 106:37,
38 ^b[Ex.
23:13]; Josh.
23:7

⁵ ¹Lit. *uphold*

⁷ ¹Mind, lit.
kidneys

⁸ ^a[Acts
2:25–28]

⁹ ¹Or *dwelt se-
curely*

Who may dwell in Your holy
hill?

- 2 He who walks uprightly,
And works righteousness,
And speaks the “truth in his
heart;
3 He who “does not backbite with
his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor,
^bNor does he ¹take up a
reproach against his
friend;
4 “In whose eyes a vile person is
despised,
But he honors those who fear
the LORD;
He who ^bswears to his own hurt
and does not change;
5 He who does not put out his
money at usury,
Nor does he take a bribe
against the innocent.

He who does these *things* “shall
never be moved.

PSALM 16

*The Hope of the Faithful, and the
Messiah's Victory*

A “Michtam of David.

- PRESERVE¹ me, O God,
for in You I put my trust.
- 2 O my soul, you have said to the
LORD,
“You are my Lord,
“My goodness is nothing apart
from You.”
- 3 As for the saints who *are* on
the earth,
“They are the excellent ones, in
“whom is all my delight.”
- 4 Their sorrows shall be
multiplied who hasten *after*
another god;
Their drink offerings of “blood
I will not offer,
^bNor take up their names on my
lips.
- 5 O LORD, *You are* the portion of
my inheritance and my cup;
You ¹maintain my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen to me in
pleasant *places*;
Yes, I have a good inheritance.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who has
given me counsel;
My “heart also instructs me in
the night seasons.
- 8 “I have set the LORD always
before me;
Because *He is* at my right hand
I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and
my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will “rest in
hope.

- 10 ^aFor You will not leave my soul
in ¹Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy
One to ²see corruption.
11 You will show me the ^apath of
life;
In Your presence is fullness of
joy;
At Your right hand *are*
pleasures forevermore.

PSALM 17

*Prayer with Confidence in Final
Salvation*

A Prayer of David.

- H**EAR a just cause, O LORD,
Attend to my cry;
Give ear to my prayer *which is*
not from deceitful lips.
2 Let my vindication come from
Your presence;
Let Your eyes look on the
things that are upright.
3 You have tested my heart;
You have visited *me* in the
night;
^aYou have ¹tried me and have
found ²nothing;
I have purposed that my mouth
shall not ^btransgress.
4 Concerning the works of men,
By the word of Your lips,
I have kept away from the
paths of the destroyer.
5 ^aUphold my steps in Your paths,
That my footsteps may not slip.
6 ^aI have called upon You, for You
will hear me, O God;
Incline Your ear to me, *and* hear
my speech.
7 Show Your marvelous
lovingkindness by Your right
hand,
O You who ¹save those who
trust *in* You
From those who rise up *against*
them.
8 Keep me as the ¹apple of Your
eye;
Hide me under the shadow of
Your wings,
9 From the wicked who oppress
me,
From my deadly enemies who
surround me.
10 They have closed up their ^afat
hearts;
With their mouths they ^bspeak
proudly.
11 They have now surrounded us
in our steps;
They have set their eyes,
crouching down to the earth,
12 As a lion is eager to tear his
prey,
And like a young lion lurking
in secret places.

10 ^aPs. 49:15;
86:13; Acts
2:31, 32; Heb.
13:20 ¹The
abode of
the dead
²undergo

11 ^aPs. 139:24;
[Matt. 7:14]

PSALM 17

3 ^aJob 23:10;
Ps. 66:10;
Zech. 13:9;
[1 Pet. 1:7]
^bPs. 39:1 ¹ex-
amined
²Nothing evil

5 ^aJob 23:11;
Ps. 44:18;
119:133

6 ^aPs. 86:7;
116:2

7 ¹deliver

8 ¹pupil

10 ^aEzek.
16:49 ^b[1 Sam.
2:3]

15 ^a[1 John
3:2] ^bPs. 4:6,
7; 16:11 ^c[Is.
26:19]

PSALM 18

title ^aPs. 36;
title ^b2 Sam.
22

1 ^aPs. 144:1

2 ^aHeb. 2:13
¹Lit. *rock*
²Strength

3 ^aPs. 76:4;
Rev. 5:12

4 ^aPs. 116:3
¹Lit. *Belial*

7 ^aActs 4:31

9 ^aPs. 144:5

- 13 Arise, O LORD,
Confront him, cast him down;
Deliver my life from the wicked
with Your sword,
14 With Your hand from men,
O LORD,
From men of the world *who*
have their portion in *this* life,
And whose belly You fill with
Your hidden treasure.
They are satisfied with
children,
And leave the rest of their
possession for their babes.
15 As for me, ^aI will see Your face
in righteousness;
^bI shall be satisfied when I
^cawake in Your likeness.

PSALM 18

God the Sovereign Savior

To the Chief Musician. A *Psalm* of
David ^athe servant of the LORD,
who spoke to the LORD the words
of ^bthis song on the day that the
LORD delivered him from the hand
of all his enemies and from the
hand of Saul. And he said:

- I** ^aWILL love You, O LORD, my
strength.
2 The LORD is my rock and my
fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my ¹strength, ^ain
whom I will trust;
My shield and the ²horn of my
salvation, my stronghold.
3 I will call upon the LORD, ^awho
is *worthy* to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my
enemies.
4 ^aThe pangs of death surrounded
me,
And the floods of ¹ungodliness
made me afraid.
5 The sorrows of Sheol
surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted
me.
6 In my distress I called upon the
LORD,
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His
temple,
And my cry came before Him,
even to His ears.
7 ^aThen the earth shook and
trembled;
The foundations of the hills also
quaked and were shaken,
Because He was angry.
8 Smoke went up from His
nostrils,
And devouring fire from His
mouth;
Coals were kindled by it.
9 ^aHe bowed the heavens also, and
came down
With darkness under His feet.

- 10 ^aAnd He rode upon a cherub,
and flew;
^bHe flew upon the wings of the
wind.
- 11 He made darkness His secret
place;
^aHis canopy around Him was
dark waters
And thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 ^aFrom the brightness before
Him,
His thick clouds passed with
hailstones and coals of
fire.
- 13 The LORD thundered from
heaven,
And the Most High uttered ^aHis
voice,
¹Hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 ^aHe sent out His arrows and
scattered ¹the foe,
Lightnings in abundance, and
He vanquished them.
- 15 Then the channels of the sea
were seen,
The foundations of the world
were uncovered
At Your rebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the breath of
Your nostrils.
- 16 ^aHe sent from above, He took
me;
He drew me out of many
waters.
- 17 He delivered me from my
strong enemy,
From those who hated me,
For they were too strong for
me.
- 18 They confronted me in the day
of my calamity,
But the LORD was my support.
- 19 ^aHe also brought me out into a
broad place;
He delivered me because He
delighted in me.
- 20 ^aThe LORD rewarded me
according to my
righteousness;
According to the cleanness of
my hands
He has recompensed me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of the
LORD,
And have not wickedly
departed from my God.
- 22 For all His judgments were
before me,
And I did not put away His
statutes from me.
- 23 I was also blameless ¹before
Him,
And I kept myself from my
iniquity.
- 24 ^aTherefore the LORD has
recompensed me according
to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of
my hands in His sight.

^{10 a}Ps. 80:1;
99:1 ^b[Ps.
104:3]

^{11 a}Ps. 97:2

^{12 a}Ps. 97:3;
140:10; Hab.
3:11

^{13 a}[Ps. 29:3-9;
104:7] ¹So
with MT, Tg.,
Vg.; a few
Heb. mss.,
LXX omit
*Hailstones
and coals of
fire*

^{14 a}Josh.
10:10; Ps.
144:6; Is.
30:30; Hab.
3:11 ¹Lit.
them

^{16 a}Ps. 144:7

^{19 a}Ps. 4:1;
31:8; 118:5

^{20 a}1 Sam.
24:19; [Job
33:26]; Ps. 7:8

^{23 1}with

^{24 a}1 Sam.
26:23; Ps.
18:20

^{25 a}[1 Kin.
8:32; Ps.
62:12]; Matt.
5:7

^{26 a}[Lev.
26:23-28];
Prov. 3:34

^{27 a}[Ps. 101:5];
Prov. 6:17

^{28 a}1 Kin. 15:4;
Job 18:6; [Ps.
119:105]

^{29 1}Or *run
through*

^{30 a}[Deut.
32:4]; Rev.
15:3 ^bPs. 12:6;
119:140;
[Prov. 30:5]
^c[Ps. 17:7]
¹Lit. *refined*

^{31 a}[Deut.
32:31, 39;
1 Sam. 2:2;
Ps. 86:8-10;
Is. 45:5]

^{32 a}[Ps. 91:2]

^{33 a}2 Sam.
2:18; Hab.
3:19 ^bDeut.
32:13; 33:29

^{34 a}Ps. 144:1

^{36 a}Ps. 66:9;
Prov. 4:12

^{39 1}Lit. *caused
to bow*

- 25 ^aWith the merciful You will show
Yourself merciful;
With a blameless man You will
show Yourself blameless;
- 26 With the pure You will show
Yourself pure;
And ^awith the devious You will
show Yourself shrewd.
- 27 For You will save the humble
people,
But will bring down ^ahaughty
looks.
- 28 ^aFor You will light my lamp;
The LORD my God will
enlighten my darkness.
- 29 For by You I can ¹run against a
troop,
By my God I can leap over a
wall.
- 30 As for God, ^aHis way is
perfect;
^bThe word of the LORD is
¹proven;
He is a shield ^ato all who trust
in Him.
- 31 ^aFor who is God, except the
LORD?
And who is a rock, except our
God?
- 32 *It is* God who ^aarms me with
strength,
And makes my way perfect.
- 33 ^aHe makes my feet like the *feet*
of deer,
And ^bsets me on my high
places.
- 34 ^aHe teaches my hands to make
war,
So that my arms can bend a
bow of bronze.
- 35 You have also given me the
shield of Your salvation;
Your right hand has held me
up,
Your gentleness has made me
great.
- 36 You enlarged my path under
me,
^aSo my feet did not slip.
- 37 I have pursued my enemies and
overtaken them;
Neither did I turn back again
till they were destroyed.
- 38 I have wounded them,
So that they could not
rise;
They have fallen under my
feet.
- 39 For You have armed me with
strength for the battle;
You have ¹subdued under me
those who rose up against
me.
- 40 You have also given me the
necks of my enemies,
So that I destroyed those who
hated me.
- 41 They cried out, but *there was*
none to save;

- ^aEven to the LORD, but He did not answer them.
- 42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind;
I ^ccast them out like dirt in the streets.
- 43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people;
^aYou have made me the head of the ¹nations;
^bA people I have not known shall serve me.
- 44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me;
The foreigners ¹submit to me.
- 45 ^aThe foreigners fade away,
And come frightened from their hideouts.
- 46 The LORD lives!
Blessed *be* my Rock!
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.
- 47 It is God who avenges me,
^aAnd subdues the peoples under me;
- 48 He delivers me from my enemies.
^aYou also lift me up above those who rise against me;
You have delivered me from the violent man.
- 49 ^aTherefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the ¹Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your name.
- 50 ^aGreat deliverance He gives to His king,
And shows mercy to His anointed,
To David and his ¹descendants forevermore.

PSALM 19

The Perfect Revelation of the LORD
To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- T**HE ^aheavens declare the glory of God;
And the ^bfirmament¹ shows ²His handiwork.
- 2 Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
- 3 *There is no speech nor language*
Where their voice is not heard.
- 4 ^aTheir ¹line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a
²tabernacle for the sun.

- 5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

41 ^aJob 27:9;
Prov. 1:28; Is.
1:15; Ezek.
8:18; Zech.
7:13

42 ^aZech. 10:5

43 ^a2 Sam.
8; Ps. 89:27
^bIs. 52:15
¹Gentiles

44 ¹feign sub-
mission

45 ^aMic. 7:17

47 ^aPs. 47:3

48 ^aPs. 27:6;
59:1

49 ^a2 Sam.
22:50; Rom.
15:9 ¹nations

50 ^a2 Sam.
7:12; Ps. 21:1;
144:10 ¹Lit.
seed

PSALM 19

1 ^aIs. 40:22;
[Rom. 1:19,
20] ^bGen. 1:6,
7 ¹expanse of
heaven ²the
work of His
hands

4 ^aRom. 10:18
¹LXX, Syr.,
Vg. sound; Tg.
business ²tent

5 ^aEcc. 1:5

7 ^aPs. 111:7;
[Rom. 7:12]
^bPs. 119:130
¹restoring

10 ^aPs. 119:72,
127; Prov.
8:10, 11, 19
¹honey in the
combs

12 ^a[Ps. 51:1,
2]

13 ^aNum. 15:30
^bPs. 119:133;
[Rom.
6:12–14] ¹Or
much

14 ^aPs. 51:15
^bPs. 31:5; Is.
47:4 ¹Lit. rock

PSALM 20

1 ¹Lit. set you
on high

4 ^aPs. 21:2
¹counsel

- ^aAnd rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
- 6 Its rising is from one end of heaven,
And its circuit to the other end;
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7 ^aThe law of the LORD is perfect,
¹converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making ^bwise the simple;
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than ^agold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the ¹honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them *there* is great reward.

- 12 Who can understand *his* errors?
^aCleanse me from secret faults.
- 13 Keep back Your servant also from ^apresumptuous sins;
Let them not have ^bdominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
And I shall be innocent of ¹great transgression.
- 14 ^aLet the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my ¹strength and my ^bRedeemer.

PSALM 20

The Assurance of God's Saving Work

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- M**AY the LORD answer you in the day of trouble;
May the name of the God of Jacob ¹defend you;
- 2 May He send you help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 May He remember all your offerings,
And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah
- 4 May He grant you according to your heart's desire,
And ^afulfill all your ¹purpose.

- 5 We will rejoice in your salvation,
And in the name of our God we
will set up *our* banners!
May the LORD fulfill all your
petitions.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD
saves His ¹anointed;
He will answer him from His
holy heaven
With the saving strength of His
right hand.
- 7 Some *trust* in chariots, and
some in ²horses;
But we will remember the
name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They have bowed down and
fallen;
But we have risen and stand
upright.
- 9 Save, LORD!
May the King answer us when
we call.

PSALM 21

*Joy in the Salvation of the LORD*To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
David.

- T**HE king shall have joy in Your
strength, O LORD;
And in Your salvation how
greatly shall he rejoice!
- 2 You have given him his heart's
desire,
And have not withheld the
³request of his lips. Selah
- 3 For You meet him with the
blessings of goodness;
You set a crown of pure gold
upon his head.
- 4 ⁴He asked life from You, *and* You
gave it to him—
Length of days forever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great in Your
salvation;
Honor and majesty You have
placed upon him.
- 6 For You have made him most
blessed forever;
⁵He has made him
⁶exceedingly glad with Your
presence.
- 7 For the king trusts in the LORD,
And through the mercy of the
Most High he shall not be
⁷moved.
- 8 Your hand will find all Your
enemies;
Your right hand will find those
who hate You.
- 9 You shall make them as a fiery
oven in the time of Your
anger;
The LORD shall swallow them
up in His wrath,
And the fire shall devour them.

⁶ ¹Commis-
sioned one,
Heb. *messiah*⁷ ²Deut. 20:1;
Ps. 33:16, 17;
Prov. 21:31; Is.
31:1

PSALM 21

² ²2 Sam.
7:26–29⁴ ⁴Ps. 61:5, 6;
133:3⁶ ⁶Ps. 16:11;
45:7 ¹Lit. *joy-
ful with
gladness*⁷ ⁷shaken¹⁰ ¹⁰1 Lit. *seed*¹¹ ¹¹Ps. 2:1–4

PSALM 22

title ¹Heb.
*Aijeleth
Hashahar*¹ ¹[Matt.
27:46; Mark
15:34]³ ³Deut. 10:21;
Ps. 148:14⁵ ⁵Is. 49:23⁶ ⁶Job 25:6; Is.
41:14 ²Ps.
109:25; [Is.
53:3]; Matt.
27:39–44⁷ ⁷Matt. 27:39;
Mark 15:29
¹Show con-
tempt with
their mouth⁸ ⁸Matt. 27:43;
Luke 23:35
²Ps. 91:14
¹LXX, Syr.,
Vg. *hoped*;
Tg. *praised*⁹ ⁹[Ps. 71:5, 6]¹⁰ ¹⁰[Is. 46:3;
49:1]; Luke
1:35¹² ¹²Ps. 22:21;
68:30

- 10 Their offspring You shall
destroy from the earth,
And their ¹descendants from
among the sons of men.
- 11 For they intended evil against
You;
They devised a plot *which* they
are not able to ²perform.
- 12 Therefore You will make them
turn their back;
You will make ready *Your*
arrows on Your string toward
their faces.
- 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your
own strength!
We will sing and praise Your
power.

PSALM 22

*The Suffering, Praise, and Posterity
of the Messiah*To the Chief Musician. Set to ¹"The
Deer of the Dawn." A Psalm of
David.**M**Y ²God, My God, why have You
forsaken Me?*Why are You so far from
helping Me,
And from the words of My
groaning?*

- 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime,
but You do not hear;
And in the night season, and
am not silent.
- 3 But You *are* holy,
Enthroned in the ³praises of
Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered
them.
- 5 They cried to You, and were
delivered;
⁴They trusted in You, and were
not ashamed.
- 6 But I *am* ⁵a worm, and no man;
⁶A reproach of men, and
despised by the people.
- 7 ⁷All those who see Me ridicule
Me;
They ⁸shoot out the lip, they
shake the head, *saying*,
- 8 ⁸"He ¹trusted in the LORD, let
Him rescue Him;
²Let Him deliver Him, since He
delights in Him!"
- 9 ⁹But You *are* He who took Me
out of the womb;
You made Me trust *while* on
My mother's breasts.
- 10 I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother's womb
¹⁰*You have been My God.*
- 11 Be not far from Me,
For trouble is near;
For *there* is none to help.

¹² ¹²Many bulls have surrounded
Me;

- Strong *bulls* of ^bBashan have encircled Me.
 13 ^aAnd they ¹gape at Me *with* their mouths,
Like a raging and roaring lion.
 14 I am poured out like water,
^aAnd all My bones are out of joint;
 My heart is like wax;
 It has melted ¹within Me.
 15 ^aMy strength is dried up like a potsherd,
 And ^bMy tongue clings to My jaws;
 You have brought Me to the dust of death.
 16 For dogs have surrounded Me;
 The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
^aThey¹ pierced My hands and My feet;
 17 I can count all My bones.
^aThey look and stare at Me.
 18 ^aThey divide My garments among them,
 And for My clothing they cast lots.
 19 But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
 O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
 20 Deliver Me from the sword,
^aMy¹ precious *life* from the power of the dog.
 21 ^aSave Me from the lion's mouth
 And from the horns of the wild oxen!
^bYou have answered Me.
 22 ^aI will declare Your name to ^bMy brethren;
 In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
 23 ^aYou who fear the LORD, praise Him!
 All you ¹descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
 And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
 Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
 But ^awhen He cried to Him, He heard.
 25 ^aMy praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly;
^bI will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
 Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
 Let your heart live forever!
 27 All the ends of the world
 Shall remember and turn to the LORD,

12 ^bDeut. 32:14
 13 ^aJob 16:10;
¹Lit. *have opened their mouths at Me*
 14 ^aDan. 5:6
¹Lit. *in the midst of My bowels*
 15 ^aProv. 17:22 ^bJohn 19:28
 16 ^aMatt. 27:35; ¹So with some Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Vg.; MT *Like a lion* instead of *They pierced*
 17 ^aLuke 23:27, 35
 18 ^aMatt. 27:35
 20 ^aPs. 35:17
¹Lit. *My only one*
 21 ^a2 Tim. 4:17 ^bIs. 34:7
 22 ^aHeb. 2:12
^b[Rom. 8:29]
 23 ^aPs. 135:19,
 20 ¹Lit. *seed*
 24 ^aHeb. 5:7
 25 ^aPs. 35:18;
 40:9, 10 ^bEccl. 5:4
 27 ¹Gentiles
²So with MT, LXX, Tg.; Arab., Syr., Vg. *Him*
 28 ^aMatt. 6:13
 29 ^aPs. 17:10;
 45:12; ^b[Is. 26:19] ¹Death
 PSALM 23
 1 ^a[Is. 40:11];
^b[Phil. 4:19] ¹*lack*
 2 ^aEzek. 34:14
^b[Rev. 7:17]
¹Lit. *pastures of tender grass* ²Lit. *waters of rest*
 3 ^aPs. 5:8; 31:3
 4 ^aJob 3:5;
 10:21, 22;
 24:17 ^b[Ps. 3:6; 27:1] ^c[Is. 43:2]
 5 ^aPs. 104:15
^bPs. 92:10
 6 ¹So with LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg.; MT *return* ²Or *To the end of my days*, lit. *For length of days*
 PSALM 24
 1 ^a1 Cor. 10:26, 28
 2 ^aPs. 89:11
¹Lit. *rivers*

- And all the families of the ¹nations
 Shall worship before ²You.
 28 ^aFor the kingdom is the LORD's,
 And He rules over the nations.
 29 ^aAll the prosperous of the earth
 Shall eat and worship;
^bAll those who go down to ¹the dust
 Shall bow before Him,
 Even he who cannot keep himself alive.
 30 A posterity shall serve Him.
 It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,
 31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
 That He has done *this*.

PSALM 23

The LORD the Shepherd of His People

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE LORD is ^amy shepherd;
^bI shall not ¹want.
 2 ^aHe makes me to lie down in ¹green pastures;
^bHe leads me beside the ²still waters.
 3 He restores my soul;
^aHe leads me in the paths of righteousness
 For His name's sake.
 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of ^athe shadow of death,
^bI will fear no evil;
^cFor You are with me;
 Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
 5 You ^aprepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 You ^banoint my head with oil;
 My cup runs over.
 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 All the days of my life;
 And I will ¹dwell in the house of the LORD
²Forever.

PSALM 24

The King of Glory and His Kingdom

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE ^aearth is the LORD's,
 and all its fullness,
 The world and those who dwell therein.
 2 For He has ^afounded it upon the seas,
 And established it upon the ¹waters.

- 3 ^aWho may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
- 4 He who has ^aclean hands and ^ba pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor ^csworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who ^aseek Him,
Who seek Your face. Selah
- 7 ^aLift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
^bAnd the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in ^abattle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory. Selah

PSALM 25

*A Plea for Deliverance and Forgiveness**A Psalm of David.*

- T**O ^aYou, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, I ^atrust in You;
Let me not be ashamed;
^bLet not my enemies triumph over me.
- 3 Indeed, let no one who ¹waits on You be ashamed;
Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.
- 4 ^aShow me Your ways, O LORD;
Teach me Your paths.
- 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You ^aare the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.
- 6 Remember, O LORD, ^aYour tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,
For they ^aare from of old.
- 7 Do not remember ^athe sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;
^bAccording to Your mercy remember me,
For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

3 ^aPs. 15:1-5
4 ^a[Job 17:9];
Ps. 26:6 ^bPs.
51:10; 73:1;
[Matt. 5:8]
^cPs. 15:4
6 ^aPs. 27:4, 8
7 ^aPs. 118:20;
Is. 26:2 ^bPs.
29:2, 9; 97:6;
Hag. 2:7; Acts
7:2; [1 Cor.
2:8]
8 ^aRev.
19:13-16

PSALM 25

1 ^aPs. 86:4;
143:8
2 ^aPs. 34:8 ^bPs.
13:4; 41:11
3 ¹Waits for
You in faith
4 ^aEx. 33:13;
Ps. 5:8; 27:11;
86:11; 119:27;
143:8
6 ^aPs. 103:17;
106:1
7 ^aJob 13:26;
[Jer. 3:25] ^bPs.
51:1
11 ^aPs. 31:3;
79:9; 109:21;
143:11
12 ^a[Ps. 25:8;
37:23] ¹Or he
²Or he
13 ^a[Prov.
19:23] ^bPs.
37:11; 69:36;
Matt. 5:5 ¹Lit.
goodness
14 ^a[Prov. 3:32;
John 7:17]
15 ^a[Ps. 123:2;
141:8] ¹Lit.
bring out
16 ^aPs. 69:16
¹lonely
18 ^a2 Sam.
16:12; Ps. 31:7
19 ¹violent ha-
tred
22 ^a[Ps. 130:8]

PSALM 26

1 ^aPs. 7:8
^b2 Kin. 20:3;
[Prov. 20:7]
^c[Ps. 13:5;
28:7]
2 ^aPs. 17:3;
139:23 ¹test
me
3 ^a2 Kin. 20:3;
Ps. 86:11

- 8 Good and upright ^ais the LORD;
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.
- 9 The humble He guides in justice,
And the humble He teaches His way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD ^aare mercy and truth,
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- 11 ^aFor Your name's sake, O LORD,
Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.
- 12 Who ^ais the man that fears the LORD?
^aHe shall ¹He teach in the way
²He chooses.
- 13 ^aHe himself shall dwell in ¹prosperity,
And ^bhis descendants shall inherit the earth.
- 14 ^aThe secret of the LORD ^ais with those who fear Him,
And He will show them His covenant.
- 15 ^aMy eyes ^aare ever toward the LORD,
For He shall ¹pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 ^aTurn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,
For I ^aam ¹desolate and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart have enlarged;
Bring me out of my distresses!
- 18 ^aLook on my affliction and my pain,
And forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider my enemies, for they are many;
And they hate me with ¹cruel hatred.
- 20 Keep my soul, and deliver me;
Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.
- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I wait for You.
- 22 ^aRedeem Israel, O God,
Out of all their troubles!

PSALM 26

*A Prayer for Divine Scrutiny and Redemption**A Psalm of David.*

- V**INDICATE ^ame, O LORD,
For I have ^bwalked in my integrity.
^cI have also trusted in the LORD;
I shall not slip.
- 2 ^aExamine me, O LORD, and ¹prove me;
Try my mind and my heart.
- 3 For Your lovingkindness ^ais before my eyes,
And ^aI have walked in Your truth.

- 4 I have not ^asat with idolatrous mortals,
Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
- 5 I have ^ahated the assembly of evildoers,
And will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence;
So I will go about Your altar,
O LORD,
- 7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all Your wondrous works.
- 8 LORD, ^aI have loved the habitation of Your house,
And the place ¹where Your glory dwells.
- 9 ^aDo¹ not gather my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- 10 In whose hands is a sinister scheme,
And whose right hand is full of ^abribes.
- 11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity;
Redeem me and be merciful to me.
- 12 ^aMy foot stands in an even place;
In the congregations I will bless the LORD.

PSALM 27

*An Exuberant Declaration of Faith**A Psalm of David.*

- T**HE LORD is my ^alight and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The ^bLORD is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked came against me
To ^aeat¹ up my flesh,
My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.
- 3 ^aThough an army may encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war may rise against me,
In this I *will be* confident.
- 4 ^aOne *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may ^b dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the ¹beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.
- 5 For ^ain the time of trouble

4 ^aPs. 1:1; Jer. 15:175 ^aPs. 31:6; 139:218 ^aPs. 27:4; 84:1-4, 10
¹Lit. of the tabernacle of Your glory9 ^aPs. 28:3 ¹Do not take away10 ^a1 Sam. 8:312 ^aPs. 40:2

PSALM 27

1 ^aPs. 18:28; 84:11; [Is. 60:19, 20; Mic. 7:8] ^bEx. 15:2; Ps. 62:7; 118:14; Is. 12:2; 33:22 ^aPs. 14:4 ¹de-vour3 ^aPs. 3:64 ^aPs. 26:8; 65:4 ^bLuke 2:37 ¹delight-fulness5 ^aPs. 31:20; 91:1 ^bPs. 40:26 ^aPs. 3:3
¹Lifted up in honor ²joyous shouts9 ^aPs. 69:17; 143:710 ^aIs. 49:1511 ^aPs. 25:4; 86:11; 119:3312 ^aDeut. 19:18; Ps. 35:11; Matt. 26:60; Mark 14:56; John 19:3313 ^aJob 28:13; Ps. 52:5; 116:9; 142:5; Is. 38:11; Jer. 11:19; Ezek. 26:2014 ^aPs. 25:3; 37:34; 40:1; 62:5; 130:5; Prov. 20:22; Is. 25:9; [Hab. 2:3] ¹Wait in faith

PSALM 28

1 ^aPs. 35:22; 39:12; 83:1
^bPs. 88:4; 143:7; Prov. 1:122 ^aPs. 5:7 ^bPs. 138:2

He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall ^bset me high upon a rock.

- 6 And now ^amy head shall be ¹lifted up above my enemies
all around me;
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of ²joy in His tabernacle;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
- 7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
- 8 *When You said*, “Seek My face,”
My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”
- 9 ^aDo not hide Your face from me;
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my help;
Do not leave me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation.
- 10 ^aWhen my father and my mother forsake me,
Then the LORD will take care of me.
- 11 ^aTeach me Your way, O LORD,
And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.
- 12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries;
For ^afalse witnesses have risen against me,
And such as breathe out violence.
- 13 *I would have lost heart*, unless I had believed
That I would see the goodness of the LORD
^aIn the land of the living.
- 14 ^aWait¹ on the LORD;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the LORD!

PSALM 28

*Rejoicing in Answered Prayer**A Psalm of David.*

- T**O You I will cry, O LORD my Rock:
^aDo not be silent to me,
^bLest, if You are silent to me,
I become like those who go down to the pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my supplications
When I cry to You,
^aWhen I lift up my hands
^btoward Your holy sanctuary.

- 3 Do not ¹take me away with the wicked
And with the workers of iniquity,
^aWho speak peace to their neighbors,
But evil is in their hearts.
- 4 ^aGive them according to their deeds,
And according to the wickedness of their endeavors;
Give them according to the work of their hands;
Render to them what they deserve.
- 5 Because ^athey do not regard the works of the LORD,
Nor the operation of His hands,
He shall destroy them
And not build them up.
- 6 Blessed *be* the LORD,
Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!
- 7 The LORD is ^amy strength and my shield;
My heart ^btrusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him.
- 8 The LORD is ¹their strength,
And He is the ^asaving refuge of His ²anointed.
- 9 Save Your people,
And bless ^aYour inheritance;
Shepherd them also,
^bAnd bear them up forever.

PSALM 29

Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty

A Psalm of David.

- G**IVE! ^aunto the LORD,
O you mighty ones,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 ¹Give unto the LORD the glory
²due to His name;
Worship the LORD in ^athe
³beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
^aThe God of glory thunders;
The LORD is over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks ^athe cedars,
Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 ^aHe makes them also skip like a calf,

³Ps. 12:2; 55:21; 62:4; Jer. 9:8 ¹drag
⁴Ps. 62:12; 2 Tim. 4:14; [Rev. 18:6; 22:12]
⁵Is. 5:12
⁷Ps. 18:2; 59:17 ^bPs. 13:5; 112:7
⁸Ps. 20:6 ¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Syr., Vg. *the strength of His people*
²Commissioned one, Heb. *messiah*
⁹[Deut. 9:29; 32:9; 1 Kin. 8:51; Ps. 33:12; 106:40
^bDeut. 1:31; Is. 63:9

PSALM 29

¹=1 Chr. 16:28, 29 ¹Ascribe
²=2 Chr. 20:21; Ps. 110:3 ¹Ascribe
²Lit. of His name
³majesty
³[Job 37:4, 5]; Ps. 18:13; Acts 7:2
⁵Judg. 9:15; 1 Kin. 5:6; Ps. 104:16; Is. 2:13; 14:8
⁶Ps. 114:4
^bDeut. 3:9
⁷¹stirs up, lit. *hews out*
⁸Num. 13:26
⁹Job 39:1
¹⁰Gen. 6:17; Job 38:8, 25
^bPs. 10:16
¹¹Ps. 28:8; 68:35; [Is. 40:29]

PSALM 30

title ^aDeut. 20:5
¹Ps. 28:9 ^bPs. 25:2
²Ps. 6:2; 103:3; [Is. 53:5]
³Ps. 86:13
¹So with Or., Tg.; Kt., LXX, Syr., Vg. *from those who descend to the pit*
⁴Ps. 97:12
¹Or His holiness
⁵Ps. 103:9; Is. 26:20; 54:7
⁸Ps. 63:3 ¹a shout of joy
⁶shaken
⁷[Deut. 31:17; Ps. 104:29; 143:7]
⁹[Ps. 6:5]

- Lebanon and ^bSirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD ¹divides the flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the Wilderness of ^aKadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the ^adeer give birth,
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"
- 10 The ^aLORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood,
And ^bthe LORD sits as King forever.
- 11 ^aThe LORD will give strength to His people;
The LORD will bless His people with peace.

PSALM 30

*The Blessedness of Answered Prayer*A Psalm. A Song ^aat the dedication of the house of David.

- I** WILL extol You, O LORD,
for You have ^alifted me up,
And have not let my foes
^brejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to You,
And You ^ahealed me.
- 3 O LORD, ^aYou brought my soul up from the grave;
You have kept me alive, ¹that I should not go down to the pit.
- 4 ^aSing praise to the LORD, you saints of His,
And give thanks at the remembrance of ¹His holy name.
- 5 For ^aHis anger is *but for a moment*,
^bHis favor is *for life*;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But ¹joy comes in the morning.
- 6 Now in my prosperity I said,
"I shall never be ¹moved."
- 7 LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong;
^aYou hid Your face, *and* I was troubled.
- 8 I cried out to You, O LORD;
And to the LORD I made supplication:
- 9 "What profit is *there* in my blood,
When I go down to the pit?
^aWill the dust praise You?
Will it declare Your truth?"
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
LORD, be my helper!"

- 11 ^aYou have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
You have put off ¹my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
12 To the end that my ¹glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

PSALM 31

The LORD a Fortress in Adversity
To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- I**N ^aYou, O LORD, I ¹put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed;
Deliver me in Your righteousness.
2 ^aBow down Your ear to me,
Deliver me speedily;
Be my rock of ¹refuge,
A ²fortress of defense to save me.
3 ^aFor You *are* my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, ^bfor Your name's sake,
Lead me and guide me.
4 Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,
For You *are* my strength.
5 ^aInto Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O LORD God of ¹truth.
6 I have hated those ^awho regard useless idols;
But I trust in the LORD.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy,
For You have considered my trouble;
You have ^aknown my soul in ¹adversities,
8 And have not ^ashut¹ me up into the hand of the enemy;
^bYou have set my feet in a wide place.
9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
^aMy eye wastes away with grief,
Yes, my soul and my ¹body!
10 For my life is spent with grief,
And my years with sighing;
My strength fails because of my iniquity,
And my bones waste away.
11 ^aI am a ¹reproach among all my enemies,
But ^bespecially among my neighbors,
And *am* repulsive to my acquaintances;

11 ^aEcc1. 3:4;
Is. 61:3; Jer. 31:4 ¹The sackcloth of my mourning

12 ¹soul

PSALM 31

1 ^aPs. 22:5
¹have taken refuge

2 ^aPs. 17:6;
71:2; 86:1;
102:2
¹strength ²Lit. house of fortresses

3 ^a[Ps. 18:2]
^bPs. 23:3;
25:11

5 ^aLuke 23:46
^b[Deut. 32:4];
Ps. 71:22

6 ^aJon. 2:8

7 ^a[John 10:27]
¹troubles

8 ^a[Deut. 32:30]; Ps. 37:33 ^b[Ps. 4:1; 18:19]
¹given me over

9 ^aPs. 6:7 ¹Lit. belly

11 ^a[Is. 53:4]
^bJob 19:13;
Ps. 38:11;
88:8, 18 ^cPs. 64:8 ¹despised thing

12 ^aPs. 88:4, 5
¹Lit. perishing

13 ^aPs. 50:20;
Jer. 20:10
^bLam. 2:22
^cPs. 62:4;
Matt. 27:1

15 ^a[Job 14:5; 24:1]

16 ^aPs. 4:6;
80:3

17 ^aPs. 25:2, 20
^b[1 Sam. 2:9];
Ps. 94:17;
115:17

18 ^aPs. 109:2;
120:2 ^b[1 Sam. 2:3]; Ps. 94:4;
[Jude 15]

19 ^aPs. 145:7;
[Rom. 2:4;
11:22]

20 ^a[Ps. 27:5;
32:7] ^bJob 5:21 ¹shelter

21 ^a[Ps. 17:7]
¹fortified

24 ^a[Ps. 27:14]

- ^cThose who see me outside flee from me.
12 ^aI am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am like a ¹broken vessel.
13 ^aFor I hear the slander of many;
^bFear is on every side;
While they ^ctake counsel together against me,
They scheme to take away my life.
14 But as for me, I trust in You,
O LORD;
I say, "You *are* my God."
15 My times *are* in Your ^ahand;
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
And from those who persecute me.
16 ^aMake Your face shine upon Your servant;
Save me for Your mercies' sake.
17 ^aDo not let me be ashamed,
O LORD, for I have called upon You;
Let the wicked be ashamed;
^bLet them be silent in the grave.
18 ^aLet the lying lips be put to silence,
Which ^bspeak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.
19 ^aOh, how great *is* Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who fear You,
Which You have prepared for those who trust in You
In the presence of the sons of men!
20 ^aYou shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence
From the plots of man;
^bYou shall keep them secretly in a ¹pavilion
From the strife of tongues.
21 Blessed *be* the LORD,
For ^aHe has shown me His marvelous kindness in a ¹strong city!
22 For I said in my haste,
"I am cut off from before Your eyes";
Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications
When I cried out to You.
23 Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints!
For the LORD preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.
24 ^aBe of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
All you who hope in the LORD.

PSALM 32

The Joy of Forgiveness

A Psalm of David. A

¹Contemplation.

- B**LESSED is he whose
transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man to whom the
LORD ^adoes not ¹impute
iniquity,
And ^bin whose spirit *there is no*
deceit.
- 3 When I kept silent, my bones
grew old
Through my groaning all the
day long.
- 4 For day and night Your ^chand
was heavy upon me;
My vitality was turned into the
drought of summer. Selah
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I have not
hidden.
^aI said, "I will confess my
transgressions to the LORD,"
And You forgave the iniquity of
my sin. Selah
- 6 ^aFor this cause everyone who is
godly shall ^bpray to You
In a time when You may be
found;
Surely in a flood of great
waters
They shall not come near him.
- 7 ^aYou *are* my hiding place;
You shall preserve me from
trouble;
You shall surround me with
^bsongs of deliverance. Selah
- 8 I will instruct you and teach
you in the way you should
go;
- 9 I will guide you with My eye.
Do not be like the ^chorse or like
the mule,
Which have no understanding,
Which must be harnessed with
bit and bridle,
Else they will not come near
you.
- 10 ^aMany sorrows *shall be* to the
wicked;
But ^bhe who trusts in the LORD,
mercy shall surround him.
- 11 ^aBe glad in the LORD and
rejoice, you righteous;
And shout for joy, all you
upright in heart!

PSALM 33

*The Sovereignty of the LORD in
Creation and History*

- R**EJOICE ^ain the LORD, O you
righteous!
For praise from the upright is
beautiful.

PSALM 32

title ¹Heb.
*Maschil*¹ ^a[Ps. 85:2;
103:3]; Rom.
4:7, 8² ^a[2 Cor. 5:19]
^bJohn 1:47¹charge his
account with⁴ ^a1 Sam. 5:6;
Ps. 38:2; 39:10⁵ ^a2 Sam.
12:13; Ps.
38:18; [Prov.
28:13; 1 John
1:9]⁶ ^a[1 Tim.
1:16] ^bPs.
69:13; Is. 55:6⁷ ^aPs. 9:9 ^bEx.
15:1; Judg.
5:1; [Ps. 40:3]⁹ ^aProv. 26:3¹⁰ ^aPs. 16:4;
[Prov. 13:21;
Rom. 2:9]^b[Ps. 5:11, 12];
Prov. 16:20¹¹ ^aPs. 64:10;
68:3; 97:12

PSALM 33

¹ ^aPs. 32:11;
97:12; Phil.
3:1; 4:4² ^aLit. *Sing to
Him*⁶ ^aGen. 1:6, 7;
Ps. 148:5;
[Heb. 11:3;
2 Pet. 3:5]
^bGen. 2:1
^c[Job 26:13]⁷ ^aGen. 1:9;
Job 26:10;
38:8 ¹LXX,
Tg., Vg. *in a
vessel*⁹ ^aGen. 1:3;
Ps. 148:5¹⁰ ^a[Ps. 2:1-3];
Is. 8:10; 19:3¹¹ ^a[Job 23:13;
Prov. 19:21]¹² ^a[Ex. 19:5;
Deut. 7:6]; Ps.
28:9¹³ ^aJob 28:24;
[Ps. 14:2]¹⁵ ^a[2 Chr.
16:9]; Job
34:21; [Jer.
32:19] ¹under-
stands¹⁶ ^aPs. 44:6;
60:11; [Jer.
9:23, 24]¹⁷ ^a[Ps. 20:7;
147:10; Prov.
21:31] ¹false¹⁸ ^a[Job 36:7];
Ps. 32:8;
34:15; [1 Pet.
3:12]¹⁹ ^aJob 5:20;
Ps. 37:19

- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp;
¹Make melody to Him with an
instrument of ten strings.
- 3 Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of
joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is
right,
And all His work is done in
truth.
- 5 He loves righteousness and
justice;
The earth is full of the
goodness of the LORD.
- 6 ^aBy the word of the LORD the
heavens were made,
And all the ^bhost of them ^cby
the breath of His mouth.
- 7 ^aHe gathers the waters of the
sea together ¹as a heap;
He lays up the deep in
storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the
world stand in awe of Him.
- 9 For ^aHe spoke, and it was *done*;
He commanded, and it stood
fast.
- 10 ^aThe LORD brings the counsel of
the nations to nothing;
He makes the plans of the
peoples of no effect.
- 11 ^aThe counsel of the LORD stands
forever,
The plans of His heart to all
generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose
God is the LORD,
The people He has ^achosen as
His own inheritance.
- 13 ^aThe LORD looks from heaven;
He sees all the sons of men.
- 14 From the place of His dwelling
He looks
On all the inhabitants of the
earth;
- 15 He fashions their hearts
individually;
^aHe ¹considers all their works.
- 16 ^aNo king is saved by the
multitude of an army;
A mighty man is not delivered
by great strength.
- 17 ^aA horse is a ¹vain hope for
safety;
Neither shall it deliver *any* by
its great strength.
- 18 ^aBehold, the eye of the LORD is
on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His
mercy,
- 19 To deliver their soul from
death,
And ^ato keep them alive in
famine.

- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in
Him,
Because we have trusted in His
holy name.
22 Let Your mercy, O LORD, be
upon us,
Just as we hope in You.

PSALM 34

*The Happiness of Those Who Trust
in God*

A Psalm of David ^awhen he
pretended madness before
Abimelech, who drove him away,
and he departed.

- I** WILL ^abless the LORD at all times;
His praise *shall* continually *be*
in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make its boast in
the LORD;
The humble shall hear *of it* and
be glad.
3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name
together.
4 I ^asought the LORD, and He
heard me,
And delivered me from all my
fears.
5 They looked to Him and were
radiant,
And their faces were not
ashamed.
6 This poor man cried out, and
the LORD heard *him*,
And saved him out of all his
troubles.
7 ^aThe ¹angel of the LORD
^bencamps all around those
who fear Him,
And delivers them.
8 Oh, ^ataste and see that the
LORD is good;
^bBlessed is the man *who* trusts
in Him!
9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His
saints!
There is no ¹want to those who
fear Him.
10 The young lions lack and suffer
hunger;
^aBut those who seek the LORD
shall not lack any good *thing*.
11 Come, you children, listen to
me;
^aI will teach you the fear of the
LORD.
12 ^aWho is the man *who* desires
life,
And loves *many* days, that he
may see good?
13 Keep your tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking
^adeceit.
14 ^aDepart from evil and do good;
^bSeek peace and pursue it.

PSALM 34

title ^a1 Sam.
21:10-15
1 ^a[Eph. 5:20;
1 Thess. 5:18]
4 ^a[2 Chr. 15:2;
Ps. 9:10; Matt.
7:7; Luke
11:9]
7 ^a[Ps. 91:11];
Dan. 6:22
^b2 Kin. 6:17
¹Or *Angel*
8 ^aPs. 119:103;
[Heb. 6:5];
1 Pet. 2:3 ^bPs.
2:12
9 ¹lack
10 ^a[Ps. 84:11]
11 ^aPs. 32:8
12 ^a[1 Pet.
3:10-12]
13 ^a[Eph. 4:25]
14 ^aPs. 37:27;
Is. 1:16, 17
^b[Rom. 14:19;
Heb. 12:14]
15 ^aJob 36:7;
[Ps. 33:18]
16 ^aLev. 17:10;
Jer. 44:11;
Amos 9:4
^bJob 18:17;
Ps. 9:6;
109:15; [Prov.
10:7] ¹destroy
17 ^aPs. 34:6;
145:19
18 ^a[Ps.
145:18] ^bPs.
51:17; [Is.
57:15] ¹are
crushed in
spirit
19 ^aProv. 24:16
^bPs. 34:4, 6, 17
20 ^aJohn 19:33,
36
21 ^aPs. 94:23;
140:11; Prov.
24:16 ¹held
guilty
22 ^a1 Kin. 1:29

PSALM 35

1 ¹Contend for
me
2 ¹A small
shield
4 ^aPs. 40:14,
15; 70:2, 3 ^bPs.
129:5
5 ^aJob 21:18;
Ps. 83:13; Is.
29:5 ¹Or *An-
gel*
6 ^aPs. 73:18;
Jer. 23:12
7 ^aPs. 9:15
8 ^a[Ps. 55:23];
Is. 47:11;
[1 Thess. 5:3]
¹Lit. *Let de-
struction he
does not
know come
upon him*,

- 15 ^aThe eyes of the LORD *are* on
the righteous,
And His ears *are open* to their
cry.
16 ^aThe face of the LORD *is* against
those who do evil,
^bTo ¹cut off the remembrance of
them from the earth.
17 *The righteous* cry out, and ^athe
LORD hears,
And delivers them out of all
their troubles.
18 ^aThe LORD is near ^bto those who
have a broken heart,
And saves such as ¹have a
contrite spirit.
19 ^aMany *are* the afflictions of the
righteous,
^bBut the LORD delivers him out
of them all.
20 He guards all his bones;
^aNot one of them is broken.
21 ^aEvil shall slay the wicked,
And those who hate the
righteous shall be
¹condemned.
22 The LORD ^aredeems the soul of
His servants,
And none of those who trust in
Him shall be condemned.

PSALM 35

*The LORD the Avenger of His
People*

A Psalm of David.

- P**LEADED ¹my cause, O LORD, with
those who strive with me;
Fight against those who fight
against me.
2 Take hold of shield and
¹buckler,
And stand up for my help.
3 Also draw out the spear,
And stop those who pursue
me.
Say to my soul,
"I am your salvation."
4 ^aLet those be put to shame and
brought to dishonor
Who seek after my life;
Let those be ^bturned back and
brought to confusion
Who plot my hurt.
5 ^aLet them be like chaff before
the wind,
And let the ¹angel of the LORD
chase *them*.
6 Let their way be ^adark and
slippery,
And let the angel of the LORD
pursue them.
7 For without cause they have
^ahidden their net for me *in* a
pit,
Which they have dug without
cause for my life.
8 ¹Let ^adestruction come upon him
unexpectedly,

- And let his net that he has
hidden catch himself;
Into that very destruction let
him fall.
- 9 And my soul shall be joyful in
the LORD;
It shall rejoice in His salvation.
- 10 "All my bones shall say,
"LORD, ^bwho is like You,
Delivering the poor from him
who is too strong for him,
Yes, the poor and the needy
from him who plunders him?"
- 11 Fierce^a witnesses rise up;
They ask me *things* that I do
not know.
- 12 "They reward me evil for good,
To the sorrow of my soul.
- 13 But as for me, ^awhen they were
sick,
My clothing was sackcloth;
I humbled myself with fasting;
And my prayer would return to
my own heart.
- 14 I paced about as though *he*
were my friend or brother;
I bowed down ¹heavily, as one
who mourns for his mother.
- 15 But in my ¹adversity they
rejoiced
And gathered together;
Attackers gathered against me,
And I did not know it;
They tore *at me* and did not
cease;
- 16 With ungodly mockers at feasts
They gnashed at me with their
teeth.
- 17 Lord, how long will You ^alook
on?
Rescue me from their
destructions,
My precious *life* from the lions.
- 18 I will give You thanks in the
great assembly;
I will praise You among ¹many
people.
- 19 "Let them not rejoice over me
who are wrongfully my
enemies;
Nor let them wink with the eye
who hate me without a cause.
- 20 For they do not speak peace,
But they devise deceitful matters
Against *the* quiet ones in the
land.
- 21 They also opened their mouth
wide against me,
And said, "Aha, aha!
Our eyes have seen it."
- 22 *This* You have seen, O LORD;
Do not keep silence.
O Lord, do not be far from me.
- 23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to
my vindication,
To my cause, my God and my
Lord.
- ¹⁰ ^aPs. 51:8
^b[Ex. 15:11];
Ps. 71:19;
86:8; [Mic.
7:18]
- ¹² ^aPs. 38:20;
109:5; Jer.
18:20; John
10:32
- ¹³ ^aJob 30:25
¹Lit. *bosom*
- ¹⁴ ¹in mourn-
ing
- ¹⁵ ¹limping,
stumbling
- ¹⁷ ^aPs. 13:1;
[Hab. 1:13]
- ¹⁸ ¹a mighty
- ¹⁹ ^aPs. 69:4;
109:3; Lam.
3:52; [John
15:25]
- ²⁶ ^aPs. 109:29
- ²⁷ ^aRom. 12:15
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- ¹ ^aRom. 3:18
- ³ ^aPs. 94:8;
Jer. 4:22
- ⁴ ^aProv. 4:16;
[Mic. 2:1] ¹Is.
65:2 ^c[Ps. 52:3;
Rom. 12:9]
¹reject, loathe
- ⁶ ^aJob 11:8;
Ps. 77:19;
[Rom. 11:33]
¹Lit. *moun-
tains of God*
- ⁷ ^aRuth 2:12;
Ps. 17:8; 57:1;
91:4

- 24 Vindicate me, O LORD my God,
according to Your
righteousness;
And let them not rejoice over
me.
- 25 Let them not say in their
hearts, "Ah, so we would have
it!"
Let them not say, "We have
swallowed him up."
- 26 Let them be ashamed and
brought to mutual confusion
Who rejoice at my hurt;
Let them be ^aclothed with
shame and dishonor
Who exalt themselves against
me.
- 27 "Let them shout for joy and be
glad,
Who favor my righteous cause;
And let them say continually,
"Let the LORD be magnified,
Who has pleasure in the
prosperity of His servant."
- 28 And my tongue shall speak of
Your righteousness
And of Your praise all the day
long.

PSALM 36

Man's Wickedness and God's Perfections

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
David the servant of the LORD.

- A**N oracle within my heart
concerning the transgression
of the wicked:
^aThere is no fear of God before
his eyes.
- 2 For he flatters himself in his
own eyes,
When he finds out his iniquity
and when he hates.
- 3 The words of his mouth *are*
wickedness and deceit;
^aHe has ceased to be wise *and* to
do good.
- 4 ^aHe devises wickedness on his
bed;
He sets himself ^bin a way *that*
is not good;
He does not ¹abhor ^aevil.
- 5 Your mercy, O LORD, is in the
heavens;
Your faithfulness *reaches* to the
clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the
¹great mountains;
^aYour judgments *are* a great deep;
O LORD, You preserve man and
beast.
- 7 How precious is Your
lovingkindness, O God!
Therefore the children of men
^aput their trust under the
shadow of Your wings.

- 8 ^aThey are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,
And You give them drink from ^bthe river of Your pleasures.
- 9 ^aFor with You is the fountain of life;
^bIn Your light we see light.
- 10 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,
And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.
- 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- 12 There the workers of iniquity have fallen;
They have been cast down and are not able to rise.

PSALM 37

The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked

A Psalm of David.

- D**O ^anot fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down ^alike the grass,
And wither as the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
- 4 ^aDelight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of your ^bheart.
- 5 ^aCommit¹ your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.
- 6 ^aHe shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.
- 7 Rest in the LORD, ^aand wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who ^bprosperes in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.
- 8 ^aCease from anger, and forsake wrath;
^bDo not fret—it only causes harm.
- 9 For evildoers shall be ¹cut off;
But those who wait on the LORD,
They shall ^ainherit the earth.
- 10 For ^ayet a little while and the wicked *shall be no more*;
Indeed, ^byou will look carefully for his place,
But it *shall be no more*.

8 ^aPs. 63:5; 65:4; Is. 25:6; Jer. 31:12–14
^bPs. 46:4; Rev. 22:1

9 ^a[Jer. 2:13; John 4:10, 14]
^b[1 Pet. 2:9]

PSALM 37

1 ^aPs. 73:3; [Prov. 23:17; 24:19]

2 ^aJob 14:2; Ps. 90:5, 6; 92:7; James 1:11

4 ^aJob 22:26; Ps. 94:19; Is. 58:14 ^bPs. 21:2; 145:19; [Matt. 7:7, 8]

5 ^a[Ps. 55:22; Prov. 16:3; 1 Pet. 5:7]
¹Lit. Roll off onto

6 ^aJob 11:17; [Is. 58:8, 10]

7 ^aPs. 40:1; 62:5; [Lam. 3:26] ^b[Ps. 73:3–12]

8 ^a[Eph. 4:26] ^bPs. 73:3

9 ^aPs. 25:13; Prov. 2:21; [Is. 57:13; 60:21; Matt. 5:5] ¹destroyed

10 ^a[Heb. 10:36] ^bJob 7:10; Ps. 37:35, 36

11 ^a[Matt. 5:5]

12 ^aPs. 35:16

13 ^aPs. 2:4; 59:8 ^b1 Sam. 26:10; Job 18:20

16 ^aProv. 15:16; 16:8; [1 Tim. 6:6]

21 ^aPs. 112:5, 9

22 ^a[Prov. 3:33] ¹destroyed

23 ^a[1 Sam. 2:9]; Ps. 40:2; 66:9; 119:5 ¹established

24 ^aProv. 24:16

26 ^a[Deut. 15:8]; Ps. 37:21 ¹Lit. all the day

- 11 ^aBut the meek shall inherit the earth,
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
- 12 The wicked plots against the just,
^aAnd gnashes at him with his teeth.
- 13 ^aThe Lord laughs at him,
For He sees that ^bhis day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn the sword
And have bent their bow,
To cast down the poor and needy,
To slay those who are of upright conduct.
- 15 Their sword shall enter their own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.
- 16 ^aA little that a righteous man has
Is better than the riches of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
But the LORD upholds the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knows the days of the upright,
And their inheritance shall be forever.
- 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time,
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- 20 But the wicked shall perish;
And the enemies of the LORD,
Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish.
Into smoke they shall vanish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows and does not repay,
But ^athe righteous shows mercy and gives.
- 22 ^aFor those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth,
But *those* cursed by Him shall be ¹cut off.
- 23 ^aThe steps of a good man are ¹ordered by the LORD,
And He delights in his way.
- 24 ^aThough he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the LORD upholds *him* with His hand.
- 25 I have been young, and *now* am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.
- 26 ^aHe is ¹ever merciful, and lends;

- And his descendants *are* blessed.
- 27 Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell forevermore.
- 28 For the LORD loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;
They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 29 "The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell in it forever.
- 30 "The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom,
And his tongue talks of justice.
- 31 The law of his God is in his heart;
None of his steps shall ¹slide.
- 32 The wicked "watches the righteous,
And seeks to slay him.
- 33 The LORD "will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.
- 34 "Wait on the LORD,
And keep His way,
And He shall exalt you to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off,
you shall see it.
- 35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a native green tree.
- 36 Yet ¹he passed away, and behold, he was no *more*;
Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright;
For the future of *that* man is peace.
- 38 "But the transgressors shall be destroyed together;
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
He is their strength "in the time of trouble.
- 40 And "the LORD shall help them and deliver them;
He shall deliver them from the wicked,
And save them,
^bBecause they trust in Him.

PSALM 38

Prayer in Time of Chastening

A Psalm of David. "To bring to remembrance.

O LORD, do not "rebuke me in Your wrath,

²⁹ aPs. 37:9;
Prov. 2:21

³⁰ a[Matt. 12:35]

³¹ ¹slip

³² aPs. 10:8;
17:11

³³ aPs. 31:8;
[2 Pet. 2:9]

³⁴ aPs. 27:14;
37:9

³⁶ ¹So with MT, LXX, Tg.; Syr., Vg. *I passed by*

³⁸ a[Ps. 1:4-6;
37:20, 28]

³⁹ aPs. 9:9;
37:19

⁴⁰ aPs. 22:4; Is. 31:5; Dan. 3:17; 6:23
^{b1} Chr. 5:20;
Ps. 34:22

PSALM 38

title aPs.
70:title

¹ aPs. 6:1

⁶ ¹Lit. *bent down*

¹¹ aPs. 31:11;
88:18

¹⁵ a[Ps. 39:7]
¹I wait for You, O LORD
²answer

¹⁷ aPs. 51:3

¹⁸ aPs. 32:5

- Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!
- 2 For Your arrows pierce me deeply,
And Your hand presses me down.
- 3 *There* is no soundness in my flesh
Because of Your anger,
Nor *any* health in my bones
Because of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head;
Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- 5 My wounds are foul *and* festering
Because of my foolishness.
- 6 I am ¹troubled, I am bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
- 7 For my loins are full of inflammation,
And *there* is no soundness in my flesh.
- 8 I am feeble and severely broken;
I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.
- 9 Lord, all my desire is before You;
And my sighing is not hidden from You.
- 10 My heart pants, my strength fails me;
As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.
- 11 My loved ones and my friends "stand aloof from my plague,
And my relatives stand afar off.
- 12 Those also who seek my life lay snares *for me*;
Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction,
And plan deception all the day long.
- 13 But I, like a deaf *man*, do not hear;
And I *am* like a "mute who does not open his mouth.
- 14 Thus I am like a man who does not hear,
And in whose mouth is no response.
- 15 For ¹in You, O LORD, "I hope;
You will ²hear, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, "*Hear me*, lest they rejoice over me,
Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt *themselves* against me."
- 17 "For I *am* ready to fall,
And my sorrow is continually before me.
- 18 For I will "declare my iniquity;

- I will be ^bin ¹anguish over my sin.
 19 But my enemies *are* vigorous, *and* they are strong;
 And those who hate me
 wrongfully have multiplied.
 20 Those also ^awho render evil for good,
 They are my adversaries,
 because I follow *what is*
 good.
 21 Do not forsake me, O LORD;
 O my God, ^abe not far from me!
 22 Make haste to help me,
 O Lord, my salvation!

PSALM 39

Prayer for Wisdom and Forgiveness

To the Chief Musician. To
 Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- I** SAID, "I will guard my ways,
 Lest I sin with my ^atongue;
 I will restrain my mouth with a
 muzzle,
 While the wicked are before
 me."
 2 ^aI was mute with silence,
 I held my peace *even* from
 good;
 And my sorrow was stirred up.
 3 My heart was hot within me;
 While I was ¹musings, the fire
 burned.
 Then I spoke with my tongue:
 4 "LORD, ^amake me to know my
 end,
 And what *is* the measure of my
 days,
 That I may know how frail I
 am.
 5 Indeed, You have made my days
 as handbreadths,
 And my age *is* as nothing
 before You;
 Certainly every man at his best
 state *is* but ^avapor. *Selah*
 6 Surely every man walks about
 like a shadow;
 Surely they ¹busy themselves in
 vain;
 He heaps up *riches*,
 And does not know who will
 gather them.
 7 "And now, Lord, what do I wait
 for?
 My ^ahope *is* in You.
 8 Deliver me from all my
 transgressions;
 Do not make me ^athe reproach
 of the foolish.
 9 ^aI was mute, I did not open my
 mouth,
 Because it was ^bYou who did *it*.
 10 ^aRemove Your plague from me;
 I am consumed by the blow of
 Your hand.
 11 When with rebukes You correct
 man for iniquity,

18 ^b[2 Cor. 7:9,
 10] ¹anxiety
 20 ^aPs. 35:12
 21 ^aPs. 22:19;
 35:22

PSALM 39

1 ^aJob 2:10;
 Ps. 34:13;
 [James
 3:5–12]

2 ^aPs. 38:13

3 ¹meditating

4 ^aPs. 90:12;
 119:84

5 ^aPs. 62:9;
 [Eccl. 6:12]

6 ¹make an
 uproar for
 nothing

7 ^aPs. 38:15

8 ^aPs. 44:13;
 79:4; 119:22

9 ^aPs. 39:2
 82 Sam. 16:10;
 Job 2:10

10 ^aJob 9:34;
 13:21

11 ^aJob 13:28;
 [Ps. 90:7]; Is.
 50:9

12 ^aGen. 47:9;
 Lev. 25:23;
 1 Chr. 29:15;
 Ps. 119:19;
 Heb. 11:13;
 1 Pet. 2:11

13 ^aJob 7:19;
 10:20, 21;
 14:6; Ps.
 102:24 ^b[Job
 14:10]

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1 ^aPs. 25:5;
 27:14; 37:7

2 ^aPs. 69:2, 14;
 Jer. 38:6 ^bPs.
 27:5

3 ^aPs. 32:7;
 33:3

4 ^aPs. 34:8;
 84:12

5 ^aJob 9:10
^bPs. 139:17;
 [Is. 55:8]

6 ^a[1 Sam.
 15:22]; Ps.
 51:18; Is. 1:11;
 [Jer. 6:20;
 7:22, 23];
 Amos 5:22;
 [Mic. 6:6–8;
 Heb. 10:5–9]

8 ^a[Matt.
 26:39; John
 4:34; 6:38];
 Heb. 10:7

^b[Ps. 37:31;
 Jer. 31:33;
 2 Cor. 3:3]

9 ^aPs. 22:22, 25
^bPs. 119:13

10 ^aActs 20:20,
 27

You make his beauty ^amelt
 away like a moth;
 Surely every man *is* vapor. *Selah*

- 12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD,
 And give ear to my cry;
 Do not be silent at my tears;
 For I *am* a stranger with You,
 A sojourner, ^aas all my fathers
 were.
 13 "Remove Your gaze from me,
 that I may regain strength,
 Before I go away and ^aam no
 more."

PSALM 40

Faith Persevering in Trial

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
 David.

- I** ^aWAITED patiently for the LORD;
 And He inclined to me,
 And heard my cry.
 2 He also brought me up out of a
 horrible pit,
 Out of ^athe miry clay,
 And ^bset my feet upon a rock,
 And established my steps.
 3 ^aHe has put a new song in my
 mouth—
 Praise to our God;
 Many will see *it* and fear,
 And will trust in the LORD.
 4 ^aBlessed *is* that man who makes
 the LORD his trust,
 And does not respect the
 proud, nor such as turn aside
 to lies.
 5 ^aMany, O LORD my God, *are*
 Your wonderful works
 Which You have done;
^bAnd Your thoughts toward us
 Cannot be recounted to You in
 order;
 If I would declare and speak of
 them,
 They are more than can be
 numbered.
 6 ^aSacrifice and offering You did
 not desire;
 My ears You have opened.
 Burnt offering and sin offering
 You did not require.
 7 Then I said, "Behold, I
 come;
 In the scroll of the book *it is*
 written of me.
 8 ^aI delight to do Your will, O my
 God,
 And Your law *is* ^bwithin my
 heart."
 9 ^aI have proclaimed the good
 news of righteousness
 In the great assembly;
 Indeed, ^bI do not restrain my
 lips,
 O LORD, You Yourself know.
 10 ^aI have not hidden Your

- righteousness within my heart;
I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;
I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth
From the great assembly.
- 11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD;
“Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.
- 12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me;
“My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of my head;
Therefore my heart fails me.
- 13 “Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me!
- 14 “Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion
Who seek to destroy my ¹life;
Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor
Who wish me evil.
- 15 Let them be “confounded because of their shame,
Who say to me, “Aha, aha!”
- 16 “Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
Let such as love Your salvation ^bsay continually,
“The LORD be magnified!”
- 17 “But I am poor and needy;
^bYet the LORD thinks upon me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
Do not delay, O my God.

PSALM 41

The Blessing and Suffering of the Godly

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- B**LESSED is he who considers the ¹poor;
The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
- 2 The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive,
And he will be blessed on the earth;
“You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.
- 3 The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness;
You will ¹sustain him on his sickbed.
- 4 I said, “LORD, be merciful to me;

11 ^aPs. 61:7;
Prov. 20:28
12 ^aPs. 38:4;
65:3
13 ^aPs. 70:1
14 ^aPs. 35:4;
26; 70:2; 71:13
¹Lit. *soul*
15 ^aPs. 73:19
16 ^aPs. 70:4
^bPs. 35:27
17 ^aPs. 70:5;
86:1; 109:22
^bPs. 40:5;
1 Pet. 5:7

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1 ¹*helpless or powerless*
2 ^aPs. 27:12
3 ¹*restore*
4 ^aPs. 6:2;
103:3; 147:3
6 ¹*empty words*
7 ¹*plot*
8 ¹Lit. *A thing of Belial*
9 ^a2 Sam. 15:12; Job 19:13, 19 ^bPs. 55:12–14, 20; Jer. 20:10; Obad. 7; [Mic. 7:5]; Matt. 26:14–16, 21–25, 47–50; John 13:18, 21–30; Acts 1:16, 17
¹Acted as a traitor
12 ^a[Job 36:7; Ps. 21:6; 34:15]
13 ^aPs. 72:18, 19; 89:52; 106:48; 150:6

PSALM 42

title ¹Heb. *Maschil*

1 ¹Lit. *longs for*
2 ^aPs. 63:1; 84:2; 143:6; [Jer. 10:10]
[Rom. 9:26;
1 Thess. 1:9
¹So with MT, Vg.; some Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Tg. I see the face of God
3 ^aPs. 80:5; 102:9 ^bPs. 79:10; 115:2; Joel 2:17; Mic. 7:10
4 ^a1 Sam. 1:15; Job 30:16

- “Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”
- 5 My enemies speak evil of me:
“When will he die, and his name perish?”
- 6 And if he comes to see me, he speaks ¹lies;
His heart gathers iniquity to itself;
When he goes out, he tells it.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together against me;
Against me they ¹devise my hurt.
- 8 “An¹ evil disease,” they say, “clings to him.
And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more.”
- 9 “Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,
^bWho ate my bread,
Has ¹lifted up his heel against me.
- 10 But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up,
That I may repay them.
- 11 By this I know that You are well pleased with me,
Because my enemy does not triumph over me.
- 12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity,
And ^aset me before Your face forever.
- 13 “Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

BOOK TWO

Psalms 42—72

PSALM 42

Yearning for God in the Midst of Distresses

To the Chief Musician. A
¹Contemplation of the sons of Korah.

- A**S the deer ¹pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You,
O God.
- 2 “My soul thirsts for God, for the ¹living God.
When shall I come and ¹appear before God?”
- 3 “My tears have been my food day and night,
While they continually say to me,
^b“Where is your God?”
- 4 When I remember these things,
“I pour out my soul within me.
For I used to go with the multitude;

^bI went with them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise,
With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.

5 ^aWhy are you ¹cast down, O my soul?
And *why* are you disquieted within me?

^bHope in God, for I shall yet praise Him
²For the help of His countenance.

6 ¹O my God, my soul is cast down within me;
Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan,
And from the heights of Hermon,

7 From ²the Hill Mizar.
Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls;
^aAll Your waves and billows have gone over me.

8 The LORD will ^acommand His lovingkindness in the daytime,
And ^bin the night His song *shall be* with me—
A prayer to the God of my life.

9 I will say to God my Rock,
^a“Why have You forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”

10 As with a ¹breaking of my bones,
My enemies ²reproach me,
^aWhile they say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

11 ^aWhy are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God;
For I shall yet praise Him,
The ¹help of my countenance and my God.

PSALM 43

Prayer to God in Time of Trouble

VINDICATE ^ame, O God,
And ^bplead my cause against an ungodly nation;

Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

2 For You are the God of my strength;
Why do You cast me off?
^aWhy do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 ^aOh, send out Your light and Your truth!
Let them lead me;

4 ^bIs. 30:29

5 ^aPs. 42:11;
43:5 ^bLam. 3:24 ¹Lit. bowed down
²So with MT, Tg.; a few Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Vg. The help of my countenance, my God

6 ¹So with MT, Tg.; a few Heb. mss., LXX, Syr., Vg. put my God at the end of v. 5
²Or Mount

7 ^aPs. 69:1, 2; 88:7

8 ^aDeut. 28:8
^bJob 35:10

9 ^aPs. 38:6

10 ^aJoel 2:17
¹Lit. shattering ²revile

11 ^aPs. 43:5
¹Lit. salvation

PSALM 43

1 ^a[Ps. 26:1; 35:24] ^bPs. 35:1

2 ^aPs. 42:9

3 ^a[Ps. 40:11] ^bPs. 3:4
¹dwelling places

5 ^aPs. 42:5, 11
¹Lit. salvation

PSALM 44

title ^aPs. 42: title ¹Heb. Maschil

1 ^a[Ex. 12:26, 27]

2 ^aEx. 15:17
¹Gentiles, heathen

3 ^a[Deut. 8:17, 18] ^b[Deut. 4:37; 7:7, 8]

4 ^a[Ps. 74:12] ¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Vg. and my God
²So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Syr., Vg. who commands

5 ^a[Dan. 8:4]

6 ^aPs. 33:16

8 ^aPs. 34:2

9 ^aPs. 60:1

10 ^aLev. 26:17
¹plunder

Let them bring me to ^bYour holy hill
And to Your ¹tabernacle.
4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
To God my exceeding joy;
And on the harp I will praise You,
O God, my God.

5 ^aWhy are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God;
For I shall yet praise Him,
The ¹help of my countenance and my God.

PSALM 44

Redemption Remembered in Present Dishonor

To the Chief Musician. A
^aContemplation¹ of the sons of Korah.

WE have heard with our ears,
O God,
^aOur fathers have told us,
The deeds You did in their days,
In days of old:
2 ^aYou drove out the ¹nations with Your hand,
But them You planted;
You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.
3 For ^athey did not gain possession of the land by their own sword,
Nor did their own arm save them;
But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance,
^bBecause You favored them.

4 ^aYou are my King, ¹O God;
²Command victories for Jacob.
5 Through You ^awe will push down our enemies;
Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us.
6 For ^aI will not trust in my bow,
Nor shall my sword save me.
7 But You have saved us from our enemies,
And have put to shame those who hated us.
8 ^aIn God we boast all day long,
And praise Your name forever. Selah

9 But ^aYou have cast us off and put us to shame,
And You do not go out with our armies.
10 You make us ^aturn back from the enemy,
And those who hate us have taken ¹spoil for themselves.

- 11 ^aYou have given us up like sheep
intended for food,
And have ^bscattered us among
the nations.
- 12 ^aYou sell Your people for *next to*
nothing,
And are not enriched by selling
them.
- 13 ^aYou make us a reproach to our
neighbors,
A scorn and a derision to those
all around us.
- 14 ^aYou make us a byword among
the nations,
^bA shaking of the head among
the peoples.
- 15 My dishonor *is* continually
before me,
And the shame of my face has
covered me.
- 16 Because of the voice of him
who reproaches and reviles,
^aBecause of the enemy and the
avenger.
- 17 ^aAll this has come upon us;
But we have not forgotten You,
Nor have we dealt falsely with
Your covenant.
- 18 Our heart has not turned back,
^aNor have our steps departed
from Your way;
- 19 But You have severely broken
us in ^athe place of jackals,
And covered us ^bwith the
shadow of death.
- 20 If we had forgotten the name of
our God,
Or ^astretched¹ out our hands to
a foreign god,
- 21 ^aWould not God search this out?
For He knows the secrets of the
heart.
- 22 ^aYet for Your sake we are killed
all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for
the slaughter.
- 23 ^aAwake! Why do You sleep,
O Lord?
Arise! Do not cast *us* off
forever.
- 24 ^aWhy do You hide Your face,
And forget our affliction and
our oppression?
- 25 For ^aour soul is bowed down to
the ¹dust;
Our body clings to the ground.
- 26 Arise for our help,
And redeem us for Your
mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

*The Glories of the Messiah and His
Bride*

To the Chief Musician. ^aSet to ¹"The
Lilies." A ²Contemplation of the
sons of Korah. A Song of Love.

MY heart is overflowing with a
good theme;

11 ^aPs. 44:22;
Rom. 8:36
^bLev. 26:33;
Deut. 4:27;
28:64; Ps.
106:27; Ezek.
20:23

12 ^aIs. 52:3, 4;
Jer. 15:13

13 ^aDeut.
28:37; Ps.
79:4; 80:6

14 ^aJer. 24:9
^bJob 16:4

16 ^aPs. 8:2

17 ^aDan. 9:13

18 ^aJob 23:11

19 ^aIs. 34:13
^b[Ps. 23:4]

20 ^a[Deut.
6:14] ¹Wor-
ship

21 ^aJob 31:14;
[Ps. 139:1, 2;
Jer. 17:10]

22 ^aRom. 8:36

23 ^aPs. 7:6

24 ^aJob 13:24

25 ^aPs. 119:25
¹Ground, in
humiliation

PSALM 45

title ^aPs. 69:
title ¹Heb.
Shoshannim
²Heb. *Maschil*

¹ ¹skillful

² ^aLuke 4:22

³ ^a[Is. 49:2;
Heb. 4:12];
Rev. 1:16 ^b[Is.
9:6] ^cJude 25
¹Belt on

⁴ ^aRev. 6:2

⁶ ^a[Ps. 93:2];
Heb. 1:8, 9
^b[Num. 24:17]

⁷ ^aPs. 2:2 ^bPs.
21:6; Heb. 1:8,
9

⁸ ^aSong 1:12,
13

⁹ ^aSong 6:8
^b1 Kin. 2:19

¹⁰ ^aDeut.
21:13; Ruth
1:16, 17

¹¹ ^aPs. 95:6;
[Is. 54:5]

¹² ^aIs. 49:23

¹⁴ ^aSong 1:4

I recite my composition
concerning the King;
My tongue is the pen of a
¹ready writer.

- 2 You are fairer than the sons of
men;
^aGrace is poured upon Your
lips;
Therefore God has blessed You
forever.
- 3 ¹Gird Your ^asword upon *Your*
thigh, ^bO Mighty One,
With Your ^cglory and Your
majesty.
- 4 ^aAnd in Your majesty ride
prosperously because of
truth, humility, and
righteousness;
And Your right hand shall teach
You awesome things.
- 5 Your arrows *are* sharp in the
heart of the King's enemies;
The peoples fall under You.
- 6 ^aYour throne, O God, *is* forever
and ever;
A ^bscepter of righteousness *is*
the scepter of Your kingdom.
- 7 You love righteousness and
hate wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has
^aanointed You
With the oil of ^bgladness more
than Your companions.
- 8 All Your garments *are* ^ascented
with myrrh and aloes and
cassia,
Out of the ivory palaces, by
which they have made You
glad.
- 9 ^aKings' daughters *are* among
Your honorable women;
^bAt Your right hand stands the
queen in gold from Ophir.
- 10 Listen, O daughter,
Consider and incline your
ear;
^aForget your own people also,
and your father's house;
- 11 So the King will greatly desire
your beauty;
^aBecause He is your Lord,
worship Him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre *will*
come with a gift;
^aThe rich among the people *will*
seek your favor.
- 13 The royal daughter *is* all
glorious within *the palace*;
Her clothing *is* woven with
gold.
- 14 ^aShe shall be brought to the
King in robes of many colors;
The virgins, her companions
who follow her, shall be
brought to You.
- 15 With gladness and rejoicing
they shall be brought;
They shall enter the King's
palace.

- 16 Instead of Your fathers shall be
Your sons,
“Whom You shall make princes
in all the earth.
17 “I will make Your name to be
remembered in all
generations;
Therefore the people shall
praise You forever and ever.

PSALM 46

*God the Refuge of His People and
Conqueror of the Nations*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
the sons of Korah. A Song “for
Alamoth.

- G**OD is our “refuge and
strength,
“A¹ very present help in
trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear,
Even though the earth be
removed,
And though the mountains be
carried into the “midst of the
sea;
3 “Though its waters roar and be
troubled,
Though the mountains shake
with its swelling. Selah
4 There is a “river whose streams
shall make glad the “city of
God,
The holy place of the
“tabernacle of the Most
High.
5 God is “in the midst of her, she
shall not be “moved;
God shall help her, just “at the
break of dawn.
6 “The nations raged, the
kingdoms were moved;
He uttered His voice, the earth
melted.
7 The “LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah
8 Come, behold the works of the
LORD,
Who has made desolations in
the earth.
9 “He makes wars cease to the
end of the earth;
“He breaks the bow and cuts the
spear in two;
“He burns the chariot in the
fire.
10 Be still, and know that I am
God;
“I will be exalted among the
nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah

16 ^a[1 Pet. 2:9;
Rev. 1:6; 20:6]

17 ^aMal. 1:11

PSALM 46

title ^a1 Chr.
15:20

1 ^aPs. 62:7, 8

^b[Deut. 4:7;

Ps. 145:18]

¹An abund-
antly avail-
able help

2 ¹Lit. heart

3 ^a[Ps. 93:3, 4]

4 ^a[Ezek.

43:7; Ezek.

11:9; Joel

2:27; Zeph.

3:15; Zech.

2:5, 10, 11;

8:3] ¹shaken

²Lit. at the

turning of the

morning

5 ^a[Deut.

23:14; Is.

12:6]; Ezek.

43:7; Hos.

11:9; Joel

2:27; Zeph.

3:15; Zech.

2:5, 10, 11;

8:3] ¹shaken

²Lit. at the

turning of the

morning

6 ^aPs. 2:1, 2

7 ^aNum. 14:9;

2 Chr. 13:12

9 ^aIs. 2:4 ^bPs.

76:3 ^cEzek.

39:9

10 ^a[Is. 2:11,

17]

PSALM 47

2 ^aDeut. 7:21;

Neh. 1:5; Ps.

76:12

3 ^aPs. 18:47

4 ^a[1 Pet. 1:4]

5 ^aPs. 68:24, 25

7 ^aZech. 14:9

^b1 Cor. 14:15

8 ^a1 Chr. 16:31

^bPs. 97:2 ^cPs.

48:1

9 ^a[Rom. 4:11,

12] ^b[Ps.

89:18]

PSALM 48

1 ^aPs. 46:4;

87:3; Matt.

5:35

2 ^aPs. 50:2

¹height

4 ^a2 Sam. 10:6,

14

6 ^aEx. 15:15

PSALM 47

*Praise to God, the Ruler of the
Earth*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
the sons of Korah.

- O**H, clap your hands, all you
peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of
triumph!
2 For the LORD Most High is
awesome;
He is a great “King over all the
earth.
3 “He will subdue the peoples
under us,
And the nations under our feet.
4 He will choose our “inheritance
for us,
The excellence of Jacob whom
He loves. Selah
5 “God has gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of a
trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing
praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing
praises!
7 “For God is the King of all the
earth;
^bSing praises with
understanding.
8 “God reigns over the nations;
God “sits on His “holy throne.
9 The princes of the people have
gathered together,
“The people of the God of
Abraham.
^bFor the shields of the earth
belong to God;
He is greatly exalted.

PSALM 48

The Glory of God in Zion

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah.

- G**REAT is the LORD,
and greatly to be praised
In the “city of our God,
In His holy mountain.
2 “Beautiful in “elevation,
The joy of the whole earth,
Is Mount Zion on the sides of
the north,
The city of the great King.
3 God is in her palaces;
He is known as her refuge.
4 For behold, “the kings
assembled,
They passed by together.
5 They saw it, and so they
marveled;
They were troubled, they
hastened away.
6 Fear “took hold of them there,
And pain, as of a woman in
birth pangs,

- 7 As when You break the "ships
of Tarshish
With an east wind.
- 8 As we have heard,
So we have seen
In the city of the LORD of hosts,
In the city of our God:
God will "establish it forever.
Selah
- 9 We have thought, O God, on
"Your lovingkindness,
In the midst of Your temple.
- 10 According to "Your name,
O God,
So is Your praise to the ends of
the earth;
Your right hand is full of
righteousness.
- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah be
glad,
Because of Your judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion,
And go all around her.
Count her towers;
- 13 Mark well her bulwarks;
Consider her palaces;
That you may "tell it to the
generation following.
- 14 For this is God,
Our God forever and ever;
"He will be our guide
"Even to death.

PSALM 49

The Confidence of the Foolish

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
the sons of Korah.

- H**EAR this, all peoples;
Give ear, all inhabitants of the
world,
- 2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom,
And the meditation of my heart
shall give understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a
proverb;
I will disclose my "dark saying
on the harp.
- 5 Why should I fear in the days
of evil,
When the iniquity at my heels
surrounds me?
- 6 Those who "trust in their wealth
And boast in the multitude of
their riches,
- 7 None of them can by any
means redeem his brother;
Nor "give to God a ransom for
him—
- 8 For "the redemption of their
souls is costly,
And it shall cease forever—
- 9 That he should continue to live
eternally,
And "not "see the Pit.

7 ^a1 Kin.
10:22; Ezek.
27:25

8 ^a[Ps. 87:5; Is.
2:2]; Mic. 4:1

9 ^aPs. 26:3

10 ^a[Deut.
28:58]; Josh.
7:9; Mal. 1:11

13 ^a[Ps. 78:5-7]

14 ^aIs. 58:11
¹So with MT,
Syr.; LXX, Vg.
Forever

PSALM 49

4 ¹riddle

6 ^aJob 31:24;
Ps. 52:7;
[Prov. 11:28;
Mark 10:24]

7 ^aJob 36:18,
19

8 ^a[Matt.
16:26]

9 ^aPs. 89:48
¹experience
corruption

11 ^aGen. 4:17;
Deut. 3:14
¹LXX, Syr.,
Tg., Vg. *Their
graves shall
be their
houses for-
ever*

12 ¹So with
MT, Tg.; LXX,
Syr., Vg. *un-
derstand* (cf.
v. 20)

13 ^a[Luke
12:20]

14 ^aPs. 47:3;
[Dan. 7:18;
1 Cor. 6:2;
Rev. 2:26]
^bJob 4:21 ¹Or
Sheol

15 ^a[Hos. 13:4];
Mark 16:6, 7;
Acts 2:31, 32
^bPs. 73:24 ¹Or
Sheol

18 ^aDeut.
29:19; Luke
12:19

19 ^aJob 33:30
¹The light of
life

20 ^aEccl. 3:19

PSALM 50

1 ^aIs. 9:6

2 ^aDeut. 33:2;
Ps. 80:1

3 ^aLev. 10:2;
Num. 16:35;
[Ps. 97:3]

4 ^aDeut. 4:26;
31:28; 32:1; Is.
1:2

- 10 For he sees wise men die;
Likewise the fool and the
senseless person perish,
And leave their wealth to
others.
- 11 "Their inner thought is that
their houses will last forever,
Their dwelling places to all
generations;
They "call their lands after
their own names.
- 12 Nevertheless man, though in
honor, does not "remain;
He is like the beasts that
perish.
- 13 This is the way of those who
are "foolish,
And of their posterity who
approve their sayings. Selah
- 14 Like sheep they are laid in the
grave;
Death shall feed on them;
"The upright shall have
dominion over them in the
morning;
^bAnd their beauty shall be
consumed in "the grave, far
from their dwelling.
- 15 But God "will redeem my soul
from the power of "the
grave,
For He shall ^breceive me. Selah
- 16 Do not be afraid when one
becomes rich,
When the glory of his house is
increased;
- 17 For when he dies he shall carry
nothing away;
His glory shall not descend
after him.
- 18 Though while he lives "he
blesses himself
(For men will praise you when
you do well for yourself),
- 19 He shall go to the generation of
his fathers;
They shall never see "light.¹
- 20 A man who is in honor, yet
does not understand,
"Is like the beasts that perish.

PSALM 50

God the Righteous Judge

A Psalm of Asaph.

- T**HE "Mighty One, God the LORD,
Has spoken and called the earth
From the rising of the sun to its
going down.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of
beauty,
"God will shine forth.
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall
not keep silent;
"A fire shall devour before Him,
And it shall be very
tempestuous all around Him.
- 4 "He shall call to the heavens
from above,

- And to the earth,
that He may judge His
people:
- 5 “Gather ^aMy saints together to
Me,
^bThose who have ¹made a
covenant with Me by
sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the ^aheavens declare His
righteousness,
For ^bGod Himself is Judge.
Selah
- 7 “Hear, O My people, and I will
speak,
O Israel, and I will testify
against you;
^aI *am* God, your God!
- 8 ^aI will not ¹rebuke you ^bfor your
sacrifices
Or your burnt offerings,
Which are continually before
Me.
- 9 ^aI will not take a bull from your
house,
Nor goats out of your folds.
- 10 For every beast of the forest is
Mine,
And the cattle on a thousand
hills.
- 11 I know all the birds of the
mountains,
And the wild beasts of the field
are Mine.
- 12 “If I were hungry, I would not
tell you;
^aFor the world is Mine, and all
its fullness.
- 13 ^aWill I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 ^aOffer to God thanksgiving,
And ^bpay your vows to the
Most High.
- 15 ^aCall upon Me in the day of
trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall
glorify Me.”
- 16 But to the wicked God says:
“What *right* have you to declare
My statutes,
Or take My covenant in your
mouth,
- 17 ^aSeeing you hate instruction
And cast My words behind
you?
- 18 When you saw a thief, you
^aconsented¹ with him,
And have been a ^bpartaker with
adulterers.
- 19 You give your mouth to evil,
And ^ayour tongue frames
deceit.
- 20 You sit *and* speak against your
brother;
You slander your own mother’s
son.
- 21 These *things* you have done,
and I kept silent;
^aYou thought that I was
altogether like you;
But I will rebuke you,

5 ^aDeut. 33:3
^bEx. 24:7 ¹Lit.
cut

6 ^a[Ps. 97:6]
^bPs. 75:7

7 ^aEx. 20:2

8 ^aJer. 7:22 ^bIs.
1:11; [Hos.
6:6] ¹reprove

9 ^aPs. 69:31

12 ^aEx. 19:5;
[Deut. 10:14;
Job 41:11];
1 Cor. 10:26

13 ^a[Ps.
51:15–17]

14 ^aHos. 14:2;
Heb. 13:15;
^bNum. 30:2;
Deut. 23:21

15 ^aJob 22:27;
[Zech. 13:9]

17 ^aNeh. 9:26;
Rom. 2:21

18 ^a[Rom.
1:32] ^b1 Tim.
5:22 ¹LXX.
Syr., Tg., Vg.
ran

19 ^aPs. 52:2

21 ^a[Rom. 2:4]
^b[Ps. 90:8]

22 ^a[Job 8:13]

23 ^aGal. 6:16

PSALM 51

title ^a2 Sam.
12:1

1 ^a[Is. 43:25;
44:22; Acts
3:19; Col.
2:14]

2 ^aJer. 33:8;
Ezek. 36:33;
[Heb. 9:14;
1 John 1:7, 9]

4 ^a2 Sam.
12:13 ^b[Luke
5:21] ^cRom.
3:4 ¹LXX, Tg.,
Vg. *In Your
words*

5 ^a[Job 14:4;
Ps. 58:3; John
3:6; Rom.
5:12]

7 ^aEx. 12:22;
Lev. 14:4;
Num. 19:18;
Heb. 9:19 ^b[Is.
1:18]

8 ^a[Matt. 5:4]

10 ^a[Ezek.
18:31; Eph.
2:10]

11 ^a[Luke
11:13]

And ^bset *them* in order before
your eyes.

- 22 “Now consider this, you who
^aforget God,
Lest I tear you in pieces,
And *there be none* to deliver:
- 23 Whoever offers praise glorifies
Me;
And ^ato him who orders *his*
conduct *aright*
I will show the salvation of
God.”

PSALM 51

A Prayer of Repentance

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
David ^awhen Nathan the prophet
went to him, after he had gone in
to Bathsheba.

- H**AVE mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your
lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of
Your tender mercies,
^aBlot out my transgressions.
- 2 ^aWash me thoroughly from my
iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my
transgressions,
And my sin is always before
me.
- 4 ^aAgainst You, You only, have I
sinned,
And done *this* evil ^bin Your
sight—
^aThat You may be found just
¹when You speak,
And blameless when You judge.
- 5 ^aBehold, I was brought forth in
iniquity,
And in sin my mother
conceived me.
- 6 Behold, You desire truth in the
inward parts,
And in the hidden *part* You will
make me to know wisdom.
- 7 ^aPurge me with hyssop, and I
shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be ^bwhiter
than snow.
- 8 Make me hear joy and
gladness,
That the bones You have
broken ^amay rejoice.
- 9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 ^aCreate in me a clean heart,
O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit
within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from Your
presence,
And do not take Your ^aHoly
Spirit from me.

- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me *by Your*
“generous Spirit.
- 13 *Then* I will teach transgressors
Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted
to You.
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of
bloodshed, O God,
The God of my salvation,
And my tongue shall sing aloud
of Your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth
Your praise.
- 16 For “You do not desire sacrifice,
or else I would give it;
You do not delight in burnt
offering.
- 17 “The sacrifices of God *are* a
broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not
despise.
- 18 Do good in Your good pleasure
to Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then You shall be pleased with
“the sacrifices of
righteousness,
With burnt offering and whole
burnt offering;
Then they shall offer bulls on
Your altar.

PSALM 52

*The End of the Wicked and the
Peace of the Godly*

To the Chief Musician. A
“Contemplation of David “when
Doeg the Edomite went and ^btold
Saul, and said to him, “David has
gone to the house of Ahimelech.”

- W**HY do you boast in evil,
O mighty man?
The goodness of God *endures*
continually.
- 2 Your tongue devises destruction,
Like a sharp razor, working
deceitfully.
- 3 You love evil more than good,
Lying rather than speaking
righteousness. *Selah*
- 4 You love all devouring words,
You deceitful tongue.
- 5 God shall likewise destroy you
forever;
He shall take you away, and
pluck you out of your
dwelling place,
And uproot you from the land
of the living. *Selah*
- 6 The righteous also shall see
and fear.
- 7 And shall laugh at him, *saying*,
“Here is the man *who* did not
make God his strength,

12 ^a[2 Cor.
3:17]

16 ^a[1 Sam.
15:22]; Ps.
50:8–14; [Mic.
6:6–8]

17 ^aPs. 34:18;
[Is. 57:15];
66:2

19 ^aPs. 4:5

PSALM 52

title ^a1 Sam.
22:9 ^bEzek.
22:9 ¹Heb.
Maschil

7 ¹Lit. *desire*,
in evil sense

8 ^aJer. 11:16

9 ¹Or *has a
good reputa-
tion*

PSALM 53

title ¹Heb.
Maschil

1 ^aPs. 10:4
^bRom. 3:10–12

2 ^a[2 Chr. 15:2]

4 ^aJer. 4:22

5 ^aLev. 26:17,
36; Prov. 28:1

6 ^aPs. 14:7 ¹Or
*His captive
people*

PSALM 54

title ^a1 Sam.
23:19 ¹Heb.
neginoth
²Heb. *Maschil*

But trusted in the abundance of
his riches,
And strengthened himself in
his “wickedness.”

- 8 But I *am* “like a green olive tree
in the house of God;
I trust in the mercy of God
forever and ever.
- 9 I will praise You forever,
Because You have done *it*;
And in the presence of Your
saints
I will wait on Your name, for *it*
is good.

PSALM 53

*Folly of the Godless, and the
Restoration of Israel*

To the Chief Musician. Set to
“Mahalath.” A “Contemplation of
David.

- T**HE “fool has said in his heart,
“There is no God.”
They are corrupt, and have
done abominable iniquity;
^bThere is none who does good.
- 2 God looks down from heaven
upon the children of men,
To see if there are *any* who
understand, who “seek God.
- 3 Every one of them has turned
aside;
They have together become
corrupt;
There is none who does good,
No, not one.
- 4 Have the workers of iniquity
“no knowledge,
Who eat up my people as they
eat bread,
And do not call upon God?
- 5 “There they are in great fear
Where no fear was,
For God has scattered the
bones of him who encamps
against you;
You have put *them* to shame,
Because God has despised them.
- 6 “Oh, that the salvation of Israel
would come out of Zion!
When God brings back “the
captivity of His people,
Let Jacob rejoice *and* Israel be
glad.

PSALM 54

*Answered Prayer for Deliverance
from Adversaries*

- To the Chief Musician. With
“stringed instruments. A
²Contemplation of David “when the
Ziphites went and said to Saul, “Is
David not hiding with us?”

SAVE me, O God, by Your name,
And vindicate me by Your
strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my
mouth.
3 For strangers have risen up
against me,
And oppressors have sought
after my life;
They have not set God before
them. Selah

4 Behold, God *is* my helper;
The Lord *is* with those who
¹uphold my life.
5 He will repay my enemies for
their evil.
¹Cut them off in Your ²truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice to You;
I will praise Your name,
O LORD, for *it is* good.
7 For He has delivered me out of
all trouble;
^aAnd my eye has seen *its desire*
upon my enemies.

PSALM 55

*Trust in God Concerning the
Treachery of Friends*

To the Chief Musician. With
¹stringed instruments. A
²Contemplation of David.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God,
And do not hide Yourself from
my supplication.
2 Attend to me, and hear me;
I ^aam¹ restless in my complaint,
and moan noisily,
3 Because of the voice of the
enemy,
Because of the oppression of
the wicked;
^aFor they bring down trouble
upon me,
And in wrath they hate me.
4 ^aMy heart is severely pained
within me,
And the terrors of death have
fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling have
come upon me,
And horror has overwhelmed
me.
6 So I said, "Oh, that I had wings
like a dove!
I would fly away and be at
rest.
7 Indeed, I would wander far
off,
And remain in the wilderness. Selah
8 I would hasten my escape
From the windy storm *and*
tempest."
9 Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide
their ¹tongues,

⁴ ¹sustain my
soul

⁵ ¹Destroy
them ²Or
faithfulness

7 ^aPs. 59:10

PSALM 55

title ¹Heb.
neginoth
²Heb. *Maschil*

2 ^aIs. 38:14;
59:11; Ezek.
7:16 ¹wander

3 ^a2 Sam. 16:7,
8

4 ^aPs. 116:3

9 ^aJer. 6:7
¹speech, their
counsel

10 ^aPs. 10:7

11 ^aPs. 10:7

12 ^aPs. 41:9
^bPs. 35:26;
38:16

13 ^a2 Sam.
15:12

14 ^aPs. 42:4

15 ^aNum.
16:30, 33 ¹Or
Sheol

17 ^aDan. 6:10;
Luke 18:1;
Acts 3:1; 10:3,
30

18 ^a2 Chr. 32:7,
8

19 ^a[Deut.
33:27]

20 ^aActs 12:1
^bPs. 7:4
¹treaty

21 ^aPs. 28:3;
57:4; [Prov.
5:3, 4; 12:18]

22 ^a[Ps. 37:5;
Matt. 6:25-34;
Luke
12:22-31;
1 Pet. 5:7] ^bPs.
37:24 ¹shaken

23 ^aPs. 5:6
^bProv. 10:27

For I have seen ^aviolence and
strife in the city.
10 Day and night they go around
it on its walls;
^aIniquity and trouble *are* also in
the midst of it.
11 Destruction *is* in its midst;
^aOppression and deceit do not
depart from its streets.
12 ^aFor *it is* not an enemy who
reproaches me;
Then I could bear *it*.
Nor *is it* one who hates me who
has ^bexalted *himself* against
me;
Then I could hide from him.
13 But *it was* you, a man my
equal,
^aMy companion and my
acquaintance.
14 We took sweet counsel
together,
And ^awalked to the house of
God in the throng.
15 Let death seize them;
Let them ^ago down alive into
¹hell,
For wickedness *is* in their
dwellings *and* among them.
16 As for me, I will call upon God,
And the LORD shall save me.
17 ^aEvening and morning and at
noon
I will pray, and cry aloud,
And He shall hear my voice.
18 He has redeemed my soul in
peace from the battle *that*
was against me,
For ^athere were many against
me.
19 God will hear, and afflict them,
^aEven He who abides from of
old. Selah
Because they do not change,
Therefore they do not fear
God.
20 He has ^aput forth his hands
against those who ^bwere at
peace with him;
He has broken his ¹covenant.
21 ^aThe words of his mouth were
smoother than butter,
But war was in his heart;
His words were softer than oil,
Yet *they were* drawn swords.
22 ^aCast your burden on the
LORD,
And ^bHe shall sustain you;
He shall never permit the
righteous to be ¹moved.
23 But You, O God, shall bring
them down to the pit of
destruction;
^aBloodthirsty and deceitful men
^bshall not live out half their
days;
But I will trust in You.

PSALM 56

Prayer for Relief from Tormentors

To the Chief Musician. Set to ¹"The Silent Dove in Distant Lands." A Michtam of David when the Philistines captured him in Gath.

- B**E ^amerciful to me, O God,
for man would swallow me up;
Fighting all day he oppresses me.
- 2 My enemies would ^ahound me all day,
For *there are* many who fight against me, O Most High.
- 3 Whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in You.
- 4 In God (I will praise His word),
In God I have put my trust;
^aI will not fear.
What can flesh do to me?
- 5 All day they twist my words;
All their thoughts *are* against me for evil.
- 6 They gather together,
They hide, they mark my steps,
When they lie in wait for my life.
- 7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the peoples, O God!
- 8 You number my wanderings;
Put my tears into Your bottle;
^a*Are they not in Your book?*
- 9 When I cry out to You,
Then my enemies will turn back;
This I know, because ^aGod is for me.
- 10 In God (I will praise His word),
In the LORD (I will praise His word),
- 11 In God I have put my trust;
I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
- 12 Vows *made to You are binding* upon me, O God;
I will render praises to You.
- 13 ^aFor You have delivered my soul from death.
Have You not kept my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God
In the ^blight of the living?

PSALM 57

Prayer for Safety from Enemies

To the Chief Musician. Set to ¹"Do Not Destroy." A Michtam of David ^awhen he fled from Saul into the cave.

- B**E merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!
For my soul trusts in You;

PSALM 56

title ^a1 Sam. 21:11 ¹Heb. *Jonath Elem Rechokim*

1 ^aPs. 57:1

2 ^aPs. 57:3

4 ^aPs. 118:6; Is. 31:3; [Heb. 13:6]

8 ^a[Mal. 3:16]

9 ^a[Ps. 118:6; Rom. 8:31]

13 ^aPs. 116:8, 9 ^bJob 33:30

PSALM 57

title ^a1 Sam. 22:1 ¹Heb. *Al Tashcheth*

1 ^aRuth 2:12; Ps. 17:8; 63:7 ^bIs. 26:20

2 ^a[Ps. 138:8]

3 ^aPs. 144:5, 7 ^bPs. 43:3 ¹*snaps at or hounds me, or crushes me*

4 ^aProv. 30:14

5 ^aPs. 108:5

6 ^aPs. 9:15

7 ^aPs. 108:1–5

8 ^aPs. 16:9

9 ^aPs. 108:3 ¹*Gentiles*

10 ^aPs. 103:11

11 ^aPs. 57:5

PSALM 58

title ¹Heb. *Al Tashcheth*

3 ^a[Ps. 53:3; Is. 48:8]

4 ^aEccl. 10:11

^aAnd in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge,
^bUntil *these* calamities have passed by.

- 2 I will cry out to God Most High,
To God ^awho performs *all things* for me.
- 3 ^aHe shall send from heaven and save me;
He reproaches the one who ¹would swallow me up. Selah
God ^bshall send forth His mercy and His truth.
- 4 My soul is among lions;
I lie *among* the sons of men
Who are set on fire,
^aWhose teeth *are* spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
- 5 ^aBe exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.
- 6 ^aThey have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down;
They have dug a pit before me;
Into the midst of it they *themselves* have fallen. Selah
- 7 ^aMy heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and give praise.
- 8 Awake, ^amy glory!
Awake, lute and harp!
I will awaken the dawn.
- 9 ^aI will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing to You among the ¹nations.
- 10 ^aFor Your mercy reaches unto the heavens,
And Your truth unto the clouds.
- 11 ^aBe exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 58

The Just Judgment of the Wicked

To the Chief Musician. Set to ¹"Do Not Destroy." A Michtam of David.

- D**O you indeed speak righteousness, you silent ones?
Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men?
- 2 No, in heart you work wickedness;
You weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.
- 3 ^aThe wicked are estranged from the womb;
They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
- 4 ^aTheir poison is like the poison of a serpent;

- They are like the deaf cobra
that stops its ear,*
5 Which will not heed the voice
of charmers,
Charming ever so skillfully.
- 6 "Break! their teeth in their
mouth, O God!
Break out the fangs of the
young lions, O LORD!
- 7 "Let them flow away as waters
which run continually;
When he bends his bow,
Let his arrows be as if cut in
pieces.
- 8 Let them be like a snail which
melts away as it goes,
"Like a stillborn child of a
woman, that they may not see
the sun.
- 9 Before your pots can feel the
burning thorns,
He shall take them away ^{bas}
with a whirlwind,
As in His living and burning
wrath.
- 10 The righteous shall rejoice
when he sees the vengeance;
^bHe shall wash his feet in the
blood of the wicked,
- 11 "So that men will say,
"Surely there is a reward for the
righteous;
Surely He is God who judges
in the earth."

PSALM 59

*The Assured Judgment of the
Wicked*

To the Chief Musician. Set to 1 "Do
Not Destroy." A Michtam of David
when Saul sent men, and they
watched the house in order to kill
him.

- D**ELIVER me from my enemies,
O my God;
¹Defend me from those who rise
up against me.
- 2 Deliver me from the workers of
iniquity,
And save me from bloodthirsty
men.
- 3 For look, they lie in wait for my
life;
"The mighty gather against me,
Not for my transgression nor
for my sin, O LORD.
- 4 They run and prepare
themselves through no fault
of mine.
- "Awake to help me, and behold!
You therefore, O LORD God of
hosts, the God of Israel,
Awake to punish all the
¹nations;
Do not be merciful to any
wicked transgressors. Selah

5 ^aJer. 8:17
6 ^aJob 4:10
¹Break away
7 ^aJosh. 2:11;
7:5; Ps.
112:10; Is.
13:7; Ezek.
21:7
8 ^aJob 3:16
9 ^aPs. 118:12;
Eccl. 7:6 ^bJob
27:21; Prov.
10:25
10 ^a[Deut.
32:43]; Jer.
11:20 ^bPs.
68:23
11 ^aPs. 92:15;
Prov. 11:18;
[2 Cor. 5:10]
^bPs. 50:6; 75:7

PSALM 59

title ^{a1} Sam.
19:11 ¹Heb. *Al
Tashcheth*
1 ¹Lit. *Set me
on high*
3 ^aPs. 56:6
4 ^aPs. 35:23
5 ¹Gentiles
6 ^aPs. 59:14
7 ^aPs. 57:4;
Prov. 12:18
^bJob 22:13;
Ps. 10:11
8 ^aProv. 1:26
¹Gentiles
9 ^a[Ps. 62:2]
¹So with MT,
Syr.; some
Heb. mss.,
LXX, Tg., Vg.
my Strength
²Lit. *fortress*
10 ^aPs. 21:3
^bPs. 54:7 ¹So
with Qr.;
some Heb.
mss., LXX,
Vg. *My God,*
His mercy;
Kt., some
Heb. mss., Tg.
*O God, my
mercy*; Syr. *O
God, Your
mercy*
12 ^aProv. 12:13
13 ^aPs. 104:35
^bPs. 83:18
14 ^aPs. 59:6
15 ^aJob 15:23
¹So with
LXX, Vg., MT,
Syr., Tg.
*spend the
night*
17 ^aPs. 18:1

PSALM 60

title ^aPs. 80
^{b2} Sam. 8:3,
13; 1 Chr. 18:3
¹Heb.
*Shushan
Eduth*
1 ^aPs. 44:9

- 6 "At evening they return,
They growl like a dog,
And go all around the city.
- 7 Indeed, they belch with their
mouth;
"Swords are in their lips;
For they say, ^b"Who hears?"
- 8 But "You, O LORD, shall laugh
at them;
You shall have all the nations
in derision.
- 9 I will wait for You, O You ¹his
Strength;
"For God is my ²defense.
- 10 ¹My God of mercy shall come
to meet me;
God shall let ^bme see my desire
on my enemies.
- 11 Do not slay them, lest my
people forget;
Scatter them by Your power,
And bring them down,
O Lord our shield.
- 12 "For the sin of their mouth and
the words of their lips,
Let them even be taken in their
pride,
And for the cursing and lying
which they speak.
- 13 "Consume them in wrath,
consume them,
That they may not be;
And let them know that God
rules in Jacob
To the ends of the earth. Selah
- 14 And "at evening they return,
They growl like a dog,
And go all around the city.
- 15 They "wander up and down for
food,
And howl if they are not
satisfied.
- 16 But I will sing of Your power;
Yes, I will sing aloud of Your
mercy in the morning;
For You have been my defense
And refuge in the day of my
trouble.
- 17 To You, "O my Strength, I will
sing praises;
For God is my defense,
My God of mercy.

PSALM 60

*Urgent Prayer for the Restored
Favor of God*

To the Chief Musician. "Set to
¹"Lily of the Testimony." A
Michtam of David. For teaching.
^bWhen he fought against
Mesopotamia and Syria of Zobah,
and Joab returned and killed
twelve thousand Edomites in the
Valley of Salt.

O GOD, "You have cast us off;
You have broken us down;
You have been displeased;
Oh, restore us again!

- 2 You have made the earth tremble;
You have broken it;
“Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.
- 3 “You have shown Your people hard things;
“You have made us drink the wine of ¹confusion.
- 4 “You have given a banner to those who fear You,
That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah
- 5 “That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save *with* Your right hand, and hear me.
- 6 God has “spoken in His holiness:
“I will rejoice;
I will ^bdivide “Shechem
And measure out “the Valley of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;
“Ephraim also is the ¹helmet for My head;
^bJudah is My lawgiver.
- 8 “Moab is My washpot;
“Over Edom I will cast My shoe;
“Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me.”
- 9 Who will bring me to the strong city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
- 10 Is it not You, O God, “who cast us off?
And You, O God, *who* did ^bnot go out with our armies?
- 11 Give us help from trouble,
“For the help of man is useless.
- 12 Through God “we will do valiantly,
For *it* is He who shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

Assurance of God's Eternal Protection

To the Chief Musician. On ^{1a} stringed instrument. *A Psalm of David.*

- H**EAR my cry, O God;
Attend to my prayer.
- 2 From the end of the earth I will cry to You,
When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For You have been a shelter for me,
“A strong tower from the enemy.
- 4 I will abide in Your ¹tabernacle forever;
“I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah

2 ^a[2 Chr. 7:14]; Is. 30:26

3 ^aPs. 71:20
^bIs. 51:17, 22;
Jer. 25:15
¹*staggering*

4 ^aPs. 20:5; Is. 5:26; 11:12; 13:2

5 ^aPs. 108:6–13

6 ^aPs. 89:35
^bJosh. 1:6
^cGen. 12:6
^dJosh. 13:27

7 ^aDeut. 33:17
^b[Gen. 49:10]
¹*Lit. protection*

8 ^a2 Sam. 8:2
^b2 Sam. 8:14;
Ps. 108:9
^c2 Sam. 8:1

10 ^aPs. 108:11
^bJosh. 7:12

11 ^aPs. 118:8;
146:3

12 ^aNum. 24:18

PSALM 61

title ¹Heb. *neginah*

3 ^aProv. 18:10

4 ^aPs. 91:4
¹*tent*

7 ^aPs. 40:11
¹*Lit. guard or keep*

PSALM 62

title ^a1 Chr. 25:1

1 ^aPs. 33:20

2 ^aPs. 55:22
¹*strong tower*
²*shaken*

3 ^aIs. 30:13

4 ^aPs. 28:3

5 ¹*hope*

6 ¹*shaken*

7 ^a[Jer. 3:23]

8 ^a1 Sam. 1:15;
Ps. 42:4; Lam. 2:19

9 ^aJob 7:16;
Ps. 39:5; Is. 40:17
¹*vanity*

10 ^aJob 31:25;
[Mark 10:24;
Luke 12:15;
1 Tim. 6:10]

- 5 For You, O God, have heard my vows;
You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear Your name.
- 6 You will prolong the king's life,
His years as many generations.
- 7 He shall abide before God forever.
Oh, prepare mercy “and truth,
which may ¹preserve him!
- 8 So I will sing praise to Your name forever,
That I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM 62

A Calm Resolve to Wait for the Salvation of God

To the Chief Musician. To “Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- T**RULY “my soul silently *waits* for God;
From Him *comes* my salvation.
- 2 He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my ¹defense;
I shall not be greatly “moved.²
- 3 How long will you attack a man?
You shall be slain, all of you,
“Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.
- 4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his high position;
They “delight in lies;
They bless with their mouth,
But they curse inwardly. Selah
- 5 My soul, wait silently for God alone,
For my ¹expectation *is* from Him.
- 6 He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defense;
I shall not be ¹moved.
- 7 “In God is my salvation and my glory;
The rock of my strength,
And my refuge, *is* in God.
- 8 Trust in Him at all times, you people;
“Pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah
- 9 “Surely men of low degree *are* ^{1a} vapor,
Men of high degree *are* a lie;
If they are weighed on the scales,
They are altogether *lighter* than vapor.
- 10 Do not trust in oppression,
Nor vainly hope in robbery;
“If riches increase,
Do not set *your* heart *on them*.

- 11 God has spoken once,
Twice I have heard this:
That power *belongs* to God.
12 Also to You, O Lord, *belongs*
mercy;
For ^aYou ¹render to each one
according to his work.

PSALM 63

Joy in the Fellowship of God

A Psalm of David ^awhen he was in
the wilderness of Judah.

- O** GOD, You *are* my God;
Early will I seek You;
^aMy soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.
2 So I have looked for You in the
sanctuary,
To see ^aYour power and Your
glory.
3 ^aBecause Your lovingkindness is
better than life,
My lips shall praise You.
4 Thus I will bless You while I
live;
I will ^alift up my hands in Your
name.
5 My soul shall be satisfied as
with ¹marrow and ²fatness,
And my mouth shall praise You
with joyful lips.
6 When ^aI remember You on my
bed,
I meditate on You in the *night*
watches.
7 Because You have been my
help,
Therefore in the shadow of
Your wings I will rejoice.
8 My soul follows close behind
You;
Your right hand upholds me.
9 But those *who* seek my life, to
destroy *it*,
Shall go into the lower parts of
the earth.
10 They shall ¹fall by the sword;
They shall be ^{2a} a portion for
jackals.
11 But the king shall rejoice in
God;
^aEveryone who swears by Him
shall glory;
But the mouth of those who
speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

*Oppressed by the Wicked but
Rejoicing in the LORD*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
David.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my
¹meditation;

12 ^a[Matt.
16:27]; Rom.
2:6; 1 Cor. 3:8
¹reward

PSALM 63

title ^a1 Sam.
22:5

1 ^aPs. 42:2;
[Matt. 5:6]

2 ^aPs. 27:4

3 ^aPs. 138:2

4 ^aPs. 28:2;
143:6

5 ¹Lit. *fat*
²Abundance

6 ^aPs. 42:8

10 ¹Lit. *pour*
him out by
the hand of
the sword
²Prey

11 ^aDeut. 6:13;
[Is. 45:23;
65:16]

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1 ¹complaint

3 ^aPs. 58:7

5 ^aPs. 10:11;
59:7

8 ^aPs. 31:11

9 ^aJer. 50:28;
51:10

10 ^aJob 22:19;
Ps. 32:11

PSALM 65

1 ¹A promised
deed

2 ^a[Is. 66:23]

3 ^aPs. 51:2;
79:9; Is. 6:7;
[Heb. 9:14;
1 John 1:7, 9]

4 ^aPs. 33:12
^bPs. 4:3 ^cPs.
36:8

- Preserve my life from fear of
the enemy.
2 Hide me from the secret plots
of the wicked,
From the rebellion of the
workers of iniquity,
3 Who sharpen their tongue like
a sword,
^aAnd bend *their bows to shoot*
their arrows—bitter words,
4 That they may shoot in secret
at the blameless;
Suddenly they shoot at him and
do not fear.
5 They encourage themselves in
an evil matter;
They talk of laying snares
secretly;
^aThey say, “Who will see
them?”
6 They devise iniquities:
“We have perfected a shrewd
scheme.”
Both the inward thought and
the heart of man are deep.
7 But God shall shoot at them
with an arrow;
Suddenly they shall be
wounded.
8 So He will make them stumble
over their own tongue;
^aAll who see them shall flee
away.
9 All men shall fear,
And shall ^adeclare the work of
God;
For they shall wisely consider
His doing.
10 ^aThe righteous shall be glad in
the LORD, and trust in Him.
And all the upright in heart
shall glory.

PSALM 65

*Praise to God for His Salvation and
Providence*

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of
David. A Song.

- P**RAISE is awaiting You, O God,
in Zion;
And to You the ¹vow shall be
performed.
2 O You who hear prayer,
^aTo You all flesh will come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me;
As for our transgressions,
You will ^aprovide atonement for
them.
4 ^aBlessed is the man You
^bchoose,
And cause to approach You,
That he may dwell in Your
courts.
^aWe shall be satisfied with the
goodness of Your house,
Of Your holy temple.

- 5 By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us,
O God of our salvation,
You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of the far-off seas;
- 6 Who established the mountains by His strength,
aBeing clothed with power;
- 7 aYou who still the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves,
bAnd the tumult of the peoples.
- 8 They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs;
You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.
- 9 You visit the earth and awater it, You greatly enrich it;
bThe river of God is full of water;
You provide their grain,
For so You have prepared it.
- 10 You water its ridges abundantly,
You settle its furrows;
You make it soft with showers,
You bless its growth.
- 11 You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.
- 12 They drop on the pastures of the wilderness,
And the little hills rejoice on every side.
- 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
aThe valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66

Praise to God for His Awesome Works

To the Chief Musician. A Song.
A Psalm.

- MAKE a joyful shout to God, all the earth!
- 2 Sing out the honor of His name;
Make His praise glorious.
- 3 Say to God,
aHow awesome are Your works!
bThrough the greatness of Your power
Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.
- 4 aAll the earth shall worship You
And sing praises to You;
They shall sing praises to Your name.” Selah
- 5 Come and see the works of God;

6 aPs. 93:1
7 aMatt. 8:26
bIs. 17:12, 13
8 1shout for joy
9 a[Deut. 11:12]; Jer. 5:24 bPs. 46:4; 104:13; 147:8
1give attention to
13 aIs. 44:23; 55:12
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1 aPs. 100:1
3 aPs. 65:5 bPs. 18:44
4 aPs. 117:1; Zech. 14:16
6 aEx. 14:21
bJosh. 3:14-16

9 1slip
10 aJob 23:10; Ps. 17:3 b[Is. 48:10; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:7]
11 aLam. 1:13; Ezek. 12:13
12 aIs. 51:23
bIs. 43:2
1abundance
13 aPs. 100:4; 116:14, 17-19
b[Ecc. 14:5:4]
1Promised deeds
17 1praised
18 aJob 27:9; [Prov. 15:29; 28:9]; Is. 1:15; [John 9:31; James 4:3]

19 aPs. 116:1, 2

PSALM 67

title 1Heb. neginoth
1 aNum. 6:25

- He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.
- 6 aHe turned the sea into dry land;
bThey went through the river on foot.
There we will rejoice in Him.
- 7 He rules by His power forever;
His eyes observe the nations;
Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah
- 8 Oh, bless our God, you peoples!
And make the voice of His praise to be heard,
- 9 Who keeps our soul among the living,
And does not allow our feet to be moved.
- 10 For aYou, O God, have tested us;
bYou have refined us as silver is refined.
- 11 aYou brought us into the net;
You laid affliction on our backs.
- 12 aYou have caused men to ride over our heads;
bWe went through fire and through water;
But You brought us out to 1rich fulfillment.
- 13 aI will go into Your house with burnt offerings;
bI will pay You my 1vows,
- 14 Which my lips have uttered
And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals,
With the sweet aroma of rams;
I will offer bulls with goats. Selah
- 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,
And I will declare what He has done for my soul.
- 17 I cried to Him with my mouth,
And He was 1extolled with my tongue.
- 18 aIf I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear.
19 But certainly God ahas heard me;
He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 20 Blessed be God,
Who has not turned away my prayer,
Nor His mercy from me!

PSALM 67

An Invocation and a Doxology

To the Chief Musician. On 1stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- GOD be merciful to us and bless us,
And acause His face to shine upon us, Selah

- 2 That ^aYour way may be known on earth,
^bYour salvation among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise You,
 O God;
 Let all the peoples praise You.
- 4 Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
 For ^aYou shall judge the people righteously,
 And govern the nations on earth. Selah
- 5 Let the peoples praise You,
 O God;
 Let all the peoples praise You.
- 6 ^aThen the earth shall ¹yield her increase;
 God, our own God, shall bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us,
 And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

PSALM 68

The Glory of God in His Goodness to Israel

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.

- L**ET ^aGod arise,
 Let His enemies be scattered;
 Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.
- 2 ^aAs smoke is driven away,
 So drive *them* away;
^bAs wax melts before the fire,
 So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But ^alet the righteous be glad;
 Let them rejoice before God;
 Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
^aExtol¹ Him who rides on the ²clouds,
^bBy His name ³YAH,
 And rejoice before Him.
- 5 ^aA father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.
- 6 ^aGod sets the solitary in families;
^bHe brings out those who are bound into prosperity;
 But ^athe rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.
- 7 O God, ^awhen You went out before Your people,
 When You marched through the wilderness, Selah
- 8 The earth shook;
 The heavens also dropped *rain*
 at the presence of God;
 Sinai itself *was moved* at the

2 ^aActs 18:25
^bIs. 52:10;
 Titus 2:11
 4 ^a[Ps. 96:10,
 13; 98:9]
 6 ^aLev. 26:4;
 Ps. 85:12;
 [Ezek. 34:27];
 Zech. 8:12
¹give her produce

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1 ^aNum. 10:35
 2 ^a[Is. 9:18];
 Hos. 13:3 ^bPs.
 97:5; Mic. 1:4
 3 ^aPs. 32:11
 4 ^aDeut. 33:26
^b[Ex. 6:3]
¹Praise ²MT
deserts; Tg.
heavens (cf. v.
 34 and Is.
 19:1) ³Lit.
 LORD, a
 shortened
 Heb. form
 5 ^a[Ps. 10:14,
 18; 146:9]
 6 ^aPs. 107:4-7
^bActs 12:6
^cPs. 107:34
 7 ^aEx. 13:21;
 [Hab. 3:13]
 9 ^aLev. 26:4;
 Deut. 11:11;
 Job 5:10;
 Ezek. 34:26
 10 ^aDeut. 26:5;
 Ps. 74:19
 11 ¹host
 12 ^aNum. 31:8;
 Josh. 10:16;
 Judg. 5:19
¹plunder
 13 ^aPs. 81:6
^bPs. 105:37
¹Or *saddle-*
bags
 14 ^aJosh. 10:10
 16 ^a[Deut.
 12:5]; 1 Kin.
 9:3 ¹Lit. *stare*
 17 ^aDeut. 33:2;
 Dan. 7:10
 18 ^aMark
 16:19; Acts
 1:9; Eph. 4:8;
 Phil. 2:9; Col.
 3:1; Heb. 1:3
^bJudg. 5:12
^cActs 2:4, 33;
 10:44-46;
 [1 Cor.
 12:4-11; Eph.
 4:7-12]
^a[1 Tim. 1:13]
^cPs. 78:60
 20 ^a[Deut.
 32:39]
 21 ^aHab. 3:13
^bPs. 55:23
 22 ^aNum.
 21:33; Deut.
 30:1-9; Amos
 9:1-3 ^bEx.
 14:22
 23 ^aPs. 58:10
^b1 Kin. 21:19;
 Jer. 15:3
¹LXX. [Syr].
 Tg., Vg. *you*
may dip your
foot

- presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 ^aYou, O God, sent a plentiful rain,
 Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance,
 When it was weary.
- 10 Your congregation dwelt in it;
^aYou, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.
- 11 The Lord gave the word;
 Great was the ¹company of those who proclaimed it:
- 12 "Kings^a of armies flee, they flee,
 And she who remains at home divides the ¹spoil.
- 13 ^aThough you lie down among the ¹sheepfolds,
^bYou will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver,
 And her feathers with yellow gold."
- 14 ^aWhen the Almighty scattered kings in it,
 It was *white* as snow in Zalmon.
- 15 A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;
 A mountain of *many* peaks is the mountain of Bashan.
- 16 Why do you ¹fume with envy, you mountains of *many* peaks?
^aThis is the mountain *which* God desires to dwell in;
 Yes, the LORD will dwell *in it* forever.
- 17 ^aThe chariots of God *are* twenty thousand,
 Even thousands of thousands;
 The Lord is among them *as in* Sinai, in the Holy *Place*.
- 18 ^aYou have ascended on high,
^bYou have led captivity captive;
^cYou have received gifts among men,
 Even *from* ^athe rebellious,
^aThat the LORD God might dwell *there*.
- 19 Blessed *be* the Lord,
 Who daily loads us *with* *benefits*,
 The God of our salvation! Selah
- 20 Our God is the God of salvation;
 And ^ato GOD the Lord *belong*
escapes from death.
- 21 But ^aGod will wound the head of His enemies,
^bThe hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in his trespasses.
- 22 The Lord said, "I will bring ^aback from Bashan,
 I will bring *them* back ^bfrom the depths of the sea,
- 23 ^aThat ¹your foot may crush *them* in blood,
^bAnd the tongues of your dogs

- may have their portion from your enemies."*
- 24 They have seen Your
¹procession, O God,
 The procession of my God, my
 King, into the sanctuary.
- 25 ^aThe singers went before, the
 players on instruments
followed after;
 Among *them* were the maidens
 playing timbrels.
- 26 Bless God in the congregations,
 The Lord, from ^athe fountain of
 Israel.
- 27 ^aThere is little Benjamin, their
 leader,
 The princes of Judah *and* their
¹company,
 The princes of Zebulun *and* the
 princes of Naphtali.
- 28 ¹Your God has ^acommanded
 your strength;
 Strengthen, O God, what You
 have done for us.
- 29 Because of Your temple at
 Jerusalem,
^aKings will bring presents to You.
- 30 Rebuke the beasts of the reeds,
^aThe herd of bulls with the
 calves of the peoples,
Till everyone ^bsubmits himself
 with pieces of silver.
 Scatter the peoples *who* delight
 in war.
- 31 ^aEnvoys will come out of Egypt;
^bEthiopia will quickly ^astretch
 out her hands to God.
- 32 Sing to God, you ^akingdoms of
 the earth;
 Oh, sing praises to the Lord,
 Selah
- 33 To Him ^awho rides on the
 heaven of heavens, *which*
were of old!
 Indeed, He sends out His voice,
 a ^amighty voice.
- 34 ^aAscribe strength to God;
 His excellence is over Israel,
 And His strength *is* in the
 clouds.
- 35 O God, ^aYou *are* more awesome
 than Your holy places.
 The God of Israel is He who
 gives strength and power to
 His people.
- Blessed *be* God!

PSALM 69

An Urgent Plea for Help in Trouble

To the Chief Musician. Set to ¹"The
 Lilies." A Psalm of David.

- S**AVE me, O God!
 For ^athe waters have come up
 to my ¹neck.
- 2 ^aI sink in deep mire,
Where there is no standing;

- 24 ¹Lit. *goings*
- 25 ^a1 Chr. 13:8
- 26 ^aDeut.
 33:28; Is. 48:1
- 27 ^aJudg. 5:14;
 1 Sam. 9:21
¹throng
- 28 ^aPs. 42:8; Is.
 26:12 ¹LXX,
 [Syr.], Tg., Vg.
*Command, O
 God*
- 29 ^a1 Kin.
 10:10, 25;
 2 Chr. 32:23;
 Ps. 45:12;
 72:10; Is. 18:7
- 30 ^aPs. 22:12
^b2 Sam. 8:2
- 31 ^aIs.
 19:19–23 ^bIs.
 45:14; Zeph.
 3:10 ^cPs. 44:20
- 32 ^a[Ps. 67:3,
 4]
- 33 ^aDeut.
 33:26; Ps.
 18:10 ^bPs.
 46:6; Is. 30:30
- 34 ^aPs. 29:1
- 35 ^aPs. 76:12
- PSALM 69
- title ¹Heb.
Shoshannim
- 1 ^aJob 22:11;
 Jon. 2:5 ¹Lit.
soul
- 2 ^aPs. 40:2
- 3 ^aPs. 6:6
^bDeut. 28:32;
 Ps. 119:82,
 123; Is. 38:14
- 4 ^aPs. 35:19;
 John 15:25
- 6 ¹Wait in
 faith ²dishon-
 ored
- 8 ^aIs. 53:3;
 Mark 3:21;
 Luke 8:19;
 John 7:3–5
- 9 ^aJohn 2:17
^bRom. 15:3
- 11 ¹Symbolic
 of sorrow
- 12 ^aJob 30:9
¹Sit as judges
- I have come into deep waters.
 Where the floods overflow me.
- 3 ^aI am weary with my crying;
 My throat is dry;
^bMy eyes fail while I wait for my
 God.
- 4 Those who ^ahate me without a
 cause
 Are more than the hairs of my
 head;
 They are mighty who would
 destroy me,
Being my enemies wrongfully;
 Though I have stolen nothing,
I still must restore it.
- 5 O God, You know my
 foolishness;
 And my sins are not hidden
 from You.
- 6 Let not those who ¹wait for You,
 O Lord GOD of hosts, be
 ashamed because of me;
 Let not those who seek You be
²confounded because of me,
 O God of Israel.
- 7 Because for Your sake I have
 borne reproach;
 Shame has covered my face.
- 8 ^aI have become a stranger to my
 brothers,
 And an alien to my mother's
 children;
- 9 ^aBecause zeal for Your house has
 eaten me up,
^bAnd the reproaches of those
 who reproach You have fallen
 on me.
- 10 When I wept *and chastened* my
 soul with fasting,
 That became my reproach.
- 11 I also ¹made sackcloth my
 garment;
 I became a byword to them.
- 12 Those who ¹sit in the gate
 speak against me,
 And *I am* the song of the
^adrunkards.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer *is* to
 You,
 O LORD, *in* the acceptable
 time;
 O God, in the multitude of Your
 mercy,
 Hear me in the truth of Your
 salvation.
- 14 Deliver me out of the mire,
 And let me not sink;
 Let me be delivered from those
 who hate me,
 And out of the deep waters.
- 15 Let not the floodwater overflow
 me,
 Nor let the deep swallow me
 up;
 And let not the pit shut its
 mouth on me.
- 16 Hear me, O LORD, for Your
 lovingkindness *is* good;
 Turn to me according to the

- multitude of Your tender mercies.
- 17 And do not hide Your face from Your servant,
For I am in trouble;
Hear me speedily.
- 18 Draw near to my soul, *and* redeem it;
Deliver me because of my enemies.
- 19 You know ^amy reproach, my shame, and my dishonor;
My adversaries *are* all before You.
- 20 Reproach has broken my heart,
And I am full of ¹heaviness;
^aI looked for *someone* to take pity, but *there* was none;
And for ^bcomforters, but I found none.
- 21 They also gave me gall for my food,
^aAnd for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
- 22 ^aLet their table become a snare before them,
And their well-being a trap.
- 23 ^aLet their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see;
And make their loins shake continually.
- 24 ^aPour out Your indignation upon them,
And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them.
- 25 ^aLet their dwelling place be desolate;
Let no one live in their tents.
- 26 For they persecute the *ones* ^aYou have struck,
And talk of the grief of those You have wounded.
- 27 ^aAdd iniquity to their iniquity, ^bAnd let them not come into Your righteousness.
- 28 Let them ^abe blotted out of the book of the living,
^bAnd not be written with the righteous.
- 29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful;
Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high.
- 30 ^aI will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.
- 31 ^aThis also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull,
Which has horns and hooves.
- 32 ^aThe humble shall see *this* and be glad;
And you who seek God, ^byour hearts shall live.
- 33 For the LORD hears the poor,
And does not despise ^aHis prisoners.
- 34 ^aLet heaven and earth praise Him,

19 ^aPs. 22:6, 7; Heb. 12:2
20 ^aIs. 63:5
^bJob 16:2 ¹Lit. *sickness*
21 ^aMatt. 27:34, 48; Mark 15:23, 36; Luke 23:36; John 19:28–30
22 ^aRom. 11:9, 10

23 ^aIs. 6:9, 10
24 ^a[1 Thess. 2:16; Jer 10:25]

25 ^aMatt. 23:38; Luke 13:35; Acts 1:20

26 ^a[Is. 53:4; 1 Pet. 2:24]

27 ^aNeh. 4:5; [Rom. 1:28]
^b[Is. 26:10]

28 ^a[Ex. 32:32]; Phil. 4:3; [Rev. 3:5; 13:8]
^bEzek. 13:9; Luke 10:20; Heb. 12:23

30 ^a[Ps. 28:7]

31 ^aPs. 50:13, 14, 23; 51:16

32 ^aPs. 34:2
^bPs. 22:26

33 ^a[Ps. 68:6]; Eph. 3:1

34 ^aPs. 96:11; Is. 44:23; 49:13 ¹Is. 55:12

35 ^aPs. 51:18; Is. 44:26

36 ^aPs. 102:28
¹Lit. *seed*

PSALM 70

title ^aPs. 38: title

1 ^aPs. 40:13–17

2 ^aPs. 35:4, 26
¹So with MT, LXX, Tg., Vg.; some Heb. mss., Syr. *appalled* (cf. 40:15)

3 ^aPs. 40:15

¹An expression of scorn
5 ^aPs. 72:12, 13
^bPs. 141:1

PSALM 71

1 ^aPs. 25:2, 3
2 ^aPs. 31:1 ^bPs. 17:6

3 ^aPs. 31:2, 3
^bPs. 44:4 ¹Lit. *rock of refuge* or *rock of habitation*

4 ^aPs. 140:1, 3
5 ^aJer. 14:8; 17:7, 13, 17; 50:7

6 ^aPs. 22:9, 10; Is. 46:3 ¹*sustained from the womb*

The seas ^band everything that moves in them.

- 35 ^aFor God will save Zion
And build the cities of Judah,
That they may dwell there and possess it.

- 36 Also, ^athe ¹descendants of His servants shall inherit it,
And those who love His name shall dwell in it.

PSALM 70

Prayer for Relief from Adversaries

To the Chief Musician. A *Psalm* of David. ^aTo bring to remembrance.

MAKE haste, ^aO God, to deliver me!
Make haste to help me, O LORD!

- 2 ^aLet them be ashamed and confounded
Who seek my life;
Let them be ¹turned back and confused
Who desire my hurt.
- 3 ^aLet them be turned back because of their shame,
Who say, ¹"Aha, aha!"

- 4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
And let those who love Your salvation say continually,
"Let God be magnified!"

- 5 ^aBut I *am* poor and needy;
^bMake haste to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay.

PSALM 71

God the Rock of Salvation

- I**N ^aYou, O LORD, I put my trust;
Let me never be put to shame.
- 2 ^aDeliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape;
^bIncline Your ear to me, and save me.
- 3 ^aBe my ¹strong refuge,
To which I may resort continually;
You have given the ^bcommandment to save me,
For You are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 ^aDeliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
- 5 For You are ^amy hope, O Lord GOD;
You are my trust from my youth.
- 6 ^aBy You I have been ¹upheld from birth;
You are He who took me out of my mother's womb.

PSALM 71:7

- My praise *shall be* continually of You.
- 7 ^aI have become as a wonder to many,
But You *are* my strong refuge.
- 8 Let ^amy mouth be filled *with* Your praise
And *with* Your glory all the day.
- 9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies speak against me;
And those who lie in wait for my life ^atake counsel together,
- 11 Saying, "God has forsaken him;
Pursue and take him, for *there* is none to deliver *him*."
- 12 ^aO God, do not be far from me;
O my God, ^bmake haste to help me!
- 13 Let them be ¹confounded *and* consumed
Who are adversaries of my life;
Let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonor
Who seek my hurt.
- 14 But I will hope continually,
And will praise You yet more and more.
- 15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness
And Your salvation all the day,
For I do not know *their* limits.
- 16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD;
I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.
- 17 O God, You have taught me from my ^ayouth;
And to this *day* I declare Your wondrous works.
- 18 Now also ^awhen *I am* old and grayheaded,
O God, do not forsake me,
Until I declare Your strength to *this* generation,
Your power to everyone *who* is to come.
- 19 Also ^aYour righteousness, O God, *is* ¹very high,
You who have done great things;
^bO God, who *is* like You?
- 20 ^aYou, who have shown me great and severe troubles,
^bShall revive me again,
And bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
- 21 You shall increase my greatness,
And comfort me on every side.

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- 7 ^aIs. 8:18; Zech. 3:8; 1 Cor. 4:9
- 8 ^aPs. 35:28
- 10 ^{a2} Sam. 17:1
- 12 ^aPs. 35:22 ^bPs. 70:1
- 13 ¹*ashamed*
- 17 ^aDeut. 4:5; 6:7
- 18 ^a[Is. 46:4]
- 19 ^aDeut. 3:24; Ps. 57:10 ^bPs. 35:10 ¹*great*, *lit. to the height of* heaven
- 20 ^aPs. 60:3 ^bHos. 6:1, 2
- 22 ^aPs. 92:1-3 ^{b2} Kin. 19:22; Is. 1:4
- 23 ^aPs. 103:4
- PSALM 72
- title ^aPs. 127: title
- 2 ^a[Is. 9:7; 11:2-5; 32:1]
- 3 ^aPs. 85:10
- 4 ^aIs. 11:4 ¹*crush*
- 5 ^aPs. 72:7, 17; 89:36 ¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX. Vg. *They shall continue*
- 6 ^aDeut. 32:2; 2 Sam. 23:4; Hos. 6:3
- 7 ^aIs. 2:4
- 8 ^aEx. 23:31; [Is. 9:6; Zech. 9:10]
- 9 ^aPs. 74:14; Is. 23:13 ^bIs. 49:23; Mic. 7:17
- 10 ^{a1} Kin. 10:2; 2 Chr. 9:21
- 11 ^aIs. 49:23

- 22 Also ^awith the lute I will praise You—
And Your faithfulness, O my God!
To You I will sing with the harp,
O ^bHoly One of Israel.
- 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You,
And ^amy soul, which You have redeemed.
- 24 My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long;
For they are confounded,
For they are brought to shame
Who seek my hurt.

PSALM 72

Glory and Universality of the Messiah's Reign

A Psalm ^aof Solomon.

- G**IVE the king Your judgments,
O God,
And Your righteousness to the king's Son.
- 2 ^aHe will judge Your people with righteousness,
And Your poor with justice.
- 3 ^aThe mountains will bring peace to the people,
And the little hills, by righteousness.
- 4 ^aHe will bring justice to the poor of the people;
He will save the children of the needy,
And will ¹break in pieces the oppressor.
- 5 ¹They shall fear You
^aAs long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.
- 6 ^aHe shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing,
Like showers *that* water the earth.
- 7 In His days the righteous shall flourish,
^aAnd abundance of peace.
Until the moon is no more.
- 8 ^aHe shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 ^aThose who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,
^bAnd His enemies will lick the dust.
- 10 ^aThe kings of Tarshish and of the isles
Will bring presents;
The kings of Sheba and Seba
Will offer gifts.
- 11 ^aYes, all kings shall fall down before Him;
All nations shall serve Him.

- 12 For He ^awill deliver the needy when he cries,
The poor also, and *him* who has no helper.
- 13 He will spare the poor and needy,
And will save the souls of the needy.
- 14 He will redeem their life from oppression and violence;
And ^aprecious shall be their blood in His sight.
- 15 And He shall live;
And the gold of ^aSheba will be given to Him;
Prayer also will be made for Him continually,
And daily He shall be praised.
- 16 There will be an abundance of grain in the earth,
On the top of the mountains;
Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon;
^aAnd *those* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
- 17 ^aHis name shall endure forever;
His name shall continue as long as the sun.
And ^bmen shall be blessed in Him;
^cAll nations shall call Him blessed.
- 18 ^aBlessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel,
^bWho only does wondrous things!
- 19 And ^ablessed *be* His glorious name forever!
^bAnd let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
Amen and Amen.
- 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

BOOK THREE

Psalms 73—89

PSALM 73

*The Tragedy of the Wicked, and the Blessedness of Trust in God*A Psalm of ^aAsaph.

- T**RULY God is good to Israel,
To such as are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;
My steps had nearly ^aslipped.
- 3 ^aFor I was envious of the boastful,
When I saw the prosperity of the ^bwicked.
- 4 For *there are* no ¹pangs in their death,

12 ^aJob 29:1214 ^a1 Sam. 26:21; [Ps. 116:15]15 ^aIs. 60:616 ^a1 Kin. 4:2017 ^a[Ps. 89:36]
^b[Gen. 12:3]
^cLuke 1:4818 ^a1 Chr. 29:10 ^bEx. 15:11; Job 5:919 ^a[Neh. 9:5]
^bNum. 14:21; Hab. 2:14

PSALM 73

title ^aPs. 50:
title2 ^aJob 12:53 ^aPs. 37:1, 7;
[Prov. 23:17]
^bJob 21:5–16;
Jer. 12:14 ¹pains5 ^aJob 21:96 ^aPs. 109:187 ^aJob 15:27;
Jer. 5:28 ¹Tg. face bulges;
LXX, Syr., Vg. iniquity bulges8 ^aPs. 53:1
^b2 Pet. 2:18;
Jude 16
¹Proudly9 ^aRev. 13:610 ^a[Ps. 75:8]11 ^aJob 22:1313 ^aJob 21:15;
35:3; Mal. 3:14
¹kept my heart pure in vain16 ¹troublesome in my eyes17 ^a[Ps. 37:38;
55:23]18 ^aPs. 35:621 ¹Lit. pierced in my kidneys22 ^aPs. 92:624 ^aPs. 32:8;
48:14; Is. 58:11But their strength *is* firm.

- 5 ^aThey *are* not in trouble as *other* men,
Nor are they plagued like *other* men.

- 6 Therefore pride serves as their necklace;
Violence covers them ^alike a garment.

- 7 ^aTheir eyes bulge with abundance;
They have more than heart could wish.

- 8 ^aThey scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression;
They ^bspeak ¹loftily.

- 9 They set their mouth ^aagainst the heavens,
And their tongue walks through the earth.

- 10 Therefore his people return here,

^aAnd waters of a full *cup* are drained by them.

- 11 And they say, ^a“How does God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?”

- 12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly,
Who are always at ease;
They increase *in* riches.

- 13 Surely I have ¹cleansed my heart *in* ^avain,
And washed my hands in innocence.

- 14 For all day long I have been plagued,
And chastened every morning.

- 15 If I had said, “I will speak thus,”
Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.

- 16 When I thought *how* to understand this,

It was ¹too painful for me—

- 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
Then I understood their ^aend.

- 18 Surely ^aYou set them in slippery places;
You cast them down to destruction.

- 19 Oh, how they *are brought* to desolation, as in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.

- 20 As a dream when *one* awakes,
So, Lord, when You awake,
You shall despise their image.

- 21 Thus my heart was grieved,
And I was ¹vexed in my mind.

- 22 ^aI was so foolish and ignorant;
I was *like* a beast before You.

- 23 Nevertheless *I am* continually with You;

You hold *me* by my right hand.

- 24 ^aYou will guide me with Your counsel,

- And afterward receive me to glory.
- 25 ^aWhom have I in heaven *but* You?
And *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides You.
- 26 ^aMy flesh and my heart fail;
But God is the ¹strength of my heart and my ^bportion forever.
- 27 For indeed, ^athose who are far from You shall perish;
You have destroyed all those who ¹desert You for harlotry.
- 28 But *it is* good for me to ^adraw near to God;
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD,
That I may ^bdeclare all Your works.

PSALM 74

A Plea for Relief from Oppressors

- A ¹Contemplation of Asaph.
- O** GOD, why have You cast us off forever?
Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?
- 2 Remember Your congregation, *which* You have purchased of old,
The tribe of Your inheritance, *which* You have redeemed—
This Mount Zion where You have dwelt.
- 3 Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations.
The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary.
- 4 ^aYour enemies roar in the midst of Your meeting place;
^bThey set up their banners for signs.
- 5 They seem like men who lift up Axes among the thick trees.
- 6 And now they break down its carved work, all at once,
With axes and hammers.
- 7 They have set fire to Your sanctuary;
They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name to the ground.
- 8 ^aThey said in their hearts,
“Let us ¹destroy them altogether.”
They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land.
- 9 We do not see our signs;
^a*There is* no longer any prophet;
Nor is there any among us who knows how long.
- 10 O God, how long will the adversary ¹reproach?
Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever?

25 ^a[Phil. 3:8]

26 ^aPs. 84:2
^bPs. 16:5 ¹Lit. rock

27 ^a[Ps. 119:155] ¹Are unfaithful to You

28 ^a[Heb. 10:22; James 4:8] ^bPs. 116:10; 2 Cor. 4:13

PSALM 74

title ¹Heb. *Maschil*

4 ^aLam. 2:7
^bNum. 2:2

8 ^aPs. 83:4
¹oppress

9 ^a1 Sam. 3:1; Lam. 2:9; Ezek. 7:26; Amos 8:11

10 ¹revile

11 ^aLam. 2:3

12 ^aPs. 44:4

13 ^aEx. 14:21
¹sea monsters

14 ¹A large sea creature of unknown identity

15 ^aEx. 17:5, 6; Num. 20:11; Ps. 105:41; Is. 48:21 ^bEx. 14:21, 22; Josh. 2:10; 3:13

16 ^aJob 38:12
^bGen. 1:14–18

17 ^aDeut. 32:8; Acts 17:26
^bGen. 8:22

20 ^aGen. 17:7, 8; Lev. 26:44, 45 ¹hiding places ²homes ³violence

22 ¹reviles or taunts

PSALM 75

title ^aPs. 57: title ¹Heb. *Al Tashcheth*

2 ¹appointed

- 11 ^aWhy do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand?
Take it out of Your bosom and destroy them.
- 12 For ^aGod is my King from of old,
Working salvation in the midst of the earth.
- 13 ^aYou divided the sea by Your strength;
You broke the heads of the ¹sea serpents in the waters.
- 14 You broke the heads of ¹Leviathan in pieces,
And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
- 15 ^aYou broke open the fountain and the flood;
^bYou dried up mighty rivers.
- 16 The day is Yours, the night also is ^aYours;
^bYou have prepared the light and the sun.
- 17 You have ^aset all the borders of the earth;
^bYou have made summer and winter.
- 18 Remember this, *that* the enemy has reproached, O LORD,
And that a foolish people has blasphemed Your name.
- 19 Oh, do not deliver the life of Your turtledove to the wild beast!
Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.
- 20 ^aHave respect to the covenant;
For the ¹dark places of the earth are full of the ²haunts of ³cruelty.
- 21 Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed!
Let the poor and needy praise Your name.
- 22 Arise, O God, plead Your own cause;
Remember how the foolish man ¹reproaches You daily.
- 23 Do not forget the voice of Your enemies;
The tumult of those who rise up against You increases continually.

PSALM 75

Thanksgiving for God's Righteous Judgment

To the Chief Musician. Set to “Do¹ Not Destroy.” A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

- W**E give thanks to You, O God,
we give thanks!
For Your wondrous works
declare *that* Your name is near.
- 2 “When I choose the ¹proper time,
I will judge uprightly.

- 3 The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved;
I set up its pillars firmly. Selah
- 4 "I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,'
And to the wicked, "Do not ¹lift up the horn.
5 Do not lift up your horn on high;
Do not speak with ¹a stiff neck." "
- 6 For exaltation *comes* neither from the east
Nor from the west nor from the south.
- 7 But ^aGod is the Judge:
^bHe puts down one,
And exalts another.
- 8 For ^ain the hand of the LORD *there is a cup,*
And the wine is red;
It is fully mixed, and He pours it out;
Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth
Drain and drink down.
- 9 But I will declare forever,
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- 10 "All^a the ¹horns of the wicked I will also cut off,
But ^bthe horns of the righteous shall be ^cexalted."

PSALM 76

The Majesty of God in Judgment

To the Chief Musician. On ¹stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph.
A Song.

- I**N ^aJudah God is known;
His name is great in Israel.
- 2 In ¹Salem also is His tabernacle,
And His dwelling place in Zion.
- 3 There He broke the arrows of the bow,
The shield and sword of battle. Selah
- 4 You *are* more glorious and excellent
^aThan the mountains of prey.
- 5 The stouthearted were plundered;
^bThey ¹have sunk into their sleep;
And none of the mighty men have found the use of their hands.
- 6 ^aAt Your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both the chariot and horse were cast into a dead sleep.
- 7 You, Yourself, *are* to be feared;
And ^awho may stand in Your presence
When once You are angry?

4 ^a[1 Sam. 2:3]; Ps. 94:4
¹Raise the head proudly like a horned animal

5 ¹Insolent pride

7 ^aPs. 50:6
^b1 Sam. 2:7; Ps. 147:6; Dan. 2:21

8 ^aJob 21:20; Ps. 60:3; Jer. 25:15; Rev. 14:10; 16:19

10 ^aPs. 101:8; Jer. 48:25 ^bPs. 89:17; 148:14
^c1 Sam. 2:1
¹Strength

PSALM 76

title ¹Heb. *neginoth*

1 ^aPs. 48:1, 3

2 ¹Jerusalem

4 ^aEzek. 38:12

5 ^aIs. 10:12; 46:12 ^bPs. 13:3
¹Lit. *have slumbered their sleep*

6 ^aEx. 15:1–21; Ezek. 39:20; Nah. 2:13; Zech. 12:4

7 ^a[Ezra 9:15; Nah. 1:6; Mal. 3:2; Rev. 6:17]

8 ^aEx. 19:9
^b1 Chr. 16:30; 2 Chr. 20:29

9 ^a[Ps. 9:7–9]

10 ^aEx. 9:16; Rom. 9:17

11 ^a[Eccl. 5:4–6] ^b2 Chr. 32:22, 23

12 ^aPs. 68:35

PSALM 77

title ^aPs. 39: title

6 ¹ponders diligently

8 ^a[2 Pet. 2:8, 9] ¹Lit. *unto generation and generation*

10 ¹Lit. *infirmity*

- 8 ^aYou caused judgment to be heard from heaven;
^bThe earth feared and was still,
When God ^aarose to judgment,
To deliver all the oppressed of the earth. Selah
- 10 ^aSurely the wrath of man shall praise You;
With the remainder of wrath
You shall gird Yourself.
- 11 ^aMake vows to the LORD your God, and pay *them*;
^bLet all who are around Him bring presents to Him who ought to be feared.
- 12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes;
^cHe is awesome to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

The Consoling Memory of God's Redemptive Works

To the Chief Musician. ^aTo Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

- I** CRIED out to God with my voice—
To God with my voice;
And He gave ear to me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;
My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing;
My soul refused to be comforted.
- 3 I remembered God, and was troubled;
I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah
- 4 You hold my eyelids *open*;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- 5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
- 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night;
I meditate within my heart,
And my spirit ¹makes diligent search.
- 7 Will the Lord cast off forever?
And will He be favorable no more?
- 8 Has His mercy ceased forever?
Has His ^apromise failed forevermore?
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah
- 10 And I said, "This is my anguish;
But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD;

- Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
 12 I will also meditate on all Your work,
 And talk of Your deeds.
 13 Your way, O God, is in ¹the ^asanctuary;
 Who is so great a God as *our* God?
 14 You *are* the God who does wonders;
 You have declared Your strength among the peoples.
 15 You have with *Your* arm redeemed Your people,
 The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah
 16 The waters saw You, O God;
 The waters saw You, they were ^aafraid;
 The depths also trembled.
 17 The clouds poured out water;
 The skies sent out a sound;
 Your arrows also flashed about.
 18 The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind;
 The lightnings lit up the world;
 The earth trembled and shook.
 19 Your way was in the sea,
 Your path in the great waters,
 And Your footsteps were not known.
 20 You led Your people like a flock
 By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

*God's Kindness to Rebellious Israel*A ^aContemplation¹ of Asaph.

- G**IVE ear, O my people, to my law;
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 2 I will open my mouth in a ^aparable;
 I will utter ¹dark sayings of old,
 3 Which we have heard and known,
 And our fathers have told us.
 4 ^aWe will not hide *them* from their children,
^bTelling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
 And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.
 5 For ^aHe established a testimony in Jacob,
 And appointed a law in Israel,
 Which He commanded our fathers,
 That ^bthey should make them known to their children;
 6 ^aThat the generation to come might know *them*,
 The children *who* would be born,
 That they may arise and

13 ^aPs. 73:17
¹Or holiness16 ^aEx. 14:21;
Hab. 3:8, 10

PSALM 78

title ^aPs. 74:
title ¹Heb.
*Maschil*2 ^aMatt. 13:34,
35 ¹obscure sayings or *rid-
dles*4 ^aEx. 12:26,
27; Deut. 4:9;
6:7; Job 15:18;
Is. 38:19; Joel
1:3 ^bEx. 13:8,
145 ^aPs. 147:19
^bDeut. 4:9;
11:196 ^aPs. 102:188 ^a2 Kin.
17:14; 2 Chr.
30:7; Ezek.
20:18 ^bEx.
32:9; Deut.
9:7, 24; 31:27;
Judg. 2:19; Is.
30:9 ^cJob
11:13; Ps.
78:37 ¹Lit.
*prepare its
heart*9 ¹Lit. *bow
shooters*10 ^a2 Kin.
17:1511 ^aPs. 106:1312 ^aEx. 7—12
^bNum. 13:22;
Is. 19:11; 30:4;
Ezek. 30:1413 ^aEx. 14:21
^bEx. 15:814 ^aEx. 13:2115 ^aEx. 17:6;
Num. 20:11;
Is. 48:21;
[1 Cor. 10:4]16 ^aNum. 20:8,
10, 1117 ^aDeut. 9:22;
Is. 63:10; Heb.
3:1618 ^aEx. 16:219 ^aEx. 16:3;
Num. 11:4;
20:3; 21:520 ^aNum. 20:1121 ^aNum. 11:1

- declare *them* to their children,
 7 That they may set their hope in God,
 And not forget the works of God,
 But keep His commandments;
 8 And ^amay not be like their fathers,
^bA stubborn and rebellious generation,
 A generation ^cthat did not ¹set its heart aright,
 And whose spirit was not faithful to God.
 9 The children of Ephraim, *being* armed and ¹carrying bows,
 Turned back in the day of battle.
 10 ^aThey did not keep the covenant of God;
 They refused to walk in His law,
 11 And ^aforgot His works
 And His wonders that He had shown them.
 12 ^aMarvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers,
 In the land of Egypt, ^bin the field of Zoan.
 13 ^aHe divided the sea and caused them to pass through;
 And ^bHe made the waters stand up like a heap.
 14 ^aIn the daytime also He led them with the cloud,
 And all the night with a light of fire.
 15 ^aHe split the rocks in the wilderness,
 And gave *them* drink in abundance like the depths.
 16 He also brought ^astreams out of the rock,
 And caused waters to run down like rivers.
 17 But they sinned even more against Him
 By ^arebellious against the Most High in the wilderness.
 18 And ^athey tested God in their heart
 By asking for the food of their fancy.
 19 ^aYes, they spoke against God:
 They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?"
 20 ^aBehold, He struck the rock,
 So that the waters gushed out,
 And the streams overflowed.
 Can He give bread also?
 Can He provide meat for His people?"
 21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*
 and ^awas furious;

- So a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also came up against Israel,
22 Because they ^adid not believe in God,
And did not trust in His salvation.
23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above,
^aAnd opened the doors of heaven,
24 ^aHad rained down manna on them to eat,
And given them of the ¹bread of ^bheaven.
25 Men ate angels' food;
He sent them food to ¹the full.
26 ^aHe caused an east wind to blow in the heavens;
And by His power He brought in the south wind.
27 He also rained meat on them like the dust,
Feathered fowl like the sand of the seas;
28 And He let *them* fall in the midst of their camp,
All around their dwellings.
29 ^aSo they ate and were well filled,
For He gave them their own desire.
30 They were not ¹deprived of their craving;
But ^awhile their food was still in their mouths,
31 The wrath of God came against them,
And slew the stoutest of them,
And struck down the choice *men* of Israel.
32 In spite of this ^athey still sinned,
And ^bdid not believe in His wondrous works.
33 ^aTherefore their days He consumed in futility,
And their years in fear.
34 ^aWhen He slew them, then they sought Him;
And they returned and sought earnestly for God.
35 Then they remembered that ^aGod was their rock,
And the Most High God ^btheir Redeemer.
36 Nevertheless they ^aflattered Him with their mouth,
And they lied to Him with their tongue;
37 For their heart was not steadfast with Him,
Nor were they faithful in His covenant.
38 ^aBut He, *being* full of ^bcompassion, forgave *their* iniquity,
22 ^a[Heb. 3:18]
23 ^a[Mal. 3:10]
24 ^aEx. 16:4
^bJohn 6:31
¹Lit. *grain*
25 ¹*satiation*
26 ^aNum. 11:31
29 ^aNum. 11:19, 20
30 ^aNum. 11:33 ¹Lit. *separated*
32 ^aNum. 14:16, 17
^bNum. 14:11
33 ^aNum. 14:29, 35
34 ^a[Hos. 5:15]
35 ^a[Deut. 32:4, 15]
^bIs. 41:14;
44:6; 63:9
36 ^aEzek. 33:31
38 ^a[Num. 14:18–20] ^bEx. 34:6 ^c[Is. 48:9]
^d1 Kin. 21:29
39 ^aJob 10:9
^bJohn 3:6
^c[Job 7:7, 16]
40 ^aHeb. 3:16
¹*rebelled against Him*
41 ^aNum. 14:22
42 ¹Lit. *hand*
44 ^aEx. 7:20
45 ^aEx. 8:24
^bEx. 8:6
46 ^aEx. 10:14
47 ^aEx. 9:23–25
48 ^aEx. 9:19
¹*lightning bolts*
50 ¹Or *their beasts*
51 ^aEx. 12:29, 30
52 ^aPs. 77:20
53 ^aEx. 14:19, 20 ^bEx. 14:27, 28
54 ^aEx. 15:17
^bPs. 44:3
55 ^aPs. 44:2
- And did not destroy *them*.
Yes, many a time ^aHe turned His anger away,
And ^adid not stir up all His wrath;
39 For ^aHe remembered ^bthat they were *but* flesh,
^aA breath that passes away and does not come again.
40 How often they ^aprovoked¹ Him in the wilderness,
And grieved Him in the desert!
41 Yes, ^aagain and again they tempted God,
And limited the Holy One of Israel.
42 They did not remember His ¹power:
The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,
43 When He worked His signs in Egypt,
And His wonders in the field of Zoan;
44 ^aTurned their rivers into blood,
And their streams, that they could not drink.
45 ^aHe sent swarms of flies among them, which devoured them,
And ^bfrogs, which destroyed them.
46 He also gave their crops to the caterpillar,
And their labor to the ^alocust.
47 ^aHe destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He also gave up their ^acattle to the hail,
And their flocks to fiery ¹lightning.
49 He cast on them the fierceness of His anger,
Wrath, indignation, and trouble,
By sending angels of destruction *among them*.
50 He made a path for His anger;
He did not spare their soul from death,
But gave ¹their life over to the plague,
51 And destroyed all the ^afirstborn in Egypt,
The first of *their* strength in the tents of Ham.
52 But He ^amade His own people go forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock;
53 And He ^aled them on safely, so that they did not fear;
But the sea ^boverwhelmed their enemies.
54 And He brought them to His ^aholy border,
This mountain ^b*which* His right hand had acquired.
55 ^aHe also drove out the nations before them,

- ^bAllotted them an inheritance by ¹survey,
And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.
- 56 ^aYet they tested and provoked the Most High God,
And did not keep His testimonies,
- 57 But ^aturned back and acted unfaithfully like their fathers;
They were turned aside ^blike a deceitful bow.
- 58 ^aFor they provoked Him to anger with their ^bhigh places,
And moved Him to jealousy with their carved images.
- 59 When God heard *this*, He was furious,
And greatly abhorred Israel,
- 60 ^aSo that He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent He had placed among men,
- 61 ^aAnd delivered His strength into captivity,
And His glory into the enemy's hand.
- 62 ^aHe also gave His people over to the sword,
And was furious with His inheritance.
- 63 The fire consumed their young men,
And ^atheir maidens were not given in marriage.
- 64 ^aTheir priests fell by the sword,
And ^btheir widows made no lamentation.
- 65 Then the Lord awoke as *from* sleep,
^aLike a mighty man who shouts because of wine.
- 66 And ^aHe beat back His enemies;
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
- 67 Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph,
And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,
- 68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Zion ^awhich He loved.
- 69 And He built His ^asanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which He has established forever.
- 70 ^aHe also chose David His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;
- 71 From following ^athe ewes that had young He brought him,
^bTo shepherd Jacob His people,
And Israel His inheritance.
- 72 So he shepherded them according to the ^aintegrity of his heart,
And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.
- 55 ^bJosh. 13:7; 19:51; 23:4
¹surveyed measurement, lit. measuring cord
- 56 ^aJudg. 2:11-13
- 57 ^aEzek. 20:27, 28
^bHos. 7:16
- 58 ^aJudg. 2:12
^bDeut. 12:2
- 60 ^a1 Sam. 4:11
- 61 ^aJudg. 18:30
- 62 ^a1 Sam. 4:10
- 63 ^aJer. 7:34; 16:9; 25:10
- 64 ^a1 Sam. 4:17; 22:18
^bJob 27:15; Ezek. 24:23
- 65 ^aIs. 42:13
- 66 ^a1 Sam. 5:6
- 68 ^a[Ps. 87:2]
- 69 ^a1 Kin. 6:1-38
- 70 ^a1 Sam. 16:11, 12
- 71 ^a[Is. 40:11]
^b2 Sam. 5:2
- 72 ^a1 Kin. 9:4

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- 1 ^aPs. 74:2
^bMic. 3:12
¹Gentiles ²in ruins
- 2 ^aJer. 7:33; 19:7; 34:20
- 4 ^aPs. 44:13
- 5 ^aPs. 74:1, 9
^b[Zeph. 3:8]
- 6 ^aJer. 10:25
^bIs. 45:4, 5
^cPs. 53:4
¹Gentiles
- 8 ^aIs. 64:9 ¹Or against us the iniquities of those who were before us
- 9 ^aJer. 14:7, 21
- 10 ^aPs. 42:10
¹Gentiles
- 11 ^aPs. 102:20
¹Lit. arm
- 12 ^aGen. 4:15
^bPs. 74:10, 18, 22

PSALM 79

*A Dirge and a Prayer for Israel,
Destroyed by Enemies*

A Psalm of Asaph.

- O** GOD, the ¹nations have come into ^aYour inheritance;
Your holy temple they have defiled;
^bThey have laid Jerusalem ²in heaps.
- 2 ^aThe dead bodies of Your servants
They have given as food for the birds of the heavens,
The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.
- 3 Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem,
And *there* was no one to bury *them*.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our ^aneighbors,
A scorn and derision to those who are around us.
- 5 ^aHow long, LORD?
Will You be angry forever?
Will Your ^bjealousy burn like fire?
- 6 ^aPour out Your wrath on the ¹nations that ^bdo not know You,
And on the kingdoms that ^cdo not call on Your name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his dwelling place.
- 8 ^aOh, do not remember ¹former iniquities against us!
Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us,
For we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation,
For the glory of Your name;
And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins,
^aFor Your name's sake!
- 10 ^aWhy should the ¹nations say,
"Where is their God?"
Let there be known among the nations in our sight
The avenging of the blood of Your servants *which has been* shed.
- 11 Let ^athe groaning of the prisoner come before You;
According to the greatness of Your ¹power
Preserve those who are appointed to die;
- 12 And return to our neighbors ^asevenfold into their bosom
^bTheir reproach with which they have reproached You,
O Lord.

- 13 So ^awe, Your people and sheep
of Your pasture,
Will give You thanks forever;
^bWe will show forth Your praise
to all generations.

PSALM 80

Prayer for Israel's Restoration

To the Chief Musician. ^aSet to 1^a "The Lilies." A ²Testimony of Asaph. A Psalm.

- G**IVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
^aYou who lead Joseph ^blike
a flock;
You who dwell *between* the
cherubim, ^cshine forth!
- 2 Before ^aEphraim, Benjamin,
and Manasseh,
Stir up Your strength,
And come *and* save us!
- 3 ^aRestore us, O God;
^bCause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,
^aHow long will You be angry
Against the prayer of Your
people?
- 5 ^aYou have fed them with the
bread of tears,
And given them tears to drink
in great measure.
- 6 You have made us a strife to
our neighbors,
And our enemies laugh among
themselves.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!
- 8 You have brought ^aa vine out of
Egypt;
^bYou have cast out the ¹nations,
and planted it.
- 9 You prepared *room* for it,
And caused it to take deep root,
And it filled the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with its
shadow,
And the ¹mighty cedars with its
^bboughs.
- 11 She sent out her boughs to ¹the
Sea,
And her branches to ²the River.
- 12 Why have You ^abroken down
her ¹hedges,
So that all who pass by the way
pluck her *fruit*?
- 13 The boar out of the woods
uproots it,
And the wild beast of the field
devours it.
- 14 Return, we beseech You, O God
of hosts;
^aLook down from heaven and
see,
And visit this vine

13 ^aPs. 74:1;
95:7 ^bIs. 43:21

PSALM 80

title ^aPs. 45:
title ¹Heb.
Shoshannim
²Heb. *Eduth*

1 ^aEx.
25:20-22];
1 Sam. 4:4;
2 Sam. 6:2;
^bPs. 77:20
^cDeut. 33:2

2 ^aPs. 78:9, 67

3 ^aLam. 5:21
^bNum. 6:25;
Ps. 4:6

4 ^aPs. 79:5

5 ^aPs. 42:3; Is.
30:20

8 ^a[Is. 5:1, 7];
Jer. 2:21;
Ezek. 15:6;
17:6; 19:10
^bPs. 44:2; Acts
7:45 ¹Gentiles

10 ^aLev. 23:40
¹Lit. *cedars of
God*

11 ¹The
Mediterranean
²The Euphrates

12 ^aIs. 5:5;
Nah. 2:2;
¹walls or
fences

14 ^aIs. 63:15

15 ^a[Is. 49:5]

16 ^a[Ps. 39:11]

17 ^aPs. 89:21

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title ^aPs. 8: title
¹Heb. *Al Gittith*

4 ^aLev. 23:24;
Num. 10:10

5 ^aDeut. 28:49;
Ps. 114:1; Jer.
5:15

7 ^aEx. 2:23;
14:10; Ps.
50:15 ^bEx.
19:19; 20:18
^cEx. 17:6, 7;
Num. 20:13
¹Lit. *Strife or
Contention*

8 ^a[Ps. 50:7]

9 ^a[Ex. 20:3;
Deut. 5:7;
32:12]; Ps.
44:20; [Is.
43:12]

10 ^aEx. 20:2;
Deut. 5:6 ^bPs.
103:5

- 15 And the vineyard which Your
right hand has planted,
And the branch *that* You made
strong ^afor Yourself.
- 16 *It* is burned with fire, *it* is cut
down;
^aThey perish at the rebuke of
Your countenance.
- 17 ^aLet Your hand be upon the man
of Your right hand,
Upon the son of man *whom* You
made strong for Yourself.
- 18 Then we will not turn back
from You;
Revive us, and we will call
upon Your name.
- 19 Restore us, O LORD God of
hosts;
Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!

PSALM 81

An Appeal for Israel's Repentance

To the Chief Musician. ^aOn ¹an
instrument of Gath. *A Psalm* of
Asaph.

- S**ING aloud to God our strength;
Make a joyful shout to the God
of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song and strike the
timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the lute.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the time of
the New Moon,
At the full moon, on our solemn
feast day.
- 4 For ^athis is a statute for Israel,
A law of the God of Jacob.
- 5 This He established in Joseph
as a testimony,
When He went throughout the
land of Egypt.
^aWhere I heard a language I did
not understand.
- 6 ^a"I removed his shoulder from
the burden;
His hands were freed from the
baskets.
- 7 ^aYou called in trouble, and I
delivered you;
^bI answered you in the secret
place of thunder;
I ^ctested you at the waters of
¹Meribah. Selah
- 8 ^a"Hear, ^aO My people, and I will
admonish you!
O Israel, if you will listen to
Me!
- 9 There shall be no ^aforeign god
among you;
Nor shall you worship any
foreign god.
- 10 ^aI *am* the LORD your God,
Who brought you out of the
land of Egypt;
^bOpen your mouth wide, and I
will fill it.

PSALM 81:11

- 11 "But My people would not heed
My voice,
And Israel would have none of
Me.
12 "So I gave them over to ¹their
own stubborn heart,
To walk in their own counsels.
13 "Oh, ^athat My people would
listen to Me,
That Israel would walk in My
ways!
14 I would soon subdue their
enemies,
And turn My hand against their
adversaries.
15 "The haters of the LORD would
pretend submission to Him,
But their ¹fate would endure
forever.
16 He would have fed them also
with ¹the finest of wheat;
And with honey ^bfrom the rock
I would have satisfied you."

PSALM 82

A Plea for Justice

A Psalm of Asaph.

- G**OD stands in the congregation
of ¹the mighty;
He judges among ^bthe ²gods.
2 How long will you judge
unjustly,
And show partiality to the
wicked? Selah
3 ¹Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and
needy.
4 Deliver the poor and needy;
Free them from the hand of the
wicked.
5 They do not know, nor do they
understand;
They walk about in darkness;
All the foundations of the
earth are unstable.
6 I said, "You are ¹gods,
And all of you are children of
the Most High.
7 But you shall die like men,
And fall like one of the
princes."
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For You shall inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

*Prayer to Frustrate Conspiracy
Against Israel*

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.

- D**O not keep silent, O God!
Do not hold Your peace,
And do not be still, O God!
2 For behold, "Your enemies
make a tumult;
And those who hate You have
²lifted up their head.

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- 11 ^aDeut.
32:15
12 ^a[Acts 7:42]
¹the dictates
of their heart
13 ^a[Is. 48:18]
15 ^aRom. 1:30
¹Lit. time
16 ^aDeut.
32:14 ^bJob
29:6 ¹Lit. fat
of wheat
PSALM 82
1 ^a[2 Chr.
19:6] ^bPs. 82:6
¹Heb. El, lit.
God ²Judges;
Heb. elohim,
lit. mighty
ones or gods
2 ^a[Deut. 1:17]
3 ^a[Deut.
24:17] ¹Vindi-
cate
5 ^aPs. 11:3
¹moved
6 ^aJohn 10:34
¹Judges; Heb.
elohim, lit.
mighty ones
or gods
8 ^a[Rev. 11:15]
PSALM 83
1 ^aPs. 28:1
2 ^aPs. 81:15
¹uproar ²Ex-
alted them-
selves
3 ^a[Ps. 27:5]
4 ^aJer. 11:19;
31:36
5 ¹Lit. heart
²Lit. cut a
covenant
6 ^a2 Chr. 20:1,
10, 11
9 ^aJudg. 7:22
^bJudg.
4:15-24; 5:20,
21
10 ^aZeph. 1:17
11 ^aJudg. 7:25
^bJudg. 8:12-21
13 ^aIs. 17:13
^bPs. 35:5
14 ^aDeut.
32:22
17 ¹ashamed
18 ^aPs. 59:13
^bEx. 6:3 ^c[Ps.
92:8]
PSALM 84
title ^aPs.
8: title ¹Heb.
At Gittith
1 ^aPs. 27:4;
46:4, 5 ¹are
Your
dwellings

- 3 They have taken crafty counsel
against Your people,
And consulted together
against Your sheltered ones.
4 They have said, "Come, and let
us cut them off from being a
nation,
That the name of Israel may be
remembered no more."
5 For they have consulted
together with one consent;
They form a confederacy
against You:
6 "The tents of Edom and the
Ishmaelites;
7 Moab and the Hagrites;
Geba, Ammon, and Amalek;
Philistia with the inhabitants of
Tyre;
8 Assyria also has joined with
them;
They have helped the children
of Lot. Selah
9 Deal with them as with Midian,
As with Sisera,
As with Jabin at the Brook
Kishon,
10 Who perished at En Dor,
Who became as refuse on the
earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb
and like Zeeb,
Yes, all their princes like
Zebah and Zalmunna,
12 Who said, "Let us take for
ourselves
The pastures of God for a
possession."
13 "O my God, make them like the
whirling dust,
Like the chaff before the wind!
14 As the fire burns the woods,
And as the flame sets the
mountains on fire,
15 So pursue them with Your
tempest,
And frighten them with Your
storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame,
That they may seek Your name,
O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and
dismayed forever;
Yes, let them be put to shame
and perish,
18 That they may know that You,
whose name alone is the
LORD,
Are the Most High over all the
earth.

PSALM 84

*The Blessedness of Dwelling in the
House of God*

To the Chief Musician. On an
instrument of Gath. A Psalm of the
sons of Korah.

- H**OW lovely is Your tabernacle,
O LORD of hosts!

- 2 ^aMy soul longs, yes, even faints
For the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow has found a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young—
Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King and my God.
- 4 Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your ^ahouse;
They will still be praising You. Selah
- 5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength is in You,
Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.
- 6 As *they* pass through the Valley ^aof ¹Baca,
They make it a spring;
The rain also covers it with ²pools.
- 7 They go ^afrom strength to strength;
¹Each one ^bappears before God in Zion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
- 9 ^aO God, behold our shield,
And look upon the face of Your ¹anointed.
- 10 For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand.
I would rather ¹be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is ^aa sun and ^bshield;
The LORD will give grace and glory;
^aNo good *thing* will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts,
^aBlessed is the man who trusts in You!

PSALM 85

Prayer that the LORD Will Restore Favor to the Land

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm ^aof the sons of Korah.

- L**ORD, You have been favorable to Your land;
You have ^abrought back the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;

- 2 ^aPs. 42:1, 2
- 4 ^a[Ps. 65:4]
- 6 ^{a2} Sam. 5:22-25 ¹Lit. Weeping ²Or blessings
- 7 ^aProv. 4:18; Is. 40:31; John 1:16; 2 Cor. 3:18 ^bEx. 34:23; Deut. 16:16 ¹LXX. Syr., Vg. *The God of gods shall be seen*
- 9 ^aGen. 15:1 ¹Commissioned one, Heb. *messiah*
- 10 ¹stand at the threshold
- 11 ^aIs. 60:19, 20; Mal. 4:2; Rev. 21:23 ^bGen. 15:1 ^cPs. 34:9, 10
- 12 ^a[Ps. 2:12; 40:4]

PSALM 85

- title ^aPs. 42: title
- 1 ^aEzra 1:11—2:1; Ps. 14:7; Jer. 30:18; 31:23; Ezek. 39:25; Hos. 6:11; Joel 3:1
- 4 ^aPs. 80:3, 7
- 5 ^aPs. 79:5
- 6 ^aHab. 3:2
- 8 ¹foolishness
- 9 ^aIs. 46:13 ^bHag. 2:7; Zech. 2:5; [John 1:14]
- 10 ^aPs. 72:3; [Is. 32:17]; Luke 2:14
- 12 ^a[Ps. 84:11; James 1:17]

PSALM 86

- 2 ¹Lit. *soul*
- 4 ^aPs. 25:1; 143:8 ¹Make glad
- 5 ^aPs. 130:7; 145:9; [Joel 2:13]

- You have covered all their sin. Selah
- 3 You have taken away all Your wrath;
You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.
- 4 ^aRestore us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Your anger toward us to cease.
- 5 ^aWill You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
- 6 Will You not ^arevive us again,
That Your people may rejoice in You?
- 7 Show us Your mercy, LORD,
And grant us Your salvation.
- 8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak,
For He will speak peace
To His people and to His saints;
But let them not turn back to ¹folly.
- 9 Surely ^aHis salvation *is* near to those who fear Him,
^bThat glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;
^aRighteousness and peace have kissed.
- 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth,
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 ^aYes, the LORD will give *what is* good;
And our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness will go before Him,
And shall make His footsteps our pathway.

PSALM 86

Prayer for Mercy, with Meditation on the Excellencies of the LORD

A Prayer of David.

- B**OW down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;
For I *am* poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my ¹life, for I *am* holy;
You are my God;
Save Your servant who trusts in You!
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord,
For I cry to You all day long.
- 4 ¹Rejoice the soul of Your servant,
^aFor to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For ^aYou, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

PSALM 86:6

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- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my
supplications.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I will
call upon You,
For You will answer me.
- 8 "Among the gods *there* is none
like You, O Lord;
Nor *are there any works* like
Your works.
- 9 All nations whom You have
made
Shall come and worship before
You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.
- 10 For You are great, and "do
wondrous things;
"You alone *are* God.
- 11 "Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth;
"Unite my heart to fear Your
name.
- 12 I will praise You, O Lord my
God, with all my heart,
And I will glorify Your name
forevermore.
- 13 For great is Your mercy toward
me,
And You have delivered my soul
from the depths of "Sheol.
- 14 O God, the proud have risen
against me,
And a mob of violent *men* have
sought my life,
And have not set You before
them.
- 15 But "You, O Lord, *are* a God full
of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering and abundant in
mercy and truth.
- 16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy
on me!
Give Your strength to Your
servant,
And save the son of Your
maidservant.
- 17 Show me a sign for good,
That those who hate me may
see *it* and be ashamed,
Because You, LORD, have
helped me and comforted
me.

PSALM 87

The Glories of the City of God

A Psalm of the sons of Korah.
A Song.

- H**IS foundation is in the holy
mountains.
- 2 "The LORD loves the gates of
Zion
More than all the dwellings of
Jacob.
- 3 "Glorious things are spoken of
you,
O city of God! Selah

8 " [Ex. 15:11];
2 Sam. 7:22;
1 Kin. 8:23;
Ps. 89:6; Jer.
10:6

10 " [Ex. 15:11]
bDeut. 6:4; Is.
37:16; Mark
12:29; 1 Cor.
8:4

11 "Ps. 27:11;
143:8 "Give
me singleness
of heart

13 "The abode
of the dead

15 "Ex. 34:6;
[Ps. 86:5]

PSALM 87

2 "Ps. 78:67, 68

3 "Is. 60:1

4 "Egypt

6 "Is. 4:3

PSALM 88

title "1 Kin.
4:31; 1 Chr.
2:6 "Heb.
Maschil

1 "Ps. 27:9;
[Luke 18:7]

2 "Listen to

3 "Ps. 107:18

4 " [Ps. 28:1]
bPs. 31:12
"Die

5 "Lit. *Free*

7 "Ps. 42:7

8 "Job 19:13,
19; Ps. 31:11;
142:4 "Lam.
3:7 "taken
away my
friends

9 "Ps. 86:3

10 "shades,
ghosts

- 4 "I will make mention of "Rahab
and Babylon to those who
know Me;
Behold, O Philistia and Tyre,
with Ethiopia:
"This one was born there." "

- 5 And of Zion it will be said,
"This *one* and that *one* were
born in her;
And the Most High Himself
shall establish her."

- 6 The LORD will record,
When He "registers the peoples:
"This *one* was born there." Selah

- 7 Both the singers and the
players on instruments say,
"All my springs *are* in you."

PSALM 88

A Prayer for Help in Despondency

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah. To the Chief Musician. Set
to "Mahalath Leannoth." A
"Contemplation of "Heman the
Ezrahite.

- O** LORD, "God of my salvation,
I have cried out day and night
before You.

- 2 Let my prayer come before You;
"Incline Your ear to my cry.

- 3 For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life "draws near to the
grave.

- 4 I am counted with those who
"go! down to the pit;
"I am like a man *who has* no
strength,

- 5 "Adrift among the dead,
Like the slain who lie in the
grave,
Whom You remember no more,
And who are cut off from Your
hand.

- 6 You have laid me in the lowest
pit,
In darkness, in the depths.

- 7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
And You have afflicted *me* with
all "Your waves. Selah

- 8 "You have "put away my
acquaintances far from me;
You have made me an
abomination to them;

- "I *am* shut up, and I cannot get
out;

- 9 My eye wastes away because of
affliction.

- "LORD, I have called daily upon
You;
I have stretched out my hands to
You.

- 10 Will You work wonders for the
dead?
Shall "the dead arise *and* praise
You? Selah

- 11 Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave?
Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction?
- 12 Shall Your wonders be known in the dark?
And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
- 13 But to You I have cried out,
O LORD,
And in the morning my prayer comes before You.
- 14 LORD, why do You cast off my soul?
Why do You hide Your face from me?
- 15 I *have been* afflicted and ready to die from my youth;
I suffer Your terrors;
I am distraught.
- 16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me;
Your terrors have ¹cut me off.
- 17 They came around me all day long like water;
They engulfed me altogether.
- 18 ^aLoved one and friend You have put far from me,
And my acquaintances into darkness.

PSALM 89

Remembering the Covenant with David, and Sorrow for Lost Blessings

A ¹Contemplation of ^aEthan the Ezrahite.

- I** WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
- 2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever;
^aYour faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."
- 3 "I^a have made a covenant with My chosen,
I have ^bsworn to My servant David:
- 4 'Your seed I will establish forever,
And build up your throne ^ato all generations.' " Selah
- 5 And ^athe heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.
- 6 ^aFor who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?
- 7 ^aGod is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

¹⁶ ¹*destroyed me*

¹⁸ ^aJob 19:13; Ps. 31:11; 38:11

PSALM 89

title ^{a1} Kin. 4:31 ¹Heb. Maschil

2 ^a[Ps. 119:89, 90]

3 ^{a1} Kin. 8:16
^{b2} Sam. 7:11;
1 Chr. 17:10-12

4 ^{a2} Sam. 7:13; Is. 9:7; Luke 1:33]

5 ^a[Ps. 19:1]

6 ^aPs. 86:8; 113:5

7 ^aPs. 76:7, 11

9 ^aPs. 65:7; 93:3, 4; 107:29

10 ^aEx. 14:26-28; Ps. 87:4; Is. 30:7; 51:9 ¹Egypt

11 ^a[Gen. 1:1; 1 Chr. 29:11]

12 ^aJosh. 19:22; Judg. 4:6; Jer. 46:18
^bDeut. 3:8; Josh. 11:17; 12:1; Song 4:8

15 ^aLev. 23:24; Num. 10:10; Ps. 98:6

17 ^aPs. 75:10; 92:10; 132:17
¹Strength

19 ^{a1} Kin. 11:34 ¹So with many Heb. mss.; MT, LXX, Tg., Vg. *holy ones*

20 ^{a1} Sam. 13:14; 16:1-12; Acts 13:22

21 ^aPs. 80:17

22 ¹Or *exact usury from him*

- 8 O LORD God of hosts,
Who is mighty like You,
O LORD?
Your faithfulness also surrounds You.
- 9 ^aYou rule the raging of the sea;
When its waves rise, You still them.
- 10 ^aYou have broken ¹Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain;
You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.
- 11 ^aThe heavens *are* Yours, the earth also is Yours;
The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.
- 12 The north and the south, You have created them;
^aTabor and ^bHermon rejoice in Your name.
- 13 You have a mighty arm;
Strong is Your hand, *and* high is Your right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of Your throne;
Mercy and truth go before Your face.
- 15 Blessed *are* the people who know the ^ajoyful sound!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.
- 16 In Your name they rejoice all day long,
And in Your righteousness they are exalted.
- 17 For You *are* the glory of their strength,
And in Your favor our ¹horn is ^aexalted.
- 18 For our shield *belongs* to the LORD,
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- 19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your ¹holy one,
And said: "I have given help to *one who is* mighty;
I have exalted one ^achosen from the people.
- 20 ^aI have found My servant David;
With My holy oil I have anointed him,
- 21 ^aWith whom My hand shall be established;
Also My arm shall strengthen him.
- 22 The enemy shall not ¹outwit him,
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
- 23 I will beat down his foes before his face,
And plague those who hate him.
- 24 ^aBut My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him,
And in My name his horn shall be exalted.

- 25 Also I will ^aset his hand over the sea,
And his right hand over the rivers.
- 26 He shall cry to Me, ‘You are ^amy Father,
My God, and ^bthe rock of my salvation.’
- 27 Also I will make him ^aMy firstborn,
^bThe highest of the kings of the earth.
- 28 ^aMy mercy I will keep for him forever,
And My covenant shall stand firm with him.
- 29 His seed also I will make to *endure* forever,
^aAnd his throne ^bas the days of heaven.
- 30 “If ^ahis sons ^bforsake My law
And do not walk in My judgments,
- 31 If they ^bbreak My statutes
And do not keep My commandments,
- 32 Then I will punish their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.
- 33 ^aNevertheless My lovingkindness I will not ¹utterly take from him,
Nor ²allow My faithfulness to fail.
- 34 My covenant I will not break,
Nor ^aalter the word that has gone out of My lips.
- 35 Once I have sworn ^aby My holiness;
I will not lie to David:
- 36 ^aHis seed shall endure forever,
And his throne ^bas the sun before Me;
- 37 It shall be established forever like the moon,
Even *like* the faithful witness in the sky.” Selah
- 38 But You have ^acast off and ^babhorred,¹
You have been furious with Your ²anointed.
- 39 You have renounced the covenant of Your servant;
^aYou have ^bprofaned his crown by *casting it* to the ground.
- 40 You have broken down all his hedges;
You have brought his ¹strongholds to ruin.
- 41 All who pass by the way ^aplunder him;
He is a reproach to his neighbors.
- 42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;
You have made all his enemies rejoice.
- 43 You have also turned back the edge of his sword,
And have not sustained him in the battle.

- 25 ^aPs. 72:8
- 26 ^a[1 Chr. 22:10] ^b2 Sam. 22:47
- 27 ^a[Col. 1:15, 18] ^bRev. 19:16
- 28 ^aIs. 55:3
- 29 ^aJer. 33:17
^bDeut. 11:21
- 30 ^a[2 Sam. 7:14] ^bPs. 119:53
- 31 ¹*profane*
- 33 ^a2 Sam. 7:14, 15 ¹Lit. *break off* ²Lit. *deal falsely with My faithfulness*
- 34 ^aJer. 33:20–22
- 35 ^aAmos 4:2
- 36 ^a[Luke 1:33] ^bPs. 72:17
- 38 ^a[1 Chr. 28:9] ^bDeut. 32:19
¹*rejected*
²Commiss-
ioned one,
Heb. *messiah*
- 39 ^aLam. 5:16
¹*defiled*
- 40 ¹*fortresses*
- 41 ^aPs. 80:12
- 44 ¹*splendor or brightness*
- 47 ^aPs. 90:9
^bPs. 62:9
- 48 ^a[Eccl. 3:19]
¹*experience death* ²Or *Sheol*
- 49 ^a[2 Sam. 7:15] ^bPs. 54:5
- 50 ^aPs. 69:9, 19
- 51 ^aPs. 74:10, 18, 22 ¹Com-
missioned
one, Heb.
messiah
- 52 ^aPs. 41:13
- PSALM 90
- title ^aDeut. 33:1
- 1 ^a[Ezek. 11:16] ¹LXX,
Tg., Vg. *refuge*
- 2 ^a[Prov. 8:25, 26] ¹Lit. *gave birth to*
- 3 ^aGen. 3:19
- 4 ^a2 Pet. 3:8

- 44 You have made his ¹glory cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.
- 45 The days of his youth You have shortened;
You have covered him with shame. Selah
- 46 How long, LORD?
Will You hide Yourself forever?
Will Your wrath burn like fire?
- 47 Remember how short my time ^ais;
For what ^bfutility have You created all the children of men?
- 48 What man can live and not ¹see ^adeath?
Can he deliver his life from the power of ²the grave? Selah
- 49 Lord, where *are* Your former lovingkindnesses,
Which You ^aswore to David ^bin Your truth?
- 50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants—
^aHow I bear in my bosom *the reproach* of all the many peoples,
- 51 ^aWith which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD,
With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your ¹anointed.
- 52 ^aBlessed *be* the LORD forevermore!
Amen and Amen.

BOOK FOUR

Psalms 90—106

PSALM 90

*The Eternity of God, and Man's Frailty*A Prayer ^aof Moses the man of God.

- L**ORD, ^aYou have been our ¹dwelling place in all generations.
- 2 ^aBefore the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You ¹had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.
- 3 You turn man to destruction,
And say, ^a“Return, O children of men.”
- 4 ^aFor a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it is past,
And *like* a watch in the night.
- 5 ^aYou carry them away *like* a flood;

- ^a*They are* like a sleep.
In the morning ^b*they are* like
grass *which grows up*;
6 In the morning it flourishes and
grows up;
In the evening it is cut down
and withers.
- 7 For we have been consumed by
Your anger,
And by Your wrath we are
terrified.
- 8 ^aYou have set our iniquities
before You,
Our ^bsecret sins in the light of
Your countenance.
- 9 For all our days have passed
away in Your wrath;
We finish our years like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our lives *are*
seventy years;
And if by reason of strength
they are eighty years,
Yet their boast is only labor
and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly
away.
- 11 Who knows the power of Your
anger?
For as the fear of You, so is Your
wrath.
- 12 ^aSo teach us to number our
days,
That we may gain a heart of
wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD!
How long?
And ^ahave compassion on Your
servants.
- 14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your
mercy,
^aThat we may rejoice and be
glad all our days!
- 15 Make us glad according to the
days *in which* You have
afflicted us,
The years *in which* we have
seen evil.
- 16 Let ^aYour work appear to Your
servants,
And Your glory to their
children.
- 17 ^aAnd let the beauty of the LORD
our God be upon us,
And ^bestablish the work of our
hands for us;
Yes, establish the work of our
hands.

PSALM 91

*Safety of Abiding in the Presence
of God*

- H**E ^awho dwells in the secret place
of the Most High
Shall abide ^bunder the shadow
of the Almighty.
- 2 ^aI will say of the LORD, "He is
my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."

5 ^aPs. 73:20
^bIs. 40:6

8 ^aPs. 50:21;
[Jer. 16:17]
^bPs. 19:12;
[Eccl. 12:14]

12 ^aDeut.
32:29; Ps. 39:4

13 ^aEx. 32:12;
Deut. 32:36

14 ^aPs. 85:6

16 ^a[Deut.
32:4]; Hab. 3:2

17 ^aPs. 27:4
^bIs. 26:12

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1 ^aPs. 27:5;
31:20; 32:7
^bPs. 17:8; Is.
25:4; 32:2

2 ^aPs. 142:5

3 ^aPs. 124:7;
Prov. 6:5 ¹One
who catches
birds in a trap
or snare

4 ^aPs. 17:8 ¹A
small shield

5 ^a[Job 5:19;
Ps. 112:7; Is.
43:2]

8 ^aPs. 37:34;
Mal. 1:5

9 ^aPs. 91:2 ^bPs.
90:1

10 ^a[Prov.
12:21]

11 ^aPs. 34:7;
Matt. 4:6;
Luke 4:10;
[Heb. 1:14]

12 ^aMatt. 4:6;
Luke 4:11 ¹lift
²strike

14 ^a[Ps. 9:10]
¹exalt him

15 ^aJob 12:4;
Ps. 50:15 ^bIs.
43:2

16 ¹Lit. length
of days

PSALM 92

1 ^aPs. 147:1

- 3 Surely ^aHe shall deliver you
from the snare of the
¹fowler
And from the perilous
pestilence.
- 4 ^aHe shall cover you with His
feathers,
And under His wings you shall
take refuge;
His truth *shall be your shield*
and ¹buckler.
- 5 ^aYou shall not be afraid of the
terror by night,
Nor of the arrow *that flies by*
day,
- 6 Nor of the pestilence *that*
walks in darkness,
Nor of the destruction *that lays*
waste at noonday.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your
side,
And ten thousand at your right
hand;
But it shall not come near
you.
- 8 Only ^awith your eyes shall you
look,
And see the reward of the
wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the
LORD, who is ^amy refuge,
Even the Most High, ^byour
dwelling place,
- 10 ^aNo evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come
near your dwelling;
- 11 ^aFor He shall give His angels
charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
- 12 In *their* hands they shall ¹bear
you up,
^aLest you ²dash your foot
against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion
and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent
you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 "Because he has set his love
upon Me, therefore I will
deliver him;
I will ¹set him on high, because
he has ^aknown My name.
- 15 He shall ^acall upon Me, and I
will answer him;
I will be ^bwith him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor
him.
- 16 With ¹long life I will satisfy
him,
And show him My salvation."

PSALM 92

*Praise to the LORD for His Love
and Faithfulness*

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath
day.

IT is ^agood to give thanks to the
LORD,

- And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- 2 To ^adeclare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night,
- 3 ^aOn an instrument of ten strings,
On the lute,
And on the harp,
With harmonious sound.
- 4 For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work;
I will triumph in the works of Your hands.
- 5 ^aO LORD, how great are Your works!
^bYour thoughts are very deep.
- 6 ^aA senseless man does not know,
Nor does a fool understand this.
- 7 When ^athe wicked ¹spring up like grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity flourish,
It is that they may be destroyed forever.
- 8 ^aBut You, LORD, *are* on high forevermore.
- 9 For behold, Your enemies, O LORD,
For behold, Your enemies shall perish;
All the workers of iniquity shall ^abe scattered.
- 10 But ^amy ¹horn You have exalted like a wild ox;
I have been ^banointed with fresh oil.
- 11 ^aMy eye also has seen *my desire* on my enemies;
My ears hear *my desire* on the wicked
Who rise up against me.
- 12 ^aThe righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- 13 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 They shall still bear fruit in old age;
They shall be ¹fresh and ²flourishing,
- 15 To declare that the LORD is upright;
^a*He is my rock, and ^bthere is no unrighteousness in Him.*

PSALM 93

The Eternal Reign of the LORD

- T**HE ^aLORD reigns,
He is clothed with majesty;
The LORD is clothed,

2 ^aPs. 89:1
3 ^a1 Chr. 23:5
5 ^aPs. 40:5;
[Rev. 15:3]
^bPs. 139:17;
18; [Is. 28:29;
Rom. 11:33,
34]
6 ^aPs. 73:22
7 ^aJob 12:6;
Ps. 37:1, 2;
Jer. 12:1, 2;
[Mal. 3:15]
¹*sprout*
8 ^a[Ps. 83:18]
9 ^aPs. 68:1
10 ^aPs. 89:17
^bPs. 23:5
¹*Strength*
11 ^aPs. 54:7
12 ^aNum. 24:6;
Ps. 52:8; Jer.
17:8; Hos.
14:5, 6
14 ¹Full of oil
or sap, lit. *fat*
²*green*
15 ^a[Deut.
32:4] ^b[Rom.
9:14]
PSALM 93
1 ^aPs. 96:10
^bPs. 65:6
¹*shaken*
2 ^aPs. 45:6;
[Lam. 5:19]
3 ¹*raised up*
4 ^aPs. 65:7
5 ¹*Lit. for
length of days*
PSALM 94
1 ^aDeut. 32:35;
[Is. 35:4; Nah.
1:2; Rom.
12:19]
2 ^a[Gen. 18:25]
¹*Repay with*
3 ^a[Job 20:5]
4 ^aPs. 31:18;
Jude 15
7 ^aJob 22:13;
Ps. 10:11 ¹*pay
attention*
9 ^a[Ex. 4:11;
Prov. 20:12]
10 ¹*disciplines*
²*Gentiles*
11 ^aJob 11:11;
1 Cor. 3:20
12 ^a[Deut. 8:5;
Job 5:17; Ps.
119:71; Prov.
3:11, 12; Heb.
12:5, 6]
13 ¹*relief*

- ^bHe has girded Himself with strength.
Surely the world is established,
so that it cannot be ¹moved.
- 2 ^aYour throne is established from of old;
You *are* from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have ¹lifted up,
O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their waves.
- 4 ^aThe LORD on high is mightier
Than the noise of many waters,
Than the mighty waves of the sea.
- 5 Your testimonies are very sure;
Holiness adorns Your house,
O LORD, ¹forever.

PSALM 94

God the Refuge of the Righteous

- O**LORD God, ^ato whom vengeance belongs—
O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!
- 2 Rise up, O ^aJudge of the earth;
¹Render punishment to the proud.
- 3 LORD, ^ahow long will the wicked,
How long will the wicked triumph?
- 4 They ^autter speech, *and* speak insolent things;
All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.
- 5 They break in pieces Your people, O LORD,
And afflict Your heritage.
- 6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
- 7 ^aYet they say, "The LORD does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob ¹understand."
- 8 Understand, you senseless among the people;
And you fools, when will you be wise?
- 9 ^aHe who planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He who formed the eye, shall He not see?
- 10 He who ¹instructs the ²nations, shall He not correct,
He who teaches man knowledge?
- 11 The LORD ^aknows the thoughts of man,
That they *are* futile.
- 12 Blessed is the man whom You ^ainstruct, O LORD,
And teach out of Your law,
- 13 That You may give him ¹rest from the days of adversity,

- Until the pit is dug for the wicked.
- 14 For the LORD will not ¹cast off His people,
Nor will He forsake His inheritance.
- 15 But judgment will return to righteousness,
And all the upright in heart will follow it.
- 16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
- 17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help,
My soul would soon have settled in silence.
- 18 If I say, "My foot slips,"
Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up.
- 19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me,
Your comforts delight my soul.
- 20 Shall ²the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law,
Have fellowship with You?
- 21 They gather together against the life of the righteous,
And condemn ³innocent blood.
- 22 But the LORD has been my defense,
And my God the rock of my refuge.
- 23 He has brought on them their own iniquity,
And shall ¹cut them off in their own wickedness;
The LORD our God shall cut them off.

PSALM 95

A Call to Worship and Obedience

- O**H come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with ⁴psalms.
- 3 For ²the LORD is the great God,
And the great King above all gods.
- 4 ¹In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth;
The heights of the hills *are* His also.
- 5 ⁴The sea *is* His, for He made it;
And His hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let ⁴us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For He is our God,
And ⁴we *are* the people of His pasture,
And the sheep ¹of His hand.

14 ¹abandon20 ^aAmos 6:321 ^a[Ex. 23:7];

Ps. 106:38;

[Prov. 17:15];

Matt. 27:4

23 ¹destroy

them

PSALM 95

2 ^aEph. 5:19;

James 5:13

3 ^a[Ps. 96:4;

1 Cor. 8:5, 6]

4 ¹In His pos-

session

5 ^aGen. 1:9, 10;

Jon. 1:9

6 ^a2 Chr. 6:13;

Dan. 6:10;

[Phil. 2:10]

7 ^aPs. 79:13^bHeb. 3:7-11,15; 4:7 ¹Under

His care

8 ^aEx. 17:2-7;

Num. 20:13

¹Or *Meribah*,lit. *Strife*,*Contention*²Or *Massah*,lit. *Trial*, *Test-**ing*9 ^aPs. 78:18;

[1 Cor. 10:9]

^bNum. 14:2210 ^aActs 7:36;

13:18; Heb.

3:10, 17 ¹dis-*gusted*11 ^aNum.

14:23, 28-30;

Deut. 1:35;

Heb. 4:3, 5

PSALM 96

1 ^a1 Chr.

16:23-33

3 ¹Gentiles4 ^aPs. 145:3^bPs. 18:3 ^cPs.

95:3

5 ^a1 Chr.

16:26; [Jer.

10:11] ^bPs.

115:15; Is.

42:5

6 ^aPs. 29:27 ^a1 Chr.

16:28, 29; Ps.

29:1, 2 ¹As-*cribe*8 ¹Ascribe9 ^a1 Chr.

16:29; 2 Chr.

20:21; Ps. 29:2

10 ^aPs. 93:1;

97:1; [Rev.

11:15; 19:6]

^bPs. 67:4¹Gentiles²shaken11 ^aPs. 69:34;Is. 49:13 ^bPs.98:7 ¹all that

is in it

^bToday, if you will hear His voice:8 "Do not harden your hearts, as in the ¹rebellion,^aAs in the day of ²trial in the wilderness,9 When ^ayour fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they ^bsaw My work.10 For ^aforty years I was ¹grieved with *that* generation,
And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts,
And they do not know My ways.'11 So ^aI swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

PSALM 96

*A Song of Praise to God Coming in Judgment***O**H, ^asing to the LORD a new song!
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

3 Declare His glory among the ¹nations,
His wonders among all peoples.4 For ²the LORD is great and^bgreatly to be praised;^aHe is to be feared above all gods.5 For ^aall the gods of the peoples are idols,^bBut the LORD made the heavens.6 Honor and majesty *are* before Him;
Strength and ^abeauty *are* in His sanctuary.7 ^aGive¹ to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Give to the LORD glory and strength.8 ¹Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name;

Bring an offering, and come

into His courts.

9 Oh, worship the LORD ^ain the beauty of holiness!

Tremble before Him, all the

earth.

10 Say among the ¹nations, ^a"The LORD reigns;

The world also is firmly

established,

It shall not be ²moved;^bHe shall judge the peoples righteously."11 ^aLet the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;^bLet the sea roar, and ¹all its

fullness;

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.

Then all the trees of the woods

will rejoice

13 before the LORD.

PSALM 97:1

For He is coming, for He is
coming to judge the earth.
“He shall judge the world with
righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.

PSALM 97

*A Song of Praise to the Sovereign
LORD*

- THE LORD “reigns;
Let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of ¹isles be
glad!
- 2 “Clouds and darkness surround
Him;
^bRighteousness and justice *are*
the foundation of His
throne.
- 3 “A fire goes before Him,
And burns up His enemies
round about.
- 4 “His lightnings light the world;
The earth sees and trembles.
- 5 “The mountains melt like wax at
the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the Lord of
the whole earth.
- 6 “The heavens declare His
righteousness,
And all the peoples see His
glory.
- 7 “Let all be put to shame who
serve carved images,
Who boast of idols.
^bWorship Him, all *you* gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad,
And the daughters of Judah
rejoice
Because of Your judgments,
O LORD.
- 9 For You, LORD, *are* “most high
above all the earth;
^bYou are exalted far above all
gods.
- 10 You who love the LORD, “hate
evil!
^bHe preserves the souls of His
saints;
“He delivers them out of the
hand of the wicked.
- 11 “Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in
heart.
- 12 “Rejoice in the LORD, you
righteous,
^bAnd give thanks ¹at the
remembrance of ²His holy
name.

PSALM 98

*A Song of Praise to the LORD for
His Salvation and Judgment*

A Psalm.

- OH, “sing to the LORD a new song!
For He has ^bdone marvelous
things;
His right hand and His holy

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13 ^a[Rev.
19:11]

PSALM 97

1 ^a[Ps. 96:10]
¹Or *coast-
lands*
2 ^aEx. 19:9;
Deut. 4:11;
1 Kin. 8:12;
Ps. 18:11 ^b[Ps.
89:14]

3 ^aPs. 18:8;
Dan. 7:10;
Hab. 3:5

4 ^aEx. 19:18

5 ^aPs. 46:6;
Amos 9:5;
Mic. 1:4; Nah.
1:5

6 ^aPs. 19:1

7 ^a[Ex. 20:4]
^b[Heb. 1:6]

9 ^aPs. 83:18
^bEx. 18:11; Ps.
95:3; 96:4

10 ^a[Ps. 34:14;
Prov. 8:13;
Amos 5:15;
Rom. 12:9]
^bPs. 31:23;
145:20; Prov.
2:8 ^cPs. 37:40;
Jer. 15:21;
Dan. 3:28

11 ^aJob 22:28;
Ps. 112:4;
Prov. 4:18

12 ^aPs. 33:1
^bPs. 30:4 ¹Or
*for the mem-
ory* ²Or *His
holiness*

PSALM 98

1 ^aPs. 33:3; Is.
42:10 ^bEx.
15:11; Ps.
77:14

2 ^aIs. 52:10;
[Luke 1:77;
2:30, 31] ^bIs.
62:2; Rom.
3:25 ¹Gentiles

3 ^a[Is. 49:6];
Luke 3:6;
[Acts 13:47;
28:28]

9 ^a[Ps. 96:10,
13] ¹upright-
ness

PSALM 99

1 ^aEx. 25:22;
1 Sam. 4:4;
Ps. 80:1
¹shaken

3 ¹Or *It*

6 ^a1 Sam. 7:9;
12:18

7 ¹statute

arm have gained Him the
victory.

- 2 “The LORD has made known His
salvation;

^bHis righteousness He has
revealed in the sight of the
¹nations.

- 3 He has remembered His mercy
and His faithfulness to the
house of Israel;

^aAll the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation of our
God.

- 4 Shout joyfully to the LORD, all
the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice,
and sing praises.

- 5 Sing to the LORD with the harp,
With the harp and the sound of
a psalm,

- 6 With trumpets and the sound of
a horn;
Shout joyfully before the LORD,
the King.

- 7 Let the sea roar, and all its
fullness,
The world and those who dwell
in it;

- 8 Let the rivers clap *their* hands;
Let the hills be joyful together

- 9 before the LORD,
“For He is coming to judge the
earth.

With righteousness He shall
judge the world,
And the peoples with ¹equity.

PSALM 99

Praise to the LORD for His Holiness

- THE LORD reigns;
Let the peoples tremble!
“He dwells *between* the
cherubim;
Let the earth be ¹moved!
- 2 The LORD *is* great in Zion,
And He *is* high above all the
peoples.
- 3 Let them praise Your great and
awesome name—
¹He *is* holy.
- 4 The King’s strength also loves
justice;
You have established equity;
You have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt the LORD our God,
And worship at His footstool—
He *is* holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among
His priests,
And Samuel was among those
who “called upon His name;
They called upon the LORD,
and He answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them in the cloudy
pillar;
They kept His testimonies and
the ¹ordinance He gave them.

- 8 You answered them, O LORD
our God;
You were to them God-Who-
Forgives,
Though You took vengeance on
their deeds.
- 9 Exalt the LORD our God,
And worship at His holy hill;
For the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM 100

*A Song of Praise for the LORD's
Faithfulness to His People*

^aA Psalm of Thanksgiving.

- M**AKE ^aa joyful shout to the LORD,
¹all you lands!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with
singing.
- 3 Know that the LORD, He is
God;
^aIt is He who has made us, and
¹not we ourselves;
^bWe are His people and the
sheep of His pasture.

- 4 ^aEnter into His gates with
thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless
His name.
- 5 For the LORD is good;
^aHis mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all
generations.

PSALM 101

Promised Faithfulness to the LORD

A Psalm of David.

- I** WILL sing of mercy and justice;
To You, O LORD, I will sing
praises.
- 2 I will behave wisely in a
¹perfect way.
Oh, when will You come to me?
I will ^awalk within my house
with a perfect heart.
- 3 I will set nothing ¹wicked
before my eyes;
^aI hate the work of those ^bwho
fall away;
It shall not cling to me.
- 4 A perverse heart shall depart
from me;
I will not ^aknow wickedness.
- 5 Whoever secretly slanders his
neighbor,
Him I will destroy;
^aThe one who has a haughty
look and a proud heart,
Him I will not endure.
- 6 My eyes shall be on the faithful
of the land,
That they may dwell with me;
He who walks in a ¹perfect way,
He shall serve me.

PSALM 100

title ^aPs. 145:
title

1 ^aPs. 95:1
¹Lit. *all the
earth*

3 ^aJob 10:3, 8;
Ps. 119:73;
139:13, 14;
[Eph. 2:10]
^bPs. 95:7; [Is.
40:11]; Ezek.
34:30, 31 ¹So
with Kt.,
LXX, Vg.; Qr.,
many Heb.
mss., Tg. *we
are His*

4 ^aPs. 66:13;
116:17-19

5 ^aPs. 136:1

PSALM 101

2 ^a1 Kin. 11:4
¹blameless

3 ^aPs. 97:10
^bJosh. 23:6
¹worthless

4 ^a[Ps.
119:115]

5 ^aProv. 6:17

6 ¹blameless

7 ¹Lit. *be es-
tablished*

8 ^a[Ps. 75:10];
Jer. 21:12 ^bPs.
48:2, 8

PSALM 102

title ^aPs. 61:2

2 ^aPs. 27:9;
69:17

3 ^aJames 4:14
¹Lit. *end in*

5 ¹flesh

15 ^a1 Kin. 8:43
¹Gentiles

- 7 He who works deceit shall not
dwell within my house;
He who tells lies shall not
¹continue in my presence.
- 8 ^aEarly I will destroy all the
wicked of the land,
That I may cut off all the
evildoers ^bfrom the city of the
LORD.

PSALM 102

The LORD's Eternal Love

A Prayer of the afflicted, ^awhen he
is overwhelmed and pours out his
complaint before the LORD.

- H**EAR my prayer, O LORD,
And let my cry come to You.
- 2 ^aDo not hide Your face from me
in the day of my trouble;
Incline Your ear to me;
In the day that I call, answer
me speedily.
- 3 For my days ¹are ^aconsumed
like smoke,
And my bones are burned like
a hearth.
- 4 My heart is stricken and
withered like grass,
So that I forget to eat my
bread.
- 5 Because of the sound of my
groaning
My bones cling to my ¹skin.
- 6 I am like a pelican of the
wilderness;
I am like an owl of the desert.
- 7 I lie awake,
And am like a sparrow alone
on the housetop.
- 8 My enemies reproach me all
day long;
Those who deride me swear an
oath against me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like
bread,
And mingled my drink with
weeping.
- 10 Because of Your indignation
and Your wrath;
For You have lifted me up and
cast me away.
- 11 My days are like a shadow that
lengthens,
And I wither away like
grass.
- 12 But You, O LORD, shall endure
forever,
And the remembrance of Your
name to all generations.
- 13 You will arise and have mercy
on Zion;
For the time to favor her,
Yes, the set time, has come.
- 14 For Your servants take pleasure
in her stones,
And show favor to her dust.
- 15 So the ¹nations shall ^afear the
name of the LORD,

PSALM 102:16

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- And all the kings of the earth
Your glory.
- 16 For the LORD shall build up
Zion;
“He shall appear in His glory.
- 17 “He shall regard the prayer of
the destitute,
And shall not despise their
prayer.
- 18 This will be “written for the
generation to come,
That ^ba people yet to be created
may praise the LORD.
- 19 For He “looked down from the
height of His sanctuary;
From heaven the LORD viewed
the earth,
- 20 “To hear the groaning of the
prisoner,
To release those appointed to
death,
- 21 To “declare the name of the
LORD in Zion,
And His praise in Jerusalem,
- 22 “When the peoples are gathered
together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the
LORD.
- 23 He weakened my strength in
the way;
He “shortened my days.
- 24 “I said, “O my God,
Do not take me away in the
midst of my days;
^bYour years are throughout all
generations.
- 25 “Of old You laid the foundation
of the earth,
And the heavens *are* the work
of Your hands.
- 26 “They will perish, but You will
¹endure;
Yes, they will all grow old like
a garment;
Like a cloak You will change
them,
And they will be changed.
- 27 But “You *are* the same,
And Your years will have no end.
- 28 “The children of Your servants
will continue,
And their descendants will be
established before You.”

PSALM 103

Praise for the LORD's Mercies

A Psalm of David.

- B**LESS “the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
bless His holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
- 3 “Who forgives all your
iniquities,
Who ^bheals all your diseases,
- 4 Who redeems your life from
destruction,
“Who crowns you with

- 16 ^a[Is. 60:1, 2]
- 17 ^aNeh. 1:6
- 18 ^a[Rom. 15:4] ^bPs. 22:31
- 19 ^aDeut. 26:15
- 20 ^aPs. 79:11
- 21 ^aPs. 22:22
- 22 ^a[Is. 2:2, 3; 49:22, 23; 60:3]
- 23 ^aJob 21:21
- 24 ^a[Is. 38:10] ^b[Ps. 90:2]
- 25 ^a[Heb. 1:10–12]
- 26 ^a[Is. 34:4; 51:6] ¹*continue*
- 27 ^a[Mal. 3:6]
- 28 ^aPs. 69:36
- PSALM 103
- 1 ^aPs. 104:1, 35
- 3 ^aPs. 130:8 ^b[Ex. 15:26]
- 4 ^a[Ps. 5:12]
- 5 ^a[Is. 40:31]
- 7 ^aPs. 147:19
- 8 ^a[Ex. 34:6, 7]
- 9 ^a[Ps. 30:5]
- 10 ^a[Ezra 9:13]
- 12 ^a[Is. 38:17; 43:25]
- 13 ^aMal. 3:17
- 14 ¹Understands our constitution
- 15 ^a1 Pet. 1:24
- 16 ^a[Is. 40:7] ^bJob 7:10 ¹*not*
- 18 ^a[Deut. 7:9]
- 19 ^a[Dan. 4:17, 25]
- 20 ^aPs. 148:2 ^b[Matt. 6:10]

- lovingkindness and tender
mercies,
- 5 Who satisfies your mouth with
good things,
So that “your youth is renewed
like the eagle’s.
- 6 The LORD executes
righteousness
And justice for all who are
oppressed.
- 7 “He made known His ways to
Moses,
His acts to the children of
Israel.
- 8 “The LORD is merciful and
gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding
in mercy.
- 9 “He will not always strive *with*
us,
Nor will He keep *His anger*
forever.
- 10 “He has not dealt with us
according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to
our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high
above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward
those who fear Him;
- 12 As far as the east is from the
west,
So far has He “removed our
transgressions from us.
- 13 “As a father pities *his* children,
So the LORD pities those who
fear Him.
- 14 For He ¹knows our frame;
He remembers that we *are*
dust.
- 15 *As for* man, “his days *are* like
grass;
As a flower of the field, so he
flourishes.
- 16 “For the wind passes over it, and
it is ¹gone,
And ^bits place remembers it no
more.
- 17 But the mercy of the LORD *is*
from everlasting to
everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to
children’s children.
- 18 “To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember
His commandments to do
them.
- 19 The LORD has established His
throne in heaven,
And “His kingdom rules over
all.
- 20 “Bless the LORD, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who ^bdo
His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you His
hosts,

- ^aYou ¹ministers of His, who do His pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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Praise to the Sovereign LORD for His Creation and Providence

BLESS ^athe LORD, O my soul!

- O LORD my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
2 Who cover *Yourself* with light as *with* a garment,
Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

- 3 ^aHe lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters,
Who makes the clouds His chariot,
Who walks on the wings of the wind,

- 4 Who makes His angels spirits,
His ¹ministers a flame of fire.

- 5 You who ¹laid the foundations of the earth,
So *that* it should not be moved forever,

- 6 You ^acovered it with the deep as *with* a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.

- 7 At Your rebuke they fled;
At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.

- 8 ¹They went up over the mountains;
They went down into the valleys,
To the place which You founded for them.

- 9 You have ^aset a boundary that they may not pass over,
^bThat they may not return to cover the earth.

- 10 He sends the springs into the valleys;
They flow among the hills.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

- 12 By them the birds of the heavens have their home;
They sing among the branches.

- 13 ^aHe waters the hills from His upper chambers;
The earth is satisfied with ^bthe fruit of Your works.

- 14 ^aHe causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
And vegetation for the service of man,

21 ^a[Heb. 1:14]
¹servants

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1 ^aPs. 103:1

3 ^a[Amos 9:6]

4 ¹servants

5 ¹Lit. *founded the earth upon her bases*

6 ^aGen. 1:6

8 ¹Or *The mountains rose up; the valleys sank down*

9 ^aJob 26:10; Ps. 33:7; [Jer. 5:22] ^bGen. 9:11–15

13 ^aPs. 147:8
^bJer. 10:13

14 ^aGen. 1:29
^bJob 28:5

15 ^aJudg. 9:13; Ps. 23:5; Prov. 31:6; Eccl. 10:19

18 ^aLev. 11:5
¹rock hyraxes

19 ^aGen. 1:14
^bJob 38:12; Ps. 19:6

20 ^a[Ps. 74:16; Is. 45:7]

21 ^aJob 38:39

23 ^aGen. 3:19

24 ^aPs. 40:5; Prov. 3:19; [Jer. 10:12]; 51:15 ^bPs. 65:9

26 ^aJob 41:1; Is. 27:1 ¹A large sea creature of unknown identity ²Lit. *formed*

27 ^aJob 36:31; Ps. 136:25

29 ^aJob 34:15; [Eccl. 12:7]

30 ^aIs. 32:15

- That he may bring forth ^bfood from the earth,
15 And ^awine *that* makes glad the heart of man,
Oil to make *his* face shine,
And bread *which* strengthens man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are full of *sap*,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
17 Where the birds make their nests;
The stork has her home in the fir trees.
18 The high hills *are* for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the ^arock¹ badgers.
19 ^aHe appointed the moon for seasons;
The ^bsun knows its going down.
20 ^aYou make darkness, and it is night,
In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.
21 ^aThe young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their food from God.
22 *When* the sun rises, they gather together
And lie down in their dens.
23 Man goes out to ^ahis work
And to his labor until the evening.
24 ^aO LORD, how manifold are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all.
The earth is full of Your ^bpossessions—
25 This great and wide sea,
In which *are* innumerable teeming things,
Living things both small and great.
26 There the ships sail about;
There is that ^aLeviathan¹ Which You have ²made to play there.
27 ^aThese all wait for You,
That You may give *them* their food in due season.
28 *What* You give them they gather in;
You open Your hand, they are filled with good.
29 You hide Your face, they are troubled;
^aYou take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.
30 ^aYou send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
And You renew the face of the earth.
31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

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- May the LORD ^arejoice in His works.
 32 He looks on the earth, and it ^atrembles;
^bHe touches the hills, and they smoke.
 33 ^aI will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
 34 May my ^ameditation be sweet to Him;
 I will be glad in the LORD.
 35 May ^asinners be consumed from the earth,
 And the wicked be no more.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul!
¹Praise the LORD!

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The Eternal Faithfulness of the LORD

- O**H, ^agive thanks to the LORD!
 Call upon His name;
^bMake known His deeds among the peoples!
 2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
^aTalk of all His wondrous works!
 3 Glory in His holy name;
 Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
 4 Seek the LORD and His strength;
^aSeek His face evermore!
 5 ^aRemember His marvelous works which He has done,
 His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,
 6 O seed of Abraham His servant,
 You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
 7 He is the LORD our God;
^aHis judgments *are* in all the earth.
 8 He ^aremembers His covenant forever,
 The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations,
 9 ^aThe covenant which He made with Abraham,
 And His oath to Isaac,
 10 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
 To Israel as an everlasting covenant,
 11 Saying, ^a"To you I will give the land of Canaan
 As the allotment of your inheritance,"
 12 ^aWhen they were few in number,
 Indeed very few, ^band strangers in it.
 13 When they went from one nation to another,

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31 ^aGen. 1:31; Prov. 8:31
 32 ^aHab. 3:10
^bEx. 19:18; Ps. 144:5
 33 ^aPs. 63:4
 34 ^aPs. 19:14
 35 ^aPs. 37:38
¹Heb. *Hallelujah*

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1 ^a1 Chr. 16:8–22, 34; Ps. 106:1; Is. 12:4 ^bPs. 145:12
 2 ^aPs. 119:27
 4 ^aPs. 27:8
 5 ^aPs. 77:11
 7 ^a[Is. 26:9]
 8 ^aLuke 1:72
 9 ^aGen. 17:2; Luke 1:73; [Gal. 3:17]; Heb. 6:17
 11 ^aGen. 13:15; 15:18
 12 ^aGen. 34:30; [Deut. 7:7] ^bGen. 23:4; Heb. 11:9
 14 ^aGen. 35:5 ^bGen. 12:17
 16 ^aGen. 41:54 ^bLev. 26:26; Is. 3:1; Ezek. 4:16
 17 ^a[Gen. 45:5] ^bGen. 37:28, 36; Acts 7:9
 18 ^aGen. 40:15
¹His soul came into iron
 19 ^aGen. 39:11–21; 41:25, 42, 43
 20 ^aGen. 41:14
 21 ^aGen. 41:40–44
 22 ¹Bind as prisoners
 23 ^aGen. 46:6; Acts 7:15 ^bPs. 78:51
 24 ^aEx. 1:7, 9
 25 ^aEx. 1:8–10; 4:21
 26 ^aEx. 3:10; 4:12–15
 27 ^aEx. 7–12; Ps. 78:43
 29 ^aEx. 7:20, 21; Ps. 78:44
 30 ^aEx. 8:6
 31 ^aEx. 8:16, 17
 32 ^aEx. 9:23–25
 33 ^aPs. 78:47
 34 ^aEx. 10:4

- From *one* kingdom to another people,
 14 ^aHe permitted no one to do them wrong;
 Yes, ^bHe rebuked kings for their sakes,
 15 *Saying*, "Do not touch My anointed ones,
 And do My prophets no harm."
 16 Moreover ^aHe called for a famine in the land;
 He destroyed all the ^bprovision of bread.
 17 ^aHe sent a man before them—Joseph—who ^bwas sold as a slave.
 18 ^aThey hurt his feet with fetters,
¹He was laid in irons.
 19 Until the time that his word came to pass,
^aThe word of the LORD tested him.
 20 ^aThe king sent and released him,
 The ruler of the people let him go free.
 21 ^aHe made him lord of his house,
 And ruler of all his possessions,
 22 To ¹bind his princes at his pleasure,
 And teach his elders wisdom.
 23 ^aIsrael also came into Egypt,
 And Jacob dwelt ^bin the land of Ham.
 24 ^aHe increased His people greatly,
 And made them stronger than their enemies.
 25 ^aHe turned their heart to hate His people,
 To deal craftily with His servants.
 26 ^aHe sent Moses His servant,
 And Aaron whom He had chosen.
 27 They ^aperformed His signs among them,
 And wonders in the land of Ham.
 28 He sent darkness, and made it *it* dark;
 And they did not rebel against His word.
 29 ^aHe turned their waters into blood,
 And killed their fish.
 30 ^aTheir land abounded with frogs,
 Even in the chambers of their kings.
 31 ^aHe spoke, and there came swarms of flies,
 And lice in all their territory.
 32 ^aHe gave them hail for rain,
 And flaming fire in their land.
 33 ^aHe struck their vines also, and their fig trees,
 And splintered the trees of their territory.
 34 ^aHe spoke, and locusts came,
 Young locusts without number,

- 35 And ate up all the vegetation in their land,
And devoured the fruit of their ground.
- 36 ^aHe also ¹destroyed all the firstborn in their land,
^bThe first of all their strength.
- 37 ^aHe also brought them out with silver and gold,
And *there* was none feeble among His tribes.
- 38 ^aEgypt was glad when they departed,
For the fear of them had fallen upon them.
- 39 ^aHe spread a cloud for a covering,
And fire to give light in the night.
- 40 ^a*The people* asked, and He brought quail,
And ^bsatisfied them with the bread of heaven.
- 41 ^aHe opened the rock, and water gushed out;
It ran in the dry places *like* a river.
- 42 For He remembered ^aHis holy promise,
And Abraham His servant.
- 43 He brought out His people with joy,
His chosen ones with ¹gladness.
- 44 ^aHe gave them the lands of the ¹Gentiles,
And they inherited the labor of the nations,
- 45 ^aThat they might observe His statutes
And keep His laws.

¹Praise the LORD!

PSALM 106

Joy in Forgiveness of Israel's Sins

PRAISE¹ the LORD!

- ^aOh, give thanks to the LORD,
for *He* is good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.
- 2 Who can ¹utter the mighty acts of the LORD?
Who can declare all His praise?
- 3 Blessed are those who keep justice,
And ¹he who ^adoes righteousness at ^aall times!
- 4 ^aRemember me, O LORD, with the favor *You have toward Your people*.
Oh, visit me with Your salvation,
- 5 That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,
That I may glory with ¹Your inheritance.

³⁶ ^aEx. 12:29; 13:15 ^bGen. 49:3 ¹Lit. *struck down*

³⁷ ^aEx. 12:35, 36

³⁸ ^aEx. 12:33

³⁹ ^aEx. 13:21

⁴⁰ ^aEx. 16:12 ^bPs. 78:24

⁴¹ ^aEx. 17:6

⁴² ^aGen. 15:13, 14

⁴³ ^{1a} *joyful shout*

⁴⁴ ^aJosh. 11:16–23; 13:7 ^{1nations}

⁴⁵ ^a[Deut. 4:1, 40] ¹Heb. *Hallelujah*

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¹ ^{a1} Chr. 16:34, 41 ¹Heb. *Hallelujah*

² ^{1express}

³ ^aPs. 15:2 ^b[Gal. 6:9] ¹LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. *those who do*

⁴ ^aPs. 119:132

⁵ ¹The people of Your inheritance

⁶ ^a[Dan. 9:5]

⁷ ^aEx. 14:11, 12

⁸ ^aEx. 9:16

⁹ ^aEx. 14:21 ^bIs. 63:11–13

¹⁰ ^aEx. 14:30

¹¹ ^aEx. 14:27, 28; 15:5

¹² ^aEx. 15:1–21

¹³ ^aEx. 15:24; 16:2; 17:2

¹⁴ ^{a1} Cor. 10:6

¹⁵ ^aNum. 11:31 ^bIs. 10:16

¹⁶ ^aNum. 16:1–3

¹⁷ ^aDeut. 11:6

¹⁸ ^aNum. 16:35, 46

¹⁹ ^aEx. 32:1–4

²⁰ ^aRom. 1:23

²³ ^aEx. 32:10 ^bEzek. 22:30

- 6 ^aWe have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity,
We have done wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders;
They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies,
^aBut rebelled by the sea—the Red Sea.
- 8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake,
^aThat He might make His mighty power known.
- 9 ^aHe rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up;
So ^bHe led them through the depths,
As through the wilderness.
- 10 He ^asaved them from the hand of him who hated *them*,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- 11 ^aThe waters covered their enemies;
There was not one of them left.
- 12 ^aThen they believed His words;
They sang His praise.
- 13 ^aThey soon forgot His works;
They did not wait for His counsel,
- 14 ^aBut lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tested God in the desert.
- 15 ^aAnd He gave them their request,
But ^bsent leanness into their soul.
- 16 When ^athey envied Moses in the camp,
And Aaron the saint of the LORD,
- 17 ^aThe earth opened up and swallowed Dathan,
And covered the faction of Abiram.
- 18 ^aA fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.
- 19 ^aThey made a calf in Horeb,
And worshiped the molded image.
- 20 Thus ^athey changed their glory
Into the image of an ox that eats grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior,
Who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
Awesome things by the Red Sea.
- 23 ^aTherefore He said that He would destroy them,
Had not Moses His chosen one ^bstood before Him in the breach,

- To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy *them*.
- 24 Then they despised ^athe pleasant land;
They ^did not believe His word.
- 25 ^aBut complained in their tents,
And did not heed the voice of the LORD.
- 26 ^aTherefore He raised His hand
in an oath against them,
^bTo ¹overthrow them in the wilderness,
- 27 ^aTo ¹overthrow their descendants among the ²nations,
And to scatter them in the lands.
- 28 ^aThey joined themselves also to Baal of Peor,
And ate sacrifices ¹made to the dead.
- 29 Thus they provoked *Him* to anger with their deeds,
And the plague broke out among them.
- 30 ^aThen Phinehas stood up and intervened,
And the plague was stopped.
- 31 And that was accounted to him ^afor righteousness
To all generations forevermore.
- 32 ^aThey angered *Him* also at the waters of ¹strife,
^bSo that it went ill with Moses on account of them;
- 33 ^aBecause they rebelled against His Spirit,
So that he spoke rashly with his lips.
- 34 ^aThey did not destroy the peoples,
^bConcerning whom the LORD had commanded them,
- 35 ^aBut they mingled with the Gentiles
And learned their works;
- 36 ^aThey served their idols,
^bWhich became a snare to them.
- 37 ^aThey even sacrificed their sons
And their daughters to ^bdemons,
- 38 And shed innocent blood,
The blood of their sons and daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;
And ^athe land was polluted with blood.
- 39 Thus they ¹were ^adefiled by their own works,
And ^bplayed² the harlot by their own deeds.
- 40 Therefore ^athe wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people,
So that He abhorred ^bHis own inheritance.

²⁴ ^aDeut. 8:7
^b[Heb. 3:18, 19]

²⁵ ^aNum. 14:2, 27

²⁶ ^aEzek. 20:15, 16;
^bNum. 14:28-30
¹*make them fall*

²⁷ ^aLev. 26:33
¹*make their descendants fall also* ²*Gentiles*

²⁸ ^aHos. 9:10
¹*offered*

³⁰ ^aNum. 25:7, 8

³¹ ^aNum. 25:11-13

³² ^aNum. 20:3-13
^bDeut. 1:37; 3:26 ¹Or *Meribah*

³³ ^aNum. 20:3, 10

³⁴ ^aJudg. 1:21
^b[Deut. 7:2, 16]

³⁵ ^aJudg. 3:5, 6

³⁶ ^aJudg. 2:12
^bDeut. 7:16

³⁷ ^a2 Kin. 16:3; 17:17 ^b[Lev. 17:7]

³⁸ ^a[Num. 35:33]

³⁹ ^aEzek. 20:18 ^b[Lev. 17:7] ¹*became unclean*
²*Were unfaithful*

⁴⁰ ^aJudg. 2:14
^b[Deut. 9:29; 32:9]

⁴¹ ^aJudg. 2:14

⁴³ ^aJudg. 2:16

⁴⁴ ^aJudg. 3:9; 6:7; 10:10

⁴⁵ ^a[Lev. 26:41, 42] ^bJudg. 2:18 ^cPs. 69:16

⁴⁶ ^aEzra 9:9

⁴⁷ ^a1 Chr. 16:35, 36

⁴⁸ ^aPs. 41:13
¹Heb. *Hallelujah*

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¹ ^aPs. 106:1
¹Heb. same as *goodness*, vv.

8, 15, 21, 31, and *loving-kindness*, v. 43

³ ^aIs. 43:5, 6

⁴ ^a [Deut. 2:7; 32:10]

⁶ ^aPs. 50:15

⁷ ^aEzra 8:21

- 41 And ^aHe gave them into the hand of the Gentiles,
And those who hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection under their hand.
- 43 ^aMany times He delivered them;
But they rebelled in their counsel,
And were brought low for their iniquity.
- 44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction,
When ^aHe heard their cry;
- 45 ^aAnd for their sake He remembered His covenant,
And ^brelented ^aaccording to the multitude of His mercies.
- 46 ^aHe also made them to be pitied
By all those who carried them away captive.

- 47 ^aSave us, O LORD our God,
And gather us from among the Gentiles,
To give thanks to Your holy name,
To triumph in Your praise.

- 48 ^aBlessed *be* the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
And let all the people say,
“Amen!”

¹Praise the LORD!

BOOK FIVE

Psalms 107—150

PSALM 107

Thanksgiving to the LORD for His Great Works of Deliverance

- O**H, ^agive thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!*
For His ¹mercy *endures* forever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And ^agathered out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.
- 4 They wandered in ^athe wilderness in a desolate way;
They found no city to dwell in.
- 5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
- 6 ^aThen they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses.
- 7 And He led them forth by the ^aright way,

- That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.
- 8 ^aOh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
- 9 For ^aHe satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.
- 10 Those who ^asat in darkness and in the shadow of death, ^bBound¹ in affliction and irons—
- 11 Because they ^arebelled against the words of God, And ¹despised ^bthe counsel of the Most High,
- 12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and *there was* ^anone to help.
- 13 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.
- 14 ^aHe brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces.
- 15 Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
- 16 For He has ^abroken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two.
- 17 Fools, ^abecause of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.
- 18 ^aTheir soul abhorred all manner of food, And they ^bdrew near to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.
- 20 ^aHe sent His word and ^bhealed them, And ^cdelivered *them* from their destructions.
- 21 Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
- 22 ^aLet them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And ^bdeclare His works with ¹rejoicing.
- 23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters,
- 24 They see the works of the LORD,
- 8 ^aPs. 107:15, 21
- 9 ^a[Ps. 34:10; Luke 1:53]
- 10 ^a[Is. 42:7; Mic. 7:8; Luke 1:79] ^bJob 36:8 ¹*Prisoners*
- 11 ^aLam. 3:42 ^b[Ps. 73:24] ¹*scorned*
- 12 ^aPs. 22:11
- 14 ^aPs. 68:6
- 16 ^aIs. 45:1, 2
- 17 ^a[Is. 65:6, 7; Jer. 30:14, 15]; Lam. 3:39; Ezek. 24:23
- 18 ^aJob 33:20 ^bJob 33:22
- 20 ^aMatt. 8:8 ^b2 Kin. 20:5; Ps. 30:2 ^cJob 33:28, 30
- 22 ^aLev. 7:12; Ps. 50:14; Heb. 13:15 ^bPs. 9:11 ¹*joyful singing*
- 25 ^aJon. 1:4
- 26 ^aPs. 22:14
- 27 ¹*Lit. all their wisdom is swallowed up*
- 29 ^aPs. 89:9; Matt. 8:26; Luke 8:24
- 31 ^aPs. 107:8, 15, 21
- 32 ^aPs. 22:22, 25
- 33 ^a1 Kin. 17:1, 7; Is. 50:2
- 34 ^aGen. 13:10; Deut. 29:23 ¹*Lit. a salty waste*
- 35 ^aPs. 114:8; [Is. 41:17, 18]
- 38 ^aGen. 12:2; 17:16, 20 ^bEx. 1:7; [Deut. 7:14]
- 39 ^a2 Kin. 10:32
- 40 ^aJob 12:21, 24
- 41 ^a1 Sam. 2:8; [Ps. 113:7, 8] ^bPs. 78:52
- 42 ^aJob 5:15, 16
- And His wonders in the deep.
- 25 For He commands and ^araises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; ^aTheir soul melts because of trouble.
- 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And ¹are at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.
- 29 ^aHe calms the storm, So that its waves are still.
- 30 Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.
- 31 ^aOh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
- 32 Let them exalt Him also ^ain the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders.
- 33 He ^aturns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground;
- 34 A ^afruitful land into ¹barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
- 35 ^aHe turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings.
- 36 There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,
- 37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest.
- 38 ^aHe also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle ^bdecrease.
- 39 When they are ^adiminished and brought low Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow,
- 40 ^aHe pours contempt on princes, And causes them to wander in the wilderness *where there is* no way;
- 41 ^aYet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, And ^bmakes *their* families like a flock.
- 42 ^aThe righteous see *it* and rejoice,

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And all ^biniquity stops its mouth.

- 43 ^aWhoever is wise will observe these *things*,
And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

PSALM 108

Assurance of God's Victory over Enemies

A Song. A Psalm of David.

- O** ^aGOD, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and give praise,
even with my glory.
2 ^aAwake, lute and harp!
I will awaken the dawn.
3 I will praise You, O LORD,
among the peoples,
And I will sing praises to You
among the nations.
4 For Your mercy is great above
the ¹heavens,
And Your truth *reaches* to the
clouds.
5 ^aBe exalted, O God, above the
heavens,
And Your glory above all the
earth;
6 ^aThat Your beloved may be
delivered,
Save *with* Your right hand, and
¹hear me.
7 God has spoken in His holiness:
"I will rejoice;
I will divide Shechem
And measure out the Valley of
Succoth.
8 Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is
Mine;
Ephraim also is the ¹helmet for
My head;
^aJudah is My lawgiver.
9 Moab is My washpot;
Over Edom I will cast My shoe;
Over Philistia I will triumph."
10 ^aWho will bring me *into* the
strong city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
11 *Is it not You, O God, who cast
us off?*
And *You, O God, who did not
go out with our armies?*
12 Give us help from trouble,
For the help of man is useless.
13 ^aThrough God we will do
valiantly,
For *it is He who shall tread
down our enemies.*

PSALM 109

Plea for Judgment of False Accusers

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- D** ^ao not keep silent,
O God of my praise!

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42 ^bJob 5:16;
Ps. 63:11;
[Rom. 3:19]

43 ^aPs. 64:9;
Jer. 9:12;
[Hos. 14:9]

PSALM 108

1 ^aPs. 57:7-11

2 ^aPs. 57:8-11

4 ¹skies

5 ^aPs. 57:5, 11

6 ^aPs. 60:5-12

¹Lit. *answer*

8 ^a[Gen. 49:10]

¹Lit. *protec-*

tion

10 ^aPs. 60:9

13 ^aPs. 60:12

PSALM 109

1 ^aPs. 83:1

2 ^aPs. 27:12

3 ^aPs. 35:7;

69:4; John

15:25

5 ^aPs. 35:7, 12;

38:20; Prov.

17:13

6 ^aZech. 3:1

¹Heb. *satan*

7 ^a[Prov. 28:9]

8 ^a[Ps. 55:23];

John 17:12

^bPs. 69:25;

Acts 1:20

9 ^aEx. 22:24

10 ¹*wander*

continuously

¹So with MT.

Tg.; LXX, Vg.

be cast out

11 ^aNeh. 5:7;

Job 5:5; 18:9

13 ^aJob 18:19;

Ps. 37:28

^bProv. 10:7

descendants

be destroyed

14 ^a[Ex. 20:5;

Num. 14:18];

Is. 65:6; [Jer.

32:18] ^bNeh.

4:5; Jer. 18:23

15 ^aJob 18:17;

[Ps. 34:16]

16 ^a[Ps. 34:18]

17 ^aProv.

14:14; [Matt.

7:2]

18 ^aNum. 5:22

- 2 For the mouth of the wicked
and the mouth of the
deceitful
Have opened against me;
They have spoken against me
with a ^alying tongue.
3 They have also surrounded me
with words of hatred,
And fought against me
^awithout a cause.
4 In return for my love they are
my accusers,
But I *give myself* to prayer.
5 Thus ^athey have rewarded me
evil for good,
And hatred for my love.
6 Set a wicked man over him,
And let ^aan ^aaccuser stand at
his right hand.
7 When he is judged, let him be
found guilty,
And ^alet his prayer become sin.
8 Let his days be ^afew,
And ^blet another take his office.
9 ^aLet his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
10 Let his children ¹continually be
vagabonds, and beg;
Let them ²seek *their bread* also
from their desolate places.
11 ^aLet the creditor seize all that he
has,
And let strangers plunder his
labor.
12 Let there be none to extend
mercy to him,
Nor let there be any to favor
his fatherless children.
13 ^aLet his ¹posterity be cut off,
And in the generation following
let their ^aname be blotted out.
14 ^aLet the iniquity of his fathers
be remembered before the
LORD,
And let not the sin of his
mother ^bbe blotted out.
15 Let them be continually before
the LORD,
That He may ^acut off the
memory of them from the
earth;
16 Because he did not remember
to show mercy,
But persecuted the poor and
needy man,
That he might even slay the
^bbroken in heart.
17 ^aAs he loved cursing, so let it
come to him;
As he did not delight in
blessing, so let it be far from
him.
18 As he clothed himself with
cursing as with his garment,
So let it ^aenter his body like
water,
And like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be to him like the
garment which covers him,
And for a belt with which he
girds himself continually.

- 20 *Let this be* the LORD's reward to my accusers,
And to those who speak evil against my person.
- 21 But You, O GOD the Lord,
Deal with me for Your name's sake;
Because Your mercy is good, deliver me.
- 22 For I *am* poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
- 23 I am gone ^alike a shadow when it lengthens;
I am shaken off like a locust.
- 24 My ^aknees are weak through fasting,
And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.
- 25 I also have become ^aa reproach to them;
When they look at me, ^bthey shake their heads.
- 26 Help me, O LORD my God!
Oh, save me according to Your mercy,
- 27 ^aThat they may know that this is Your hand—
That You, LORD, have done it!
- 28 ^aLet them curse, but You bless;
When they arise, let them be ashamed,
But let ^bYour servant rejoice.
- 29 ^aLet my accusers be clothed with shame,
And let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle.
- 30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth;
Yes, ^aI will praise Him among the multitude.
- 31 For ^aHe shall stand at the right hand of the poor,
To save *him* from those ⁱwho condemn him.

PSALM 110

Announcement of the Messiah's Reign

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE ^aLORD said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your ^bfootstool."
- 2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength ^aout of Zion.
^bRule in the midst of Your enemies!
- 3 ^aYour people *shall be* volunteers In the day of Your power;
^bIn the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,
You have the dew of Your youth.
- 4 The LORD has sworn

23 ^aPs. 102:11
24 ^aHeb. 12:12
25 ^aPs. 22:7; Jer. 18:16; Lam. 2:15
^bMatt. 27:39; Mark 15:29
27 ^aJob 37:7
28 ^a2 Sam. 6:11, 12 ^bIs. 65:14
29 ^aJob 8:22; Ps. 35:26
30 ^aPs. 35:18; 111:1
31 ^a[Ps. 16:8]
¹Lit. *judging his soul*

PSALM 110

1 ^aMatt. 22:44; Mark 12:36; 16:19; Luke 20:42, 43; Acts 2:34, 35; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:13
^b[1 Cor. 15:25; Eph. 1:22]
2 ^a[Rom. 11:26, 27]
^b[Ps. 2:9; Dan. 7:13, 14]
3 ^aJudg. 5:2; Neh. 11:2
^b1 Chr. 16:29; Ps. 96:9
4 ^a[Num. 23:19] ^b[Zech. 6:13] ^c[Heb. 5:6, 10; 6:20]
5 ^a[Ps. 16:8] ^bPs. 2:5, 12; [Rom. 2:5; Rev. 6:17]
¹Lit. *break kings in pieces*
6 ^aPs. 68:21
¹Lit. *break in pieces*
7 ^a[Is. 53:12]

PSALM 111

1 ^aPs. 35:18
¹Heb. *Hallelujah*
2 ^aPs. 92:5 ^bPs. 143:5
3 ^aPs. 145:4, 5
4 ^a[Ps. 86:5]
6 ¹*inheritance*
7 ^a[Rev. 15:3] ¹*truth*
8 ^aIs. 40:8; Matt. 5:18
^b[Rev. 15:3]
9 ^aLuke 1:68
^bLuke 1:49
10 ^aJob 28:28; [Prov. 1:7; 9:10]; Eccl. 12:13

- And ^awill not relent,
"You are a ^bpriest forever According to the order of ^cMelchizedek."
- 5 The Lord is ^aat Your right hand;
He shall ⁱexecute kings ^bin the day of His wrath.
- 6 He shall judge among the nations,
He shall fill *the places* with dead bodies.
^aHe shall ⁱexecute the heads of many countries.
- 7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside;
^aTherefore He shall lift up the head.

PSALM 111

*Praise to God for His Faithfulness and Justice***P**RAISE¹ the LORD!

- ^aI will praise the LORD with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.
- 2 ^aThe works of the LORD are great,
^bStudied by all who have pleasure in them.
- 3 His work is ^ahonorable and glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
^aThe LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He has given food to those who fear Him;
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
- 6 He has declared to His people the power of His works,
In giving them the ⁱheritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of His hands are ^averity¹ and justice;
All His precepts are sure.
- 8 ^aThey stand fast forever and ever,
And are ^bdone in truth and uprightness.
- 9 ^aHe has sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant forever:
^bHoly and awesome is His name.
- 10 ^aThe fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*.
His praise endures forever.

PSALM 112:1

PSALM 112

The Blessed State of the Righteous

PRAISE¹ the LORD!

- Blessed is the man *who* fears the LORD,
Who ^adelights greatly in His commandments.
- 2 ^aHis descendants will be mighty on earth;
The generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 ^aWealth and riches *will be* in his house,
And his righteousness ¹endures forever.
- 4 ^aUnto the upright there arises light in the darkness;
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
- 5 ^aA good man deals graciously and lends;
He will guide his affairs ^bwith discretion.
- 6 Surely he will never be shaken;
^aThe righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 ^aHe will not be afraid of evil tidings;
His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- 8 His ^aheart is established;
^bHe will not be afraid,
Until he ^csees his *desire* upon his enemies.
- 9 He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;
His ¹horn will be exalted with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see *it* and be grieved;
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

The Majesty and Condescension of God

PRAISE¹ the LORD!

- ^aPraise, O servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD!
- 2 ^aBlessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forevermore!
- 3 ^aFrom the rising of the sun to its going down
The LORD's name is to be praised.
- 4 The LORD is ^ahigh above all nations,
^bHis glory above the heavens.
- 5 ^aWho is like the LORD our God,
Who dwells on high,

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PSALM 112

1 ^aPs. 128:1
¹Heb. *Hallelujah*
2 ^a[Ps. 102:28]
3 ^aProv. 3:16; 8:18; [Matt. 6:33] ¹stands
4 ^aJob 11:17; Ps. 97:11
5 ^aPs. 37:26; [Luke 6:35]
^b[Eph. 5:15; Col. 4:5]
6 ^aProv. 10:7
7 ^a[Prov. 1:33]
8 ^aHeb. 13:9
^b[Ps. 27:1; 56:11]; Prov. 1:33; 3:24; [Is. 12:2] ^cPs. 59:10
9 ¹Strength

PSALM 113

1 ^aPs. 135:1
¹Heb. *Hallelujah*
2 ^a[Dan. 2:20]
3 ^aIs. 59:19; Mal. 1:11
4 ^aPs. 97:9; 99:2 ^b[Ps. 8:1]
5 ^aPs. 89:6; [Is. 57:15]
6 ^a[Ps. 11:4; Is. 57:15]
7 ^a1 Sam. 2:8; Ps. 107:41 ^bPs. 72:12
8 ^a[Job 36:7]
9 ^a1 Sam. 2:5; Is. 54:1 ¹childless

PSALM 114

1 ^aEx. 12:51; 13:3 ^bPs. 81:5
¹who spoke unintelligibly
2 ^aEx. 6:7; 19:6; 25:8; 29:45, 46; Deut. 27:9

3 ^aEx. 14:21; Ps. 77:16
^bJosh. 3:13–16
4 ^aEx. 19:18; Judg. 5:5; Ps. 29:6; Hab. 3:6

5 ^aHab. 3:8
8 ^aEx. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps. 107:35

PSALM 115

1 ^a[Is. 48:11]; Ezek. 36:32
2 ^aPs. 42:3, 10 ¹nations
3 ^a[1 Chr. 16:26]
4 ^aDeut. 4:28; 2 Kin. 19:18; Is. 37:19; 44:10, 20; Jer. 10:3

- 6 ^aWho humbles Himself to behold
The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?
- 7 ^aHe raises the poor out of the dust,
And lifts the ^bneedy out of the ash heap,
- 8 That He may ^aseat *him* with princes—
With the princes of His people.
- 9 ^aHe grants the ¹barren woman a home,
Like a joyful mother of children.
- Praise the LORD!

PSALM 114

The Power of God in His Deliverance of Israel

- W**HEN ^aIsrael went out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob ^bfrom a people ¹of strange language,
- 2 ^aJudah became His sanctuary,
And Israel His dominion.
- 3 ^aThe sea saw *it* and fled;
^bJordan turned back.
- 4 ^aThe mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like lambs.
- 5 ^aWhat ails you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, *that* you turned back?
- 6 O mountains, *that* you skipped like rams?
O little hills, like lambs?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 ^aWho turned the rock *into* a pool of water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

The Futility of Idols and the Trustworthiness of God

- N**OT ^aunto us, O LORD, not unto us,
But to Your name give glory,
Because of Your mercy,
Because of Your truth.
- 2 Why should the ¹Gentiles say,
“So where *is* their God?”
- 3 ^aBut our God *is* in heaven;
He does whatever He pleases.
- 4 ^aTheir idols *are* silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they do not speak;
Eyes they have, but they do not see;
- 6 They have ears, but they do not hear;

- Noses they have, but they do not smell;
 7 They have hands, but they do not handle;
 Feet they have, but they do not walk;
 Nor do they mutter through their throat.
 8 ^aThose who make them are like them;
 So is everyone who trusts in them.
 9 ^aO Israel, trust in the LORD;
^bHe is their help and their shield.
 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;
 He is their help and their shield.
 11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;
 He is their help and their shield.
 12 The LORD ¹has been mindful of us;
 He will bless us;
 He will bless the house of Israel;
 He will bless the house of Aaron.
 13 ^aHe will bless those who fear the LORD,
 Both small and great.
 14 May the LORD give you increase more and more,
 You and your children.
 15 May you be ^ablessed by the LORD,
^bWho made heaven and earth.
 16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, are the LORD's;
 But the earth He has given to the children of men.
 17 ^aThe dead do not praise the LORD,
 Nor any who go down into silence.
 18 ^aBut we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forevermore.
 Praise the LORD!

PSALM 116

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death

- I** ^aLOVE the LORD, because He has heard
 My voice *and* my supplications.
 2 Because He has inclined His ear to me,
 Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live.
 3 ^aThe ¹pains of death surrounded me,
 And the ²pangs of Sheol ³laid hold of me;

8 ^aPs. 135:18;
 Is. 44:9–11

9 ^aPs. 118:2, 3
^bPs. 33:20

12 ¹has remembered us

13 ^aPs. 128:1, 4

15 ^a[Gen. 14:19] ^bGen. 1:1; Acts 14:15; Rev. 14:7

17 ^aPs. 6:5; 88:10–12; [Is. 38:18]

18 ^aPs. 113:2; Dan. 2:20

PSALM 116

1 ^aPs. 18:1

3 ^aPs. 18:4–6
¹Lit. *cords*
²*distresses*
³Lit. *found me*

5 ^a[Ps. 103:8] ^b[Ezra 9:15]; Neh. 9:8; [Ps. 119:137; 145:17; Jer. 12:1; Dan. 9:14]

7 ^a[Jer. 6:16; Matt. 11:29] ^bPs. 13:6

8 ^aPs. 56:13

9 ^aPs. 27:13

10 ^a2 Cor. 4:13

11 ^aPs. 31:22
^bRom. 3:4

14 ^aPs. 116:18

15 ^aPs. 72:14; [Rev. 14:13]

16 ^aPs. 119:125; 143:12 ^bPs. 86:16

17 ^aLev. 7:12; Ps. 50:14; 107:22

19 ^aPs. 96:8
¹Heb. *Hallelujah*

PSALM 117

1 ^aRom. 15:11
¹*Praise*

2 ^a[Ps. 100:5]

- I found trouble and sorrow.
 4 Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
^aO LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"
 5 ^aGracious is the LORD, and ^bbrighteous;
 Yes, our God is merciful.
 6 The LORD preserves the simple;
 I was brought low, and He saved me.
 7 Return to your ^arest, O my soul,
 For ^bthe LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
 8 ^aFor You have delivered my soul from death,
 My eyes from tears,
 And my feet from falling.
 9 I will walk before the LORD
^aIn the land of the living.
 10 ^aI believed, therefore I spoke,
^a"I am greatly afflicted."
 11 ^aI said in my haste,
^b"All men are liars."
 12 What shall I render to the LORD
 For all His benefits toward me?
 13 I will take up the cup of salvation,
 And call upon the name of the LORD.
 14 ^aI will pay my vows to the LORD
 Now in the presence of all His people.
 15 ^aPrecious in the sight of the LORD
 Is the death of His saints.
 16 O LORD, truly ^aI am Your servant;
 I am Your servant, ^bthe son of Your maidservant;
 You have loosed my bonds.
 17 I will offer to You ^athe sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 And will call upon the name of the LORD.
 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD
 Now in the presence of all His people.
 19 In the ^acourts of the LORD's house,
 In the midst of you,
 O Jerusalem.
¹Praise the LORD!
 PSALM 117
Let All Peoples Praise the LORD
PRAISE ^athe LORD, all you Gentiles!
¹Laud Him, all you peoples!
 2 For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
 And ^athe truth of the LORD endures forever.
 Praise the LORD!

PSALM 118

Praise to God for His Everlasting Mercy

- O H, ^agive thanks to the LORD,
for *He* is good!
^bFor His mercy *endures* forever.
- 2 ^aLet Israel now say,
"His mercy *endures* forever."
3 Let the house of Aaron now
say,
"His mercy *endures* forever."
4 Let those who fear the LORD
now say,
"His mercy *endures* forever."
- 5 ^aI called on the LORD in distress;
The LORD answered me *and*
^bset me in a broad place.
- 6 ^aThe LORD is on my side;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
- 7 ^aThe LORD is for me among
those who help me;
Therefore ^bI shall see my *desire*
on those who hate me.
- 8 ^aIt is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in
man.
- 9 ^aIt is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in
princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me,
But in the name of the LORD I
will destroy them.
- 11 They ^asurrounded me,
Yes, they surrounded me;
But in the name of the LORD I
will destroy them.
- 12 They surrounded me ^alike bees;
They were quenched ^blike a fire
of thorns;
For in the name of the LORD I
will ^cdestroy them.
- 13 You pushed me violently, that I
might fall,
But the LORD helped me.
- 14 ^aThe LORD is my strength and
song,
And He has become my
salvation.
- 15 The voice of rejoicing and
salvation
Is in the tents of the righteous;
The right hand of the LORD
does valiantly.
- 16 ^aThe right hand of the LORD is
exalted;
The right hand of the LORD
does valiantly.
- 17 ^aI shall not die, but live,
And ^bdeclare the works of the
LORD.
- 18 The LORD has ^achastened¹ me
severely,
But He has not given me over
to death.
- 19 ^aOpen to me the gates of
righteousness;

PSALM 118

- 1 ^a1 Chr. 16:8;
34; Jer. 33:11
^b2 Chr. 5:13;
7:3; Ezra 3:11;
[Ps. 136:1-26]
- 2 ^a[Ps. 115:9]
- 5 ^aPs. 120:1
^bPs. 18:19
- 6 ^aPs. 27:1;
56:9; [Rom.
8:31; Heb.
13:6]
- 7 ^aPs. 54:4 ^bPs.
59:10
- 8 ^a2 Chr. 32:7;
8; Ps. 40:4; Is.
31:1, 3; 57:13;
Jer. 17:5
- 9 ^aPs. 146:3
- 11 ^aPs. 88:17
- 12 ^aDeut. 1:44
^bEcc. 7:6;
Nah. 1:10 ^ccut
them off
- 14 ^aEx. 15:2;
Is. 12:2
- 16 ^aEx. 15:6
- 17 ^a[Ps. 6:5];
Hab. 1:12 ^bPs.
73:28
- 18 ^aPs. 73:14;
Jer. 31:18;
[1 Cor. 11:32];
2 Cor. 6:9
^cdisciplined
- 19 ^aIs. 26:2
- 20 ^aPs. 24:7
^bIs. 35:8; [Rev.
21:27; 22:14,
15]
- 21 ^aPs. 116:1
- 22 ^aMatt.
21:42; Mark
12:10, 11;
Luke 20:17;
Acts 4:11;
[Eph. 2:20;
1 Pet. 2:7, 8]
- 23 ¹Lit. *This is
from the
LORD*
- 26 ^aMatt. 21:9;
23:39; Mark
11:9; Luke
13:35; 19:38
- 27 ^aEsth. 8:16;
[1 Pet. 2:9]
- 28 ^aEx. 15:2;
Is. 25:1
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- 1 ^aPs. 128:1;
[Ezek. 11:20;
18:17]; Mic.
4:2 ¹blameless
- 2 ^aDeut. 6:5;
10:12; 11:13;
13:3
- 3 ^a[1 John 3:9;
5:18]
- 6 ^aJob 22:26

- I will go through them,
And I will praise the LORD.
- 20 ^aThis is the gate of the LORD,
^bThrough which the righteous
shall enter.
- 21 I will praise You,
For You have answered me,
And have become my salvation.
- 22 ^aThe stone *which* the builders
rejected
Has become the chief
cornerstone.
- 23 ¹This was the LORD's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day the LORD has
made;
We will rejoice and be glad in
it.
- 25 Save now, I pray, O LORD;
O LORD, I pray, send now
prosperity.
- 26 ^aBlessed is he who comes in the
name of the LORD!
We have blessed you from the
house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD,
And He has given us ^alight;
Bind the sacrifice with cords to
the horns of the altar.
- 28 You *are* my God, and I will
praise You;
^aYou *are* my God, I will exalt
You.
- 29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for *He* is good!
For His mercy *endures* forever.

PSALM 119

*Meditations on the Excellencies of
the Word of God*

ALEPH

- BLESSED *are* the ¹undefiled in the
way,
^aWho walk in the law of the
LORD!
- 2 Blessed *are* those who keep His
testimonies,
Who seek Him with the ^awhole
heart!
- 3 ^aThey also do no iniquity;
They walk in His ways.
- 4 You have commanded us
To keep Your precepts
diligently.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were directed
To keep Your statutes!
- 6 ^aThen I would not be ashamed,
When I look into all Your
commandments.
- 7 I will praise You with
uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous
judgments.
- 8 I will keep Your statutes;
Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

𐤁 BETH

9 How can a young man cleanse his way?

By taking heed according to Your word.

10 With my whole heart I have ^asought You;

Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

11 ^aYour word I have hidden in my heart,

That I might not sin against You.

12 Blessed *are* You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.

13 With my lips I have ^adeclared All the judgments of Your mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As *much as* in all riches.

15 I will meditate on Your precepts,

And ¹contemplate Your ways.

16 I will ^adelight myself in Your statutes;

I will not forget Your word.

𐤂 GIMEL

17 ^aDeal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

19 ^aI *am* a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your

commandments from me.

20 ^aMy soul ¹breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times.

21 You rebuke the proud—the cursed,

Who stray from Your commandments.

22 ^aRemove from me reproach and contempt,

For I have kept Your testimonies.

23 Princes also sit *and* speak against me,

But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

24 Your testimonies also *are* my delight

And my counselors.

𐤃 DALETH

25 ^aMy soul clings to the dust; ^bRevive me according to Your word.

26 I have declared my ways, and You answered me;

^aTeach me Your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts;

So ^ashall I meditate on Your wonderful works.

10 ^a2 Chr. 15:15

11 ^aPs. 37:31; Luke 2:19

13 ^aPs. 34:11

15 ¹look into

16 ^aPs. 1:2

17 ^aPs. 116:7

19 ^aGen. 47:9; Lev. 25:23; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 39:12; Heb. 11:13

20 ^aPs. 42:1, 2; 63:1; 84:2 ¹is crushed

22 ^aPs. 39:8

25 ^aPs. 44:25 ^bPs. 143:11

26 ^aPs. 25:4; 27:11; 86:11

27 ^aPs. 145:5, 6

28 ^aPs. 107:26 ¹Lit. *drops* ²*grief*

32 ^a1 Kin. 4:29; Is. 60:5; 2 Cor. 6:11, 13

33 ^a[Matt. 10:22; Rev. 2:26]

34 ^a[Prov. 2:6; James 1:5]

36 ^aEzek. 33:31; [Mark 7:20–23]; Luke 12:15; [Heb. 13:5] ¹Cause me to long for

37 ^aIs. 33:15 ^bProv. 23:5 ¹Lit. *Cause my eyes to pass away from* ²So with MT, LXX, Vg.; Tg. *Your words*

38 ^a2 Sam. 7:25

42 ¹taunts

45 ^aProv. 4:12 ¹Lit. *in a wide place*

46 ^aPs. 138:1; Matt. 10:18; Acts 26

28 ^aMy soul ¹melts from ²heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid *before me*.

31 I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!

32 I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall ^aenlarge my heart.

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33 ^aTeach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,

And I shall keep it to the end.

34 ^aGive me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;

Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.

36 ¹Incline my heart to Your testimonies,

And not to ^acovetousness.

37 ^aTurn¹ away my eyes from ^blooking at worthless things, And revive me in ²Your way.

38 ^aEstablish Your word to Your servant, Who is *devoted* to fearing You.

39 Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments *are* good.

40 Behold, I long for Your precepts;

Revive me in Your righteousness.

𐤅 WAW

41 Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD— Your salvation according to Your word.

42 So shall I have an answer for him who ¹reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances.

44 So shall I keep Your law continually, Forever and ever.

45 And I will walk ¹at ^aliberty, For I seek Your precepts.

46 ^aI will speak of Your testimonies also before kings,

And will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love.

48 My hands also I will lift up to
Your commandments,
Which I love,
And I will meditate on Your
statutes.

י ZAYIN

49 Remember the word to Your
servant,
Upon which You have caused
me to hope.
50 This is my ^acomfort in my
affliction,
For Your word has given me life.
51 The proud have me in great
derision,
Yet I do not turn aside from
Your law.
52 I remembered Your judgments
of old, O LORD,
And have comforted myself.
53 ^aIndignation has taken hold of
me
Because of the wicked, who
forsake Your law.
54 Your statutes have been my
songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 ^aI remember Your name in the
night, O LORD,
And I keep Your law.
56 This has become mine,
Because I kept Your precepts.

ח HETH

57 ^aYou are my portion, O LORD;
I have said that I would keep
Your words.
58 I entreated Your favor with my
whole heart;
Be merciful to me according to
Your word.
59 I ^athought about my ways,
And turned my feet to Your
testimonies.
60 I made haste, and did not delay
To keep Your commandments.
61 The cords of the wicked have
bound me,
But I have not forgotten Your
law.
62 ^aAt midnight I will rise to give
thanks to You,
Because of Your righteous
judgments.
63 I ^aam a companion of all who
fear You,
And of those who keep Your
precepts.
64 ^aThe earth, O LORD, is full of
Your mercy;
Teach me Your statutes.

ט TETH

65 You have dealt well with Your
servant,

⁵⁰ ^aJob 6:10;
[Rom. 15:4]

⁵³ ^aEx. 32:19;
Ezra 9:3; Neh.
13:25

⁵⁵ ^aPs. 63:6

⁵⁷ ^aNum.
18:20; Ps.
16:5; Jer.
10:16; Lam.
3:24

⁵⁹ ^aMark
14:72; Luke
15:17

⁶² ^aActs 16:25

⁶⁴ ^aPs. 33:5

⁶⁶ ^aPhil. 1:9

⁶⁷ ^aProv. 3:11;
Jer. 31:18, 19;
[Heb. 12:5–11]

⁶⁸ ^aPs. 106:1;
107:1; [Matt.
19:17]

⁶⁹ ^aJob 13:4;
Ps. 109:2 ¹Lit.
*smeared me
with a lie*

⁷⁰ ^aDeut.
32:15; Job
15:27; Ps.
17:10; Is. 6:10;
Jer. 5:28; Acts
28:27 ¹Insens-
ible

⁷² ^aPs. 19:10;
Prov. 8:10, 11,
19

⁷³ ^aJob 10:8;
31:15; [Ps.
139:15, 16]

⁷⁴ ^aPs. 34:2

⁷⁵ ^a[Heb.
12:10] ¹Lit.
righteous

⁷⁸ ^aPs. 25:3

⁸¹ ^aPs. 73:26;
84:2

⁸³ ^aJob 30:30

O LORD, according to Your
word.

66 Teach me good judgment and
^aknowledge,
For I believe Your
commandments.

67 Before I was ^aafflicted I went
astray,

But now I keep Your word.

68 You are ^agood, and do good;
Teach me Your statutes.

69 The proud have ^aforged¹ a lie
against me,
But I will keep Your precepts
with my whole heart.

70 ^aTheir heart is ¹as fat as grease,
But I delight in Your law.

71 It is good for me that I have
been afflicted,
That I may learn Your statutes.

72 ^aThe law of Your mouth is better
to me
Than thousands of *coins of*
gold and silver.

י YOD

73 ^aYour hands have made me and
fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I
may learn Your
commandments.

74 ^aThose who fear You will be glad
when they see me,
Because I have hoped in Your
word.

75 I know, O LORD, ^athat Your
judgments are ¹right,
And *that* in faithfulness You
have afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray, Your merciful
kindness be for my comfort,
According to Your word to Your
servant.

77 Let Your tender mercies come
to me, that I may live;
For Your law is my delight.

78 Let the proud ^abe ashamed,
For they treated me wrongfully
with falsehood;
But I will meditate on Your
precepts.

79 Let those who fear You turn to
me,
Those who know Your
testimonies.

80 Let my heart be blameless
regarding Your statutes,
That I may not be ashamed.

י KAPH

81 ^aMy soul faints for Your salvation,
But I hope in Your word.

82 My eyes fail *from searching*
Your word,
Saying, "When will You comfort
me?"

83 For ^aI have become like a
wineskin in smoke,

Yet I do not forget Your statutes.	84 ^a Ps. 39:4 ^b Rev. 6:10	Because I keep Your precepts.
84 ^a How many <i>are</i> the days of Your servant?	85 ^a Ps. 35:7; Prov. 16:27; Jer. 18:22	101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.
^b When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?	86 ^a Ps. 35:19	102 I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.
85 ^a The proud have dug pits for me, Which is not according to Your law.	89 ^a Ps. 89:2; Is. 40:8; Matt. 24:35; [1 Pet. 1:25] ¹ Lit. <i>stands firm</i>	103 ^a How sweet are Your words to my taste, <i>Sweeter</i> than honey to my mouth!
86 All Your commandments <i>are</i> faithful; They persecute me ^a wrongfully; Help me!	90 ¹ Lit. <i>stands</i>	104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.
87 They almost made an end of me on earth, But I did not forsake Your precepts.	91 ^a Jer. 33:25	
88 Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.	95 ¹ <i>give attention to</i>	ן NUN
ל LAMED	96 ^a Matt. 5:18	105 ^a Your word <i>is</i> a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
89 ^a Forever, O LORD, Your word ¹ is settled in heaven.	97 ^a Ps. 1:2	106 ^a I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.
90 Your faithfulness <i>endures</i> to all generations; You established the earth, and it ¹ abides.	98 ^a Deut. 4:6	107 I am afflicted very much; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.
91 They continue this day according to ^a Your ordinances, For all <i>are</i> Your servants.	99 ^a [2 Tim. 3:15]	108 Accept, I pray, ^a the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your judgments.
92 Unless Your law <i>had been</i> my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.	100 ^a [Job 32:7-9] ¹ <i>aged</i>	109 ^a My life is continually ¹ in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.
93 I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.	103 ^a Ps. 19:10; Prov. 8:11	110 ^a The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.
94 I <i>am</i> Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.	105 ^a Prov. 6:23	111 ^a Your testimonies I have taken as a ¹ heritage forever, For they <i>are</i> the rejoicing of my heart.
95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me, But I will ¹ consider Your testimonies.	106 ^a Neh. 10:29	112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end.
96 ^a I have seen the consummation of all perfection, But Your commandment <i>is</i> exceedingly broad.	108 ^a Hos. 14:2; Heb. 13:15	ס SAMEK
מ MEM	109 ^a Judg. 12:3; Job 13:14 ¹ In danger	113 I hate the ¹ double-minded, But I love Your law.
97 Oh, how I love Your law! ^a It is my meditation all the day.	110 ^a Ps. 140:5	114 ^a You <i>are</i> my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.
98 You, through Your commandments, make me ^a wiser than my enemies; For they <i>are</i> ever with me.	111 ^a Deut. 33:4 ¹ <i>inheritance</i>	115 ^a Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God!
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, ^a For Your testimonies <i>are</i> my meditation.	113 ¹ Lit. <i>divided in heart or mind</i>	116 Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me ^a be ashamed of my hope.
100 ^a I understand more than the ¹ ancients,	114 ^a [Ps. 32:7]	117 ¹ Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.
	115 ^a Ps. 6:8; Matt. 7:23	118 You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit <i>is</i> falsehood.
	116 ^a Ps. 25:2; [Rom. 5:5; 9:33; 10:11; Phil. 1:20]	
	117 ¹ <i>Uphold me</i>	

- 119 You ¹put away all the wicked
of the earth ^alike ²dross;
Therefore I love Your
testimonies.
- 120 ^aMy flesh trembles for fear of
You,
And I am afraid of Your
judgments.
- י AYIN
- 121 I have done justice and
righteousness;
Do not leave me to my
oppressors.
- 122 Be ^asurety¹ for Your servant
for good;
Do not let the proud oppress
me.
- 123 My eyes fail *from seeking*
Your salvation
And Your righteous word.
Deal with Your servant
according to Your mercy,
And teach me Your statutes.
- 125 ^aI *am* Your servant;
Give me understanding,
That I may know Your
testimonies.
- 126 *It is time for You to act,*
O LORD,
For they have ¹regarded Your
law as void.
- 127 ^aTherefore I love Your
commandments
More than gold, yes, than fine
gold!
- 128 Therefore all *Your precepts*
concerning all things
I consider *to be* right;
I hate every false way.
- ב PE
- 129 Your testimonies are
wonderful;
Therefore my soul keeps
them.
- 130 The entrance of Your words
gives light;
^aIt gives understanding to the
^bsimple.
- 131 I opened my mouth and
^aanted,
For I longed for Your
commandments.
- 132 ^aLook upon me and be
merciful to me,
^bAs Your custom is toward
those who love Your name.
- 133 ^aDirect my steps by Your
word,
And ^blet no iniquity have
dominion over me.
- 134 ^aRedeem me from the
oppression of man,
That I may keep Your
precepts.
- 135 ^aMake Your face shine upon
Your servant,
And teach me Your statutes.

- 119 ^aIs. 1:22,
25; Ezek.
22:18, 19 ¹de-
stroy, lit.
cause to
cease ²slag or
refuse
- 120 ^aJob 4:14;
Hab. 3:16
- 122 ^aJob 17:3;
Heb. 7:22
¹guaranty
- 125 ^aPs. 116:16
- 126 ¹broken
Your law
- 127 ^aPs. 19:10
- 130 ^aProv. 6:23
^b[Ps. 19:7];
Prov. 1:4
- 131 ^aPs. 42:1
- 132 ^aPs. 106:4
^bPs. 51:1;
[2 Thess. 1:6]
- 133 ^aPs. 17:5
^b[Ps. 19:13;
Rom. 6:12]
- 134 ^aLuke 1:74
- 135 ^aNum.
6:25; Ps. 4:6
- 136 ^aJer. 9:1,
18; 14:17;
Lam. 3:48;
Ezek. 9:4
- 137 ^aEzra 9:15;
Neh. 9:33; Jer.
12:1; Lam.
1:18; Dan. 9:7,
14
- 138 ^a[Ps.
19:7-9]
- 139 ^aPs. 69:9;
John 2:17
¹put an end
to
- 140 ^aPs. 12:6
¹Lit. *refined*
or tried
- 142 ^a[Ps. 19:9;
John 17:17]
- 143 ¹Lit. *found*
- 147 ^aPs. 5:3
- 148 ^aPs. 63:1, 6
- 151 ^a[Ps.
145:18]; Is.
50:8
- 152 ^aLuke
21:33
- 153 ^aLam. 5:1

- 136 ^aRivers of water run down
from my eyes,
Because *men* do not keep
Your law.

ז TSADDE

- 137 ^aRighteous *are* You, O LORD,
And upright *are* Your
judgments.
- 138 ^aYour testimonies, *which* You
have commanded,
Are righteous and very
faithful.
- 139 ^aMy zeal has ¹consumed me,
Because my enemies have
forgotten Your words.
- 140 ^aYour word is very ¹pure;
Therefore Your servant loves
it.
- 141 *I am* small and despised,
Yet I do not forget Your
precepts.
- 142 Your righteousness is an
everlasting righteousness,
And Your law is ^atruth.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have
¹overtaken me,
Yet Your commandments *are*
my delights.
- 144 The righteousness of Your
testimonies is everlasting;
Give me understanding, and I
shall live.

ח QOPH

- 145 I cry out with *my* whole heart;
Hear me, O LORD!
I will keep Your statutes.
- 146 I cry out to You;
Save me, and I will keep Your
testimonies.
- 147 ^aI rise before the dawning of
the morning,
And cry for help;
I hope in Your word.
- 148 ^aMy eyes are awake through
the *night* watches,
That I may meditate on Your
word.
- 149 Hear my voice according to
Your lovingkindness;
O LORD, revive me according
to Your justice.
- 150 They draw near who follow
after wickedness;
They are far from Your law.
- 151 You *are* ^anear, O LORD,
And all Your commandments
are truth.
- 152 Concerning Your testimonies,
I have known of old that You
have founded them ^aforever.

ט RESH

- 153 ^aConsider my affliction and
deliver me,

For I do not forget Your law.
 154 ^aPlead my cause and redeem me;
 Revive me according to Your word.
 155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked,
 For they do not seek Your statutes.
 156 ¹Great *are* Your tender mercies, O LORD;
 Revive me according to Your judgments.
 157 Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies,
 Yet I do not ^aturn from Your testimonies.
 158 I see the treacherous, and ^aam disgusted,
 Because they do not keep Your word.
 159 Consider how I love Your precepts;
 Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.
 160 The entirety of Your word *is* truth,
 And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

ש SHIN

161 ^aPrinces persecute me without a cause,
 But my heart stands in awe of Your word.
 162 I rejoice at Your word
 As one who finds great treasure.
 163 I hate and abhor lying,
 But I love Your law.
 164 Seven times a day I praise You,
 Because of Your righteous judgments.
 165 ^aGreat peace have those who love Your law,
 And ¹nothing causes them to stumble.
 166 ^aLORD, I hope for Your salvation,
 And I do Your commandments.
 167 My soul keeps Your testimonies,
 And I love them exceedingly.
 168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
^aFor all my ways *are* before You.

ת TAU

169 Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
^aGive me understanding according to Your word.
 170 Let my ¹supplication come before You;

154 ^{a1} Sam. 24:15; Mic. 7:9

156 ¹Or *Many*

157 ^aPs. 44:18

158 ^aEzek. 9:4

161 ^{a1} Sam. 24:11; 26:18

165 ^aProv. 3:2; [Is. 26:3; 32:17] ¹Lit. *they have no stumbling block*

166 ^aGen. 49:18

168 ^aJob 24:23; Prov. 5:21

169 ^aPs. 119:27, 144

170 ¹Prayer of supplication

171 ^aPs. 119:7

173 ^aJosh. 24:22; Luke 10:42

174 ^aPs. 119:166 ^bPs. 119:16, 24

176 ^a[Is. 53:6]; Jer. 50:6; Matt. 18:12; Luke 15:4; [1 Pet. 2:25]

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1 ^aJon. 2:2

4 ¹*mighty one*

5 ^aGen. 10:2; 1 Chr. 1:5; Ezek. 27:13; 38:2, 3; 39:1 ^bGen. 25:13; Is. 21:16; 60:7; Jer. 2:10; 49:28; Ezek. 27:21

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1 ^a[Jer. 3:23]

2 ^a[Ps. 124:8]

3 ^{a1} Sam. 2:9; Prov. 3:23, 26 ^b[Ps. 127:1; Prov. 24:12]; Is. 27:3 ¹*slip*

Deliver me according to Your word.

171 ^aMy lips shall utter praise,
 For You teach me Your statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of Your word,
 For all Your commandments *are* righteousness.

173 Let Your hand become my help,
 For ^aI have chosen Your precepts.

174 ^aI long for Your salvation,
 O LORD,

And ^bYour law *is* my delight.
 175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise You;
 And let Your judgments help me.

176 ^aI have gone astray like a lost sheep;
 Seek Your servant,
 For I do not forget Your commandments.

PSALM 120

Plea for Relief from Bitter Foes

A Song of Ascents.

IN ^amy distress I cried to the LORD,
 And He heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips
 And from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given to you,
 Or what shall be done to you,
 You false tongue?

4 Sharp arrows of the ¹warrior,
 With coals of the broom tree!

5 Woe is me, that I dwell in
^aMeshech,

^b*That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!*

6 My soul has dwelt too long
 With one who hates peace.

7 I *am* for peace;
 But when I speak, they *are* for war.

PSALM 121

God the Help of Those Who Seek Him

A Song of Ascents.

I^aWILL lift up my eyes to the hills—
 From whence comes my help?

2 ^aMy help *comes* from the LORD,
 Who made heaven and earth.

3 ^aHe will not allow your foot to ¹be moved;

^bHe who keeps you will not slumber.

4 Behold, He who keeps Israel
 Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

PSALM 121:5

- 5 The LORD is your ¹keeper;
The LORD is ^ayour shade ^bat
your right hand.
- 6 ^aThe sun shall not strike you by
day,
Nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall ¹preserve you
from all evil;
He shall ^apreserve your soul.
- 8 The LORD shall ^apreserve¹ your
going out and your coming in
From this time forth, and even
forevermore.

PSALM 122

*The Joy of Going to the House of
the LORD*

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- I** WAS glad when they said to me,
^a"Let us go into the house of the
LORD."
- 2 Our feet have been standing
Within your gates,
O Jerusalem!
- 3 Jerusalem is built
As a city that is ^acompact
together,
- 4 ^aWhere the tribes go up,
The tribes of the LORD,
¹To ^bthe Testimony of Israel,
To give thanks to the name of
the LORD.
- 5 ^aFor thrones are set there for
judgment,
The thrones of the house of
David.
- 6 ^aPray for the peace of
Jerusalem:
^a"May they prosper who love
you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls,
Prosperity within your
palaces."
- 8 For the sake of my brethren
and companions,
I will now say, "Peace *be* within
you."
- 9 Because of the house of the
LORD our God
I will ^aseek your good.

PSALM 123

Prayer for Relief from Contempt

A Song of Ascents.

- U**NTO You ^aI lift up my eyes,
O You ^bwho dwell in the
heavens.
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their
masters,
As the eyes of a maid to the
hand of her mistress,
^a"So our eyes look to the LORD
our God,
Until He has mercy on us.

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5 ^aIs. 25:4 ^bPs.
16:8 ¹protec-
tor

6 ^aPs. 91:5; Is.
49:10; Jon.
4:8; Rev. 7:16

7 ^aPs. 41:2
¹keep

8 ^aDeut. 28:6;
[Prov. 2:8; 3:6]
¹keep

PSALM 122

1 ^a[Is. 2:3; Mic.
4:2]; Zech.
8:21

3 ^a2 Sam. 5:9

4 ^aEx. 23:17;
Deut. 16:16
^bEx. 16:34 ¹Or
*As a testi-
mony to*

5 ^aDeut. 17:8;
2 Chr. 19:8

6 ^aPs. 51:18

9 ^aNeh. 2:10;
Esth. 10:3

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1 ^aPs. 121:1;
141:8 ^bPs. 2:4;
11:4; 115:3

2 ^aPs. 25:15

PSALM 124

1 ^aPs. 118:6;
[Rom. 8:31]
^bPs. 129:1

3 ^aNum. 16:30;
Ps. 56:1, 2;
57:3; Prov.
1:12

4 ¹swept over

5 ¹swept over

7 ^aPs. 91:3
^bProv. 6:5;
Hos. 9:8 ¹Per-
sons who
catch birds in
a trap or
snare

8 ^a[Ps. 121:2]
^bGen. 1:1; Ps.
134:3

PSALM 125

3 ^aProv. 22:8;
Is. 14:5

- 3 Have mercy on us, O LORD,
have mercy on us!
For we are exceedingly filled
with contempt.
- 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled
With the scorn of those who
are at ease,
With the contempt of the
proud.

PSALM 124

*The LORD the Defense of His
People*

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- I**F it had not been the LORD who
was on our ^aside,"
^bLet Israel now say—
- 2 "If it had not been the LORD
who was on our side,
When men rose up against us,
3 Then they would have
^aswallowed us alive,
When their wrath was kindled
against us;
- 4 Then the waters would have
overwhelmed us,
The stream would have ¹gone
over our soul;
- 5 Then the swollen waters
Would have ¹gone over our
soul."
- 6 Blessed *be* the LORD,
Who has not given us *as* prey
to their teeth.
- 7 ^aOur soul has escaped ^bas a bird
from the snare of the
¹fowlers;
The snare is broken, and we
have escaped.
- 8 ^aOur help is in the name of the
LORD,
^bWho made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

*The LORD the Strength of His
People*

A Song of Ascents.

- T**HOSE who trust in the LORD
Are like Mount Zion,
Which cannot be moved, *but*
abides forever.
- 2 As the mountains surround
Jerusalem,
So the LORD surrounds His
people
From this time forth and forever.
- 3 For ^athe scepter of wickedness
shall not rest
On the land allotted to the
righteous,
Lest the righteous reach out
their hands to iniquity.
- 4 Do good, O LORD, to *those* who
are good,
And to *those* who *are* upright
in their hearts.

- 5 As for such as turn aside to
their ^ccrooked ways,
The LORD shall lead them
away
With the workers of iniquity.

^bPeace be upon Israel!

PSALM 126

A Joyful Return to Zion

A Song of Ascents.

- WHEN ^athe LORD brought back
¹the captivity of Zion,
^bWe were like those who dream.
2 Then ^aour mouth was filled
with laughter,
And our tongue with singing.
Then they said among the
¹nations,
“The LORD has done great
things for them.”
3 The LORD has done great
things for us,
And we are glad.
4 Bring back our captivity, O
LORD,
As the streams in the South.
5 ^aThose who sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
6 He who continually goes ¹forth
weeping,
Bearing ²seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again
³with ^arejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127

Laboring and Prospering with the LORD

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

- UNLESS the LORD builds the
house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless ^athe LORD guards the
city,
The watchman stays awake in
vain.
2 It is vain for you to rise up
early,
To sit up late,
To ^aeat the bread of sorrows;
For so He gives His beloved
sleep.
3 Behold, ^achildren are a heritage
from the LORD,
^bThe fruit of the womb is a
^creward.
4 Like arrows in the hand of a
warrior,
So are the children of one's
youth.
5 ^aHappy is the man who has his
quiver full of them;
^bThey shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their
enemies in the gate.

5 ^aProv. 2:15;
Is. 59:8 ^bPs.
128:6; [Gal.
6:16]

PSALM 126

1 ^aPs. 85:1;
Jer. 29:14;
Hos. 6:11; Joel
3:1 ^bActs 12:9
¹Those of the
captivity

2 ^aJob 8:21
¹Gentiles

5 ^aIs. 35:10;
51:11; 61:7;
Jer. 31:9; [Gal.
6:9]

6 ^aIs. 61:3 ¹to
and fro ²Lit. a
bag of seed
for sowing
³with shouts
of joy

PSALM 127

1 ^a[Ps.
121:3–5]

2 ^a[Gen. 3:17,
19]

3 ^a[Gen. 33:5;
Josh. 24:3, 4;
Ps. 113:9]
^bDeut. 7:13;
28:4; Is. 13:18
^c[Ps. 113:9]

5 ^aPs. 128:2, 3
^bJob 5:4; Prov.
27:11

PSALM 128

1 ^aPs. 119:1

2 ^aIs. 3:10
^bDeut. 4:40
¹Fruit of the
labor

3 ^aEzek. 19:10
^bPs. 127:3–5
^cPs. 52:8;
144:12

5 ^aPs. 134:3
6 ^aGen. 48:11;
50:23; Job
42:16; Ps.
103:17; [Prov.
17:6] ^bPs.
125:5

PSALM 129

1 ^a[Jer. 1:19;
15:20]; Matt.
16:18; 2 Cor.
4:8, 9 ^bEzek.
23:3; Hos. 2:15
^cPs. 124:1
¹persecuted

6 ^aPs. 37:2

7 ¹arms full,
lit. bosom

8 ^aRuth 2:4

PSALM 128

Blessings of Those Who Fear the LORD

A Song of Ascents.

- BLESSED ^ais every one who fears
the LORD,
Who walks in His ways.
2 ^aWhen you eat the ¹labor of your
hands,
You shall be happy, and it shall
be ^bwell with you.
3 Your wife shall be ^alike a fruitful
vine
In the very heart of your
house,
Your ^bchildren ^clike olive
plants
All around your table.
4 Behold, thus shall the man be
blessed
Who fears the LORD.
5 ^aThe LORD bless you out of
Zion,
And may you see the good of
Jerusalem
All the days of your life.
6 Yes, may you ^asee your
children's children.

^bPeace be upon Israel!

PSALM 129

Song of Victory over Zion's Enemies

A Song of Ascents.

- “MANY a time they have
^aafflicted¹ me from ^bmy
youth,”
^cLet Israel now say—
2 “Many a time they have afflicted
me from my youth;
Yet they have not prevailed
against me.
3 The plowers plowed on my
back;
They made their furrows long.”
4 The LORD is righteous;
He has cut in pieces the cords
of the wicked.
5 Let all those who hate Zion
Be put to shame and turned
back.
6 Let them be as the ^agrass on
the housetops,
Which withers before it grows
up,
7 With which the reaper does not
fill his hand,
Nor he who binds sheaves, his
¹arms.
8 Neither let those who pass by
them say,
^a“The blessing of the LORD be
upon you;
We bless you in the name of the
LORD!”

PSALM 130:1

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Waiting for the Redemption of the LORD

A Song of Ascents.

- O**UT ^aof the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;
 2 Lord, hear my voice!
 Let Your ears be attentive
 To the voice of my supplications.
 3 ^aIf You, LORD, should ¹mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who could ^bstand?
 4 But *there is* ^aforgiveness with You,
 That ^bYou may be feared.
 5 ^aI wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
 And ^bin His word I do hope.
 6 ^aMy soul waits for the Lord
 More than those who watch for the morning—
Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.
 7 ^aO Israel, hope in the LORD;
 For ^bwith the LORD *there is* mercy,
 And with Him is abundant redemption.
 8 And ^aHe shall redeem Israel
 From all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

Simple Trust in the LORD

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- L**ORD, my heart is not ¹haughty,
 Nor my eyes ²lofty.
^aNeither do I ³concern myself with great matters,
 Nor with things too ⁴profound for me.
 2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,
^aLike a weaned child with his mother;
 Like a weaned child *is* my soul within me.
 3 ^aO Israel, hope in the LORD
 From this time forth and forever.

PSALM 132

The Eternal Dwelling of God in Zion

A Song of Ascents.

- L**ORD, remember David
 And all his afflictions;
 2 How he swore to the LORD,
^aAnd vowed to ^bthe Mighty One of Jacob:
 3 ^a“Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house,

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PSALM 130

- 1 ^aLam. 3:55
 3 ^a[Ps. 143:2]
^b[Nah. 1:6]
¹*take note of*
 4 ^a[Ex. 34:7]
^b[1 Kin. 8:39, 40]
 5 ^a[Ps. 27:14]
^bPs. 119:81
 6 ^aPs. 119:147
 7 ^aPs. 131:3
^b[Is. 55:7]
 8 ^a[Ps. 103:3, 4]

PSALM 131

- 1 ^a[Rom. 12:16] ¹Proud
²Arrogant
³*lit. walk in*
⁴*difficult*
 2 ^a[Matt. 18:3]
 3 ^a[Ps. 130:7]

PSALM 132

- 2 ^aPs. 65:1
^bGen. 49:24
 4 ^aProv. 6:4
 5 ^aActs 7:46
 6 ^a1 Sam. 17:12 ^b1 Sam. 7:1 ^c1 Chr. 13:5 ¹Heb. *Jaar, lit. Woods*
 7 ^aPs. 5:7; 99:5
 8 ^aNum. 10:35
^bPs. 78:61
 9 ^aJob 29:14
 10 ¹Commissioned One, Heb. *Messiah*
 11 ^a[Ps. 89:3, 4, 33; 110:4]
^b2 Sam. 7:12 ¹*offspring*
 13 ^a[Ps. 48:1, 2] ¹*home*
 14 ^aPs. 68:16
 15 ^aPs. 147:14
¹*supply of food*
 16 ^a2 Chr. 6:41
^b1 Sam. 4:5
 17 ^aEzek. 29:21 ^b1 Kin. 11:36; 15:4
¹Government
²Heb. *Messiah*
 18 ^aPs. 35:26

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- 1 ^aGen. 13:8

- Or go up to the comfort of my bed;
 4 I will ^anot give sleep to my eyes
 Or slumber to my eyelids,
 5 Until I ^afind a place for the LORD,
 A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”
 6 Behold, we heard of it ^ain Ephrathah;
^bWe found it ^cin the fields of ¹the woods.
 7 Let us go into His tabernacle;
^aLet us worship at His footstool.
 8 ^aArise, O LORD, to Your resting place,
 You and ^bthe ark of Your strength.
 9 Let Your priests ^abe clothed with righteousness,
 And let Your saints shout for joy.
 10 For Your servant David’s sake,
 Do not turn away the face of Your ¹Anointed.
 11 ^aThe LORD has sworn *in truth* to David;
 He will not turn from it:
^aI will set upon your throne ^bthe ¹fruit of your body.
 12 If your sons will keep My covenant
 And My testimony which I shall teach them,
 Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore.”
 13 ^aFor the LORD has chosen Zion;
 He has desired *it* for His ¹dwelling place:
 14 ^a“This^a is My resting place forever;
 Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
 15 ^aI will abundantly bless her ¹provision;
 I will satisfy her poor with bread.
 16 ^aI will also clothe her priests with salvation,
^bAnd her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
 17 ^aThere I will make the ¹horn of David grow;
^bI will prepare a lamp for My ²Anointed.
 18 His enemies I will ^aclothe with shame,
 But upon Himself His crown shall flourish.”

PSALM 133

Blessed Unity of the People of God

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- B**EHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is
 For ^abrethren to dwell together in unity!

- 2 *It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.*
- 3 *It is like the dew of ^aHermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For ^bthere the LORD commanded the blessing—
Life forevermore.*

PSALM 134

Praising the LORD in His House at Night

A Song of Ascents.

- B**EHOLD, bless the LORD,
Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!
- 2 *^aLift up your hands in the sanctuary,
And bless the LORD.*
- 3 *The LORD who made heaven and earth
Bless you from Zion!*

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Praise to God in Creation and Redemption

PRAISE the LORD!

- Praise the name of the LORD;
^aPraise *Him*, O you servants of the LORD!
- 2 *^aYou who stand in the house of the LORD,
In ^bthe courts of the house of our God,*
- 3 *Praise the LORD, for ^athe LORD is good;
Sing praises to His name, ^bfor it is pleasant.*
- 4 *For ^athe LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel for His ¹special treasure.*
- 5 *For I know that ^athe LORD is great,
And our Lord is above all gods.*
- 6 *^aWhatever the LORD pleases He does,
In heaven and in earth,
In the seas and in all deep places.*
- 7 *^aHe causes the ¹vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
^bHe makes lightning for the rain;
He brings the wind out of His ^atreasuries.*
- 8 *^aHe ¹destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,*
- 9 *²Both of man and beast.
^aHe sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,*

³ ^aDeut. 4:48
^bLev. 25:21;
Deut. 28:8; Ps. 42:8

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2 ^a[1 Tim. 2:8]

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1 ^aPs. 113:1

2 ^aLuke 2:37
^bPs. 116:19

3 ^a[Ps. 119:68]
^bPs. 147:1

4 ^a[Ex. 19:5];
Mal. 3:17; [Ti-
tus 2:14; 1 Pet.
2:9] ¹precious
possession

5 ^aPs. 95:3;
97:9

6 ^aPs. 115:3

7 ^aJer. 10:13
^bJob 28:25, 26;
38:24–28 ^cJer.
51:16 ¹Water
vapor

8 ^aEx. 12:12;
Ps. 78:51 ¹Lit.
struck down
²Lit. From
man to beast

9 ^aEx. 7:10;
Deut. 6:22; Ps.
78:43 ^bPs.
136:15

10 ^aNum.
21:24; Ps.
136:17

11 ^aJosh.
12:7–24

12 ^aPs. 78:55;
136:21, 22 ¹in-
heritance

13 ^a[Ex. 3:15;
Ps. 102:12]

14 ^aDeut. 32:36

15 ^a[Ps.
115:4–8]

19 ^a[Ps. 115:9]

21 ^aPs. 134:3

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1 ^aPs. 106:1
^{b1} Chr. 16:34;
Jer. 33:11

2 ^a[Deut.
10:17]

4 ^aDeut. 6:22;
Job 9:10; Ps.
72:18

5 ^aGen. 1:1,
6–8; Prov.
3:19; Jer.
51:15

6 ^aGen. 1:9;
Ps. 24:2; [Is.
42:5]; Jer.
10:12

^bUpon Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 *^aHe defeated many nations
And slew mighty kings—*

11 *Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,
And ^aall the kingdoms of Canaan—*

12 *^aAnd gave their land as a ¹heritage,
A heritage to Israel His people.*

13 *^aYour name, O LORD, endures forever,
Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.*

14 *^aFor the LORD will judge His people,
And He will have compassion on His servants.*

15 *^aThe idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.*

16 *They have mouths, but they do not speak;
Eyes they have, but they do not see;*

17 *They have ears, but they do not hear;
Nor is there any breath in their mouths.*

18 *Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.*

19 *^aBless the LORD, O house of Israel!
Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron!*

20 *Bless the LORD, O house of Levi!
You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!*

21 *Blessed be the LORD ^aout of Zion,
Who dwells in Jerusalem!*

Praise the LORD!

PSALM 136

Thanksgiving to God for His Enduring Mercy

- O**H, ^agive thanks to the LORD,
for *He is good!*
- ^bFor His mercy *endures* forever.
- 2 *Oh, give thanks to ^athe God of gods!*
- 3 *For His mercy endures forever.*
- 3 *Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!*
- For His mercy *endures* forever:
- 4 *To Him ^awho alone does great wonders,
For His mercy endures forever;*
- 5 *^aTo Him who by wisdom made the heavens,
For His mercy endures forever;*
- 6 *^aTo Him who laid out the earth above the waters,*

- For His mercy *endures* forever;
 7 "To Him who made great lights,
 For His mercy *endures*
 forever—
 8 "The sun to rule by day,
 For His mercy *endures* forever;
 9 The moon and stars to rule by
 night,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 10 "To Him who struck Egypt in
 their firstborn,
 For His mercy *endures*
 forever;
 11 "And brought out Israel from
 among them,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 12 "With a strong hand, and with
¹an outstretched arm,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 13 "To Him who divided the Red
 Sea in two,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 14 And made Israel pass through
 the midst of it,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 15 "But overthrew Pharaoh and his
 army in the Red Sea,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 16 "To Him who led His people
 through the wilderness,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 17 "To Him who struck down great
 kings,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 18 "And slew famous kings,
 For His mercy *endures*
 forever—
 19 "Sihon king of the Amorites,
 For His mercy *endures* forever;
 20 "And Og king of Bashan,
 For His mercy *endures*
 forever—
 21 "And gave their land as a
¹heritage,
 For His mercy *endures* forever;
 22 A heritage to Israel His servant,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 23 Who "remembered us in our
 lowly state,
 For His mercy *endures* forever;
 24 And "rescued us from our
 enemies,
 For His mercy *endures* forever;
 25 "Who gives food to all flesh,
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 26 Oh, give thanks to the God of
 heaven!
 For His mercy *endures* forever.

PSALM 137

Longing for Zion in a Foreign Land

- B**Y the rivers of Babylon,
 There we sat down, yea, we
 wept
 When we remembered Zion.
 2 We hung our harps
 Upon the willows in the midst
 of it.
 3 For there those who carried us

7 ^aGen. 1:14–18
 8 ^aGen. 1:16
 10 ^aEx. 12:29;
 Ps. 135:8
 11 ^aEx. 12:51;
 13:3, 16
 12 ^aEx. 6:6;
 Deut. 4:34;
 5:15; 7:19;
 9:29; 11:2;
 2 Kin. 17:36;
 2 Chr. 6:32;
 Jer. 32:17
¹Mighty
 power
 13 ^aEx. 14:21
 15 ^aEx. 14:27
 16 ^aEx. 13:18;
 15:22; Deut.
 8:15
 17 ^aPs.
 135:10–12
 18 ^aDeut. 29:7
 19 ^aNum. 21:21
 20 ^aNum. 21:33
 21 ^aJosh. 12:1
¹inheritance
 23 ^aGen. 8:1;
 Deut. 32:36;
 Ps. 113:7
 24 ^aPs. 44:7
 25 ^aPs. 104:27;
 145:15

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3 ^aPs. 79:1
 6 ^aJob 29:10;
 Ps. 22:15;
 Ezek. 3:26
 7 ^aJer. 49:7–22;
 Lam. 4:21;
 Ezek.
 25:12–14; 35:2;
 Amos 1:11;
 Obad. 10–14
¹Lit. *Make
 bare*
 8 ^aIs. 13:1–6;
 47:1 ^bJer.
 50:15; Rev.
 18:6
 9 ^a2 Kin. 8:12;
 Is. 13:16; Hos.
 13:16; Nah.
 3:10

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1 ^aPs. 119:46
 2 ^aPs. 28:2
^b1 Kin. 8:29
^cIs. 42:21
 4 ^aPs. 102:15
 6 ^aPs.
 113:4–7
^bProv. 3:34;
 (Is. 57:15)
^cLuke 1:48;
 [James 4:6;
 1 Pet. 5:5]
 7 ^a[Ps. 23:3, 4]

away captive asked of us a
 song,
 And those who "plundered us
 requested mirth,
 Saying, "Sing us *one* of the
 songs of Zion!"

- 4 How shall we sing the LORD's
 song
 In a foreign land?
 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
 Let my right hand forget *its skill!*
 6 If I do not remember you,
 Let my "tongue cling to the roof
 of my mouth—
 If I do not exalt Jerusalem
 Above my chief joy.
 7 Remember, O LORD, against
 "the sons of Edom
 The day of Jerusalem.
 Who said, ¹"Raze it, raze it,
 To its very foundation!"
 8 O daughter of Babylon, "who
 are to be destroyed,
 Happy the one ^bwho repays you
 as you have served us!
 9 Happy the one who takes and
 "dashes
 Your little ones against the
 rock!

PSALM 138

*The LORD's Goodness to the Faithful**A Psalm of David.*

- I** WILL praise You with my whole
 heart;
 "Before the gods I will sing
 praises to You.
 2 "I will worship ^btoward Your
 holy temple,
 And praise Your name
 For Your lovingkindness and
 Your truth;
 For You have "magnified Your
 word above all Your name.
 3 In the day when I cried out, You
 answered me,
 And made me bold *with*
 strength in my soul.
 4 "All the kings of the earth shall
 praise You, O LORD,
 When they hear the words of
 Your mouth.
 5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways
 of the LORD,
 For great is the glory of the
 LORD.
 6 "Though the LORD is on high,
 Yet ^bHe regards the lowly;
 But the proud He knows from
 afar.
 7 "Though I walk in the midst of
 trouble, You will revive me;
 You will stretch out Your hand
 Against the wrath of my
 enemies,

- And Your right hand will save me.
 8 ^aThe LORD will ¹perfect *that which* concerns me;
 Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever;
^bDo not forsake the works of Your hands.

PSALM 139

God's Perfect Knowledge of Man

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, ^aYou have searched me and known *me*.
 2 ^aYou know my sitting down and my rising up;
 You ^bunderstand my thought afar off.
 3 ^aYou ¹comprehend my path and my lying down,
 And are acquainted with all my ways.
 4 For *there is not* a word on my tongue,
But behold, O LORD, ^aYou know it altogether.
 5 You have ¹hedged me behind and before,
 And laid Your hand upon me.
 6 ^a*Such knowledge is too wonderful* for me;
 It is high, I cannot *attain* it.
 7 ^aWhere can I go from Your Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from Your presence?
 8 ^aIf I ascend into heaven, You *are there*;
^bIf I make my bed in ¹hell, behold, You *are there*.
 9 If I take the wings of the morning,
 And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,
 And Your right hand shall hold me.
 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall ¹fall on me,"
 Even the night shall be light about me;
 12 Indeed, ^athe darkness ¹shall not hide from You,
 But the night shines as the day;
 The darkness and the light *are both alike to You*.
 13 For You formed my inward parts;
 You ¹covered me in my mother's womb.
 14 I will praise You, for ¹I am fearfully *and wonderfully* made;
 Marvelous are Your works,
 And *that* my soul knows very well.

8 ^aPs. 57:2;
 [Phil. 1:6]
^bJob 10:3, 8
¹complete

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1 ^aPs. 17:3;
 Jer. 12:3
 2 ^{a2} Kin. 19:27
^bIs. 66:18;
 Matt. 9:4

3 ^aJob 14:16;
 31:4 ¹Lit. *win-
 now*

4 ^a[Heb. 4:13]

5 ¹enclosed

6 ^aJob 42:3;
 Ps. 40:5

7 ^a[Jer. 23:24;
 Amos 9:2-4]

8 ^a[Amos 9:2-4] ^b[Job 26:6; Prov. 15:11] ¹Or *Sheol*

11 ¹Vg., Symmachus *cover*

12 ^aJob 26:6;
 34:22; [Dan. 2:22; Heb. 4:13] ¹Lit. *is not dark*

13 ¹wove

14 ¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Syr., Vg. *You are fearfully wonderful*

15 ^aJob 10:8, 9;
 Eccl. 11:5 ¹Lit. *bones were*

17 ^a[Ps. 40:5;
 Rom. 11:33]

19 ^a[Is. 11:4]
^bPs. 119:115
¹Lit. *men of bloodshed*

20 ^aJude 15
¹LXX, Vg. *They take your cities in vain*

21 ^{a2} Chr. 19:2

22 ¹complete

23 ^aJob 31:6;
 Ps. 26:2

24 ^aPs. 5:8;
 143:10

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2 ^aPs. 56:6

3 ^aPs. 58:4;
 Rom. 3:13;
 James 3:8

4 ^aPs. 71:4

5 ^aPs. 35:7;
 Jer. 18:22

- 15 ^aMy ¹frame was not hidden from You,
 When I was made in secret,
 And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
 16 Your eyes saw my substance,
 being yet unformed.
 And in Your book they all were written,
 The days fashioned for me,
 When *as yet there were* none of them.
 17 ^aHow precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
 How great is the sum of them!
 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
 When I awake, I am still with You.

- 19 Oh, that You would ^aslay the wicked, O God!
^bDepart from me, therefore, you ¹bloodthirsty men.
 20 For they ^aspeak against You wickedly;
¹Your enemies take *Your name* in vain.
 21 ^aDo I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You?
 And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
 22 I hate them with ¹perfect hatred;
 I count them my enemies.
 23 ^aSearch me, O God, and know my heart;
 Try me, and know my anxieties;
 24 And see if *there is any* wicked way in me,
 And ^alead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

Prayer for Deliverance from Evil Men

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- D**ELIVER me, O LORD, from evil men;
 Preserve me from violent men,
 2 Who plan evil things in *their* hearts;
^aThey continually gather together for war.
 3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;
 The ^apoison of asps is under their lips. Selah
 4 ^aKeep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
 Preserve me from violent men,
 Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.
 5 The proud have hidden a ^asnare for me, and cords;

- They have spread a net by the wayside;
They have set traps for me. Selah
- 6 I said to the LORD: "You are my God;
Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
- 7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
You have ¹covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked;
Do not further his wicked scheme,
^aLest they be exalted. Selah
- 9 "As for the head of those who surround me,
Let the evil of their lips cover them;
- 10 ^aLet burning coals fall upon them;
Let them be cast into the fire,
Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
- 11 Let not a slanderer be established in the earth;
Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him."
- 12 I know that the LORD will ^amaintain
The cause of the afflicted,
And justice for the poor.
- 13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name;
The upright shall dwell in Your presence.
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Prayer for Safekeeping from Wickedness
- A Psalm of David.
- L**ORD, I cry out to You;
Make haste to me!
Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.
- 2 Let my prayer be set before You ^aas incense,
^bThe lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- 3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my ^amouth;
Keep watch over the door of my lips.
- 4 Do not incline my heart to any evil thing,
To practice wicked works
With men who work iniquity;
^aAnd do not let me eat of their delicacies.
- 5 ^aLet the righteous strike me;
It shall be a kindness.
And let him rebuke me;
It shall be as excellent oil;
Let my head not refuse it.
- ⁷ ¹sheltered
⁸ ^aDeut. 32:27
¹⁰ ^aPs. 11:6
¹² ^a1 Kin. 8:45; Ps. 9:4
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² ^a[Ex. 30:8]; Luke 1:10; [Rev. 5:8; 8:3, 4] ^bPs. 134:2; [1 Tim. 2:8] ^cEx. 29:39, 41; 1 Kin. 18:29, 36; Dan. 9:21
³ ^a[Prov. 13:3; 21:23]
⁴ ^aProv. 23:6
⁵ ^a[Prov. 9:8; Eccl. 7:5; Gal. 6:1]
⁶ ¹rock
⁸ ^a2 Chr. 20:12; Ps. 25:15 ¹Lit. *Do not make my soul bare*
⁹ ^aPs. 119:110
¹⁰ ^aPs. 35:8
PSALM 142
title ^aPs. 32; title ^b1 Sam. 22:1; Ps. 57; title ¹Heb. *Maschil*
³ ^aPs. 77:3 ^bPs. 141:9 ¹Lit. *fainted*
⁶ ¹Give heed
⁷ ^aPs. 34:1, 2

- For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.
- 6 Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the ¹cliff,
And they hear my words, for they are sweet.
- 7 Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave,
As when one plows and breaks up the earth.
- 8 But ^amy eyes are upon You,
O GOD the Lord;
In You I take refuge;
¹Do not leave my soul destitute.
- 9 Keep me from ^athe snares they have laid for me,
And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.
- 10 ^aLet the wicked fall into their own nets,
While I escape safely.

PSALM 142

A Plea for Relief from Persecutors

A ^aContemplation¹ of David. A Prayer ^bwhen he was in the cave.

- I**CRY out to the LORD with my voice;
With my voice to the LORD I make my supplication.
- 2 I pour out my complaint before Him;
I declare before Him my trouble.
- 3 When my spirit ¹was ^aoverwhelmed within me,
Then You knew my path.
In the way in which I walk
They have secretly ^bset a snare for me.
- 4 Look on my right hand and see,
For *there is* no one who acknowledges me;
Refuge has failed me;
No one cares for my soul.
- 5 I cried out to You, O LORD:
I said, "You are my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.
- 6 ¹Attend to my cry,
For I am brought very low;
Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are stronger than I.
- 7 Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may ^apraise Your name;
The righteous shall surround me,
For You shall deal bountifully with me."

PSALM 143

An Earnest Appeal for Guidance and Deliverance

A Psalm of David.

- H**EAR my prayer, O LORD,
Give ear to my supplications!
In Your faithfulness answer me,

- And in Your righteousness.
 2 Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
^aFor in Your sight no one living is righteous.
 3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
 He has crushed my life to the ground;
 He has made me dwell in ¹darkness,
 Like those who have long been dead.
 4 ^aTherefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;
 My heart within me is distressed.
 5 ^aI remember the days of old;
 I meditate on all Your works;
 I ¹muse on the work of Your hands.
 6 I spread out my hands to You;
^aMy soul *longs* for You like a thirsty land. Selah
 7 Answer me speedily, O LORD;
 My spirit fails!
 Do not hide Your face from me,
^aLest I ¹be like those who ²go down into the pit.
 8 Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness ^ain the morning,
 For in You do I trust;
^bCause me to know the way in which I should walk,
 For ^cI lift up my soul to You.
 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
¹In You I take shelter.
 10 ^aTeach me to do Your will,
 For You *are* my God;
^bYour Spirit is good.
 Lead me in ^cthe land of uprightness.
 11 ^aRevive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake!
 For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
 12 In Your mercy ^ccut ¹off my enemies,
 And destroy all those who afflict my soul;
 For I *am* Your servant.

PSALM 144

A Song to the LORD Who Preserves and Prospers His People

A Psalm of David.

- B**LESSED be the LORD my Rock,
^aWho trains my hands for war,
 And my fingers for battle—
 2 My lovingkindness and my fortress,
 My high tower and my deliverer,
 My shield and *the One* in whom I take refuge,

PSALM 143

- 2 ^a[Ex. 34:7]; Job 4:17; 9:2; 25:4; Ps. 130:3; Eccl. 7:20; [Rom. 3:20–23; Gal. 2:16]
 3 ¹dark places
 4 ^aPs. 77:3
 5 ^aPs. 77:5, 10, 11 ¹ponder
 6 ^aPs. 63:1
 7 ^aPs. 28:1 ¹become ²Die
 8 ^aPs. 46:5 ^bPs. 5:8 ^cPs. 25:1
 9 ¹LXX, Vg. To You I flee
 10 ^aPs. 25:4, 5 ^bNeh. 9:20 ^cIs. 26:10
 11 ^aPs. 119:25
 12 ^aPs. 54:5 ¹put an end to

PSALM 144

- 1 ^{a2} Sam. 22:35; Ps. 18:34
 2 ¹So with MT, LXX, Vg.; Syr., Tg. the peoples (cf. 18:47)
 3 ^aJob 7:17; Ps. 8:4; Heb. 2:6
 4 ^aPs. 39:11 ^bJob 8:9; 14:2; Ps. 102:11
 5 ^aPs. 18:9; Is. 64:1 ^bPs. 104:32
 6 ^aPs. 18:13, 14
 8 ^aPs. 12:2 ¹empty or worthless
 9 ^aPs. 33:2, 3; 40:3
 10 ^aPs. 18:50 ¹deliverance
 12 ^aPs. 128:3 ¹corner pillars
 14 ¹Lit. breach
 15 ^aDeut. 33:29; [Ps. 33:12; Jer. 17:7]

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- title ^aPs. 100: title
 1 ¹praise

Who subdues ¹my people under me.

- 3 ^aLORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?
 Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?
 4 ^aMan is like a passing shadow;
^bHis days *are* like a passing shadow.
 5 ^aBow down Your heavens,
 O LORD, and come down;
^bTouch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
 6 ^aFlash forth lightning and scatter them;
 Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.
 7 Stretch out Your hand from above;
 Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters,
 From the hand of foreigners,
 8 Whose mouth ^aspeaks ¹lying words,
 And whose right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.
 9 I will ^asing a new song to You, O God;
 On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,
 10 *The One* who gives ¹salvation to kings,
^aWho delivers David His servant From the deadly sword.
 11 Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners,
 Whose mouth speaks lying words,
 And whose right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood—
 12 That our sons *may be* ^aas plants grown up in their youth;
That our daughters may be as ¹pillars,
 Sculptured in palace style;
 13 *That our barns may be* full,
 Supplying all kinds of produce;
That our sheep may bring forth thousands
 And ten thousands in our fields;
 14 *That our oxen may be* well-laden;
That there be no ¹breaking in or going out;
That there be no outcry in our streets.
 15 ^aHappy *are* the people who *are* in such a state;
 Happy *are* the people whose God *is* the LORD!

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A Song of God's Majesty and Love

a A Praise of David.

- I** WILL ¹extol You, my God, O King;
 And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

- 2 Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name
forever and ever.
- 3 "Great is the LORD, and greatly
to be praised;
And ^bHis greatness is
¹unsearchable.
- 4 "One generation shall praise
Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty
acts.
- 5 ¹I will meditate on the glorious
splendor of Your majesty,
And ²on Your wondrous works.
- 6 *Men* shall speak of the might of
Your awesome acts,
And I will declare Your
greatness.
- 7 They shall ¹utter the memory of
Your great goodness,
And shall sing of Your
righteousness.
- 8 "The LORD is gracious and full
of compassion,
Slow to anger and great in
mercy.
- 9 "The LORD is good to all,
And His tender mercies are
over all His works.
- 10 "All Your works shall praise You,
O LORD,
And Your saints shall bless
You.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of
Your kingdom,
And talk of Your power.
- 12 To make known to the sons of
men His mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of His
kingdom.
- 13 "Your kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom,
And Your dominion *endures*
throughout all ¹generations.
- 14 The LORD upholds all who
fall,
And "raises up all *who are*
bowed down.
- 15 "The eyes of all look expectantly
to You,
And ^bYou give them their food
in due season.
- 16 You open Your hand
"And satisfy the desire of every
living thing.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all
His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
- 18 "The LORD is near to all who
call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him ^bin
truth.
- 19 He will fulfill the desire of
those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and
save them.
- 20 "The LORD preserves all who
love Him,

³ ^a[Ps. 147:5]
^b[Rom. 11:33]
¹Beyond our
understand-
ing

⁴ ^aIs. 38:19

⁵ ¹So with
MT, Tg., DSS,
LXX, Syr., Vg.
*They ²lit. on
the words of
Your won-
drous works*

⁷ ¹eagerly
utter, lit. bub-
ble forth

⁸ ^a[Num.
14:18]

⁹ ^aNah. 1:7

¹⁰ ^aPs. 19:1

¹³ ^a[1 Tim.
1:17] ¹So with
MT, Tg., DSS,
LXX, Syr., Vg.
add *The LORD
is faithful in
all His words,
and holy in all
His works*

¹⁴ ^aPs. 146:8

¹⁵ ^aPs. 104:27
^bPs. 136:25

¹⁶ ^aPs. 104:21,
28

¹⁸ ^a[Deut. 4:7]
^b[John 4:24]

²⁰ ^a[Ps. 31:23]

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¹ ^aPs. 103:1
¹Heb. *Hallelu-
jah*

² ^aPs. 104:33

³ ^a[Is. 2:22] ¹A
human being
²salvation

⁴ ^a[Eccl. 12:7]
^b[1 Cor. 2:6]

⁵ ^aJer. 17:7

⁶ ^aRev. 14:7

⁷ ^aPs. 103:6
^bPs. 107:9 ^cPs.
107:10

⁸ ^aMatt. 9:30
^bLuke 13:13

⁹ ^aDeut. 10:18
^bPs. 147:6
¹Lit. *makes
crooked*

¹⁰ ^aEx. 15:18

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¹ ^aPs. 92:1
^bPs. 135:3 ^cPs.
33:1 ¹Heb.
Hallelujah

- But all the wicked He will
destroy.
- 21 My mouth shall speak the
praise of the LORD,
And all flesh shall bless His
holy name
Forever and ever.

PSALM 146

*The Happiness of Those Whose
Help Is the LORD*

PRAISE¹ the LORD!

- "Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- 2 "While I live I will praise the
LORD;
I will sing praises to my God
while I have my being.
- 3 "Do not put your trust in
princes,
Nor in ¹a son of man, in whom
there is no ²help.
- 4 "His spirit departs, he returns to
his earth;
In that very day ^bhis plans
perish.
- 5 "Happy is *he* who *has* the God of
Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the LORD his
God,
- 6 "Who made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that is in
them;
Who keeps truth forever,
- 7 "Who executes justice for the
oppressed,
^bWho gives food to the
hungry.
^cThe LORD gives freedom to the
prisoners.
- 8 "The LORD opens *the eyes of the*
blind;
^bThe LORD raises those who are
bowed down;
The LORD loves the righteous.
- 9 "The LORD watches over the
strangers;
He relieves the fatherless and
widow;
^bBut the way of the wicked He
¹turns upside down.
- 10 "The LORD shall reign forever—
Your God, O Zion, to all
generations.
- Praise the LORD!

PSALM 147

*Praise to God for His Word and
Providence*

PRAISE¹ the LORD!

- For ^a*it is good to sing praises to
our God;*
^bFor it is pleasant, and ^cpraise is
beautiful.

- 2 The LORD ^abuilds up
Jerusalem;
^bHe gathers together the
outcasts of Israel.
- 3 ^aHe heals the brokenhearted
And binds up their ¹wounds.
- 4 ^aHe counts the number of the
stars;
He calls them all by name.
- 5 ^aGreat is our Lord, and ^bmighty
in power;
^cHis understanding is infinite.
- 6 ^aThe LORD lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked down to
the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with
thanksgiving;
Sing praises on the harp to our
God,
- 8 ^aWho covers the heavens with
clouds,
Who prepares rain for the
earth,
Who makes grass to grow on
the mountains.
- 9 ^aHe gives to the beast its food,
And ^bto the young ravens that
cry.
- 10 ^aHe does not delight in the
strength of the horse;
He takes no pleasure in the
legs of a man.
- 11 The LORD takes pleasure in
those who fear Him,
In those who hope in His
mercy.
- 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- 13 For He has strengthened the
bars of your gates;
He has blessed your children
within you.
- 14 ^aHe makes peace in your
borders,
And ^bfills you with ¹the finest
wheat.
- 15 ^aHe sends out His command to
the earth;
His word runs very swiftly.
- 16 ^aHe gives snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes;
- 17 He casts out His hail like
¹morsels;
Who can stand before His cold?
- 18 ^aHe sends out His word and
melts them;
He causes His wind to blow,
and the waters flow.
- 19 ^aHe declares His word to Jacob,
^bHis statutes and His judgments
to Israel.
- 20 ^aHe has not dealt thus with any
nation;
And as for His judgments, they
have not known them.
- ¹Praise the LORD!

2 ^aPs. 102:16
^bDeut. 30:3;
Is. 11:12; 56:8;
Ezek. 39:28

3 ^a[Ps. 51:17];
Is. 61:1; Luke
4:18 ¹Lit. sor-
rows

4 ^aIs. 40:26

5 ^aPs. 48:1
^bNah. 1:3 ^cIs.
40:28

6 ^aPs. 146:8, 9

8 ^aJob 38:26;
Ps. 104:13

9 ^aJob 38:41
^b[Matt. 6:26]

10 ^aPs. 33:16,
17

14 ^aIs. 54:13;
60:17, 18 ^bPs.
132:15 ¹Lit.
fat of wheat

15 ^a[Ps.
107:20]

16 ^aJob 37:6

17 ¹*fragments
of food*

18 ^aJob 37:10

19 ^aDeut. 33:4;
Ps. 103:7
^bMal. 4:4

20 ^aDeut.
4:32-34;
[Rom. 3:1, 2]
¹Heb. *Hallelu-
jah*

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1 ¹Heb. *Hal-
lelujah*

4 ^aDeut. 10:14;
1 Kin. 8:27;
[Neh. 9:6]
^bGen. 1:7

5 ^aGen. 1:1, 6

6 ^aPs. 89:37;
[Jer. 31:35, 36;
33:20, 25]

7 ^aIs. 43:20

9 ^aIs. 44:23;
49:13

13 ^aPs. 8:1

14 ^a1 Sam. 2:1;
Ps. 75:10 ^bPs.
149:9 ^cLev.
10:3; Eph.
2:17 ¹Strength
or dominion
¹Heb. *Hallelu-
jah*

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1 ^aPs. 33:3
¹Heb. *Hallelu-
jah*

2 ^aJudg. 8:23;
Zech. 9:9;
Matt. 21:5

PSALM 148

Praise to the LORD from Creation

PRAISE¹ the LORD!

- Praise the LORD from the
heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!
- 2 Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!
- 3 Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you stars of
light!
- 4 Praise Him, ^ayou heavens of
heavens,
And ^byou waters above the
heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the
LORD,
For ^aHe commanded and they
were created.
- 6 ^aHe also established them
forever and ever;
He made a decree which shall
not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
^aYou great sea creatures and all
the depths;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and
clouds;
Stormy wind, fulfilling His
word;
- 9 ^aMountains and all hills;
Fruitful trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts and all cattle;
Creeping things and flying
fowl;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all
peoples;
Princes and all judges of the
earth;
- 12 Both young men and maidens;
Old men and children.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the
LORD,
For His ^aname alone is exalted;
His glory is above the earth
and heaven.
- 14 And He ^ahas exalted the ¹horn
of His people,
The praise of ^aall His saints—
Of the children of Israel,
^aA people near to Him.
- ²Praise the LORD!

PSALM 149

*Praise to God for His Salvation and
Judgment*

PRAISE¹ the LORD!

- ^aSing to the LORD a new song,
And His praise in the assembly
of saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their
Maker;
Let the children of Zion be
joyful in their ^aKing.

PSALM 149:3

- 3 ^aLet them praise His name with the dance;
Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
- 4 For ^athe LORD takes pleasure in His people;
^bHe will beautify the ¹humble with salvation.
- 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory;
Let them ^asing aloud on their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And ^aa two-edged sword in their hand,
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 ^aTo execute on them the written judgment—
^bThis honor have all His saints.
¹Praise the LORD!

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3 ^aPs. 81:2
4 ^aPs. 35:27
^bPs. 132:16
¹meek
5 ^aJob 35:10
6 ^aHeb. 4:12
9 ^aDeut. 7:1, 2
^b1 Cor. 6:2
¹Heb. Hallelujah
PSALM 150
1 ^aPs. 145:5, 6
¹Heb. Hallelujah ²expanse of heaven
2 ^aDeut. 3:24
3 ¹cornet
6 ¹Heb. Hallelujah

PSALM 150

Let All Things Praise the LORD

PRAISE^{a1} the LORD!

- Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty ²firmament!
- 2 Praise Him for His mighty acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent ^agreatness!
 - 3 Praise Him with the sound of the ¹trumpet;
Praise Him with the lute and harp!
 - 4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
 - 5 Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with clashing cymbals!
 - 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
¹Praise the LORD!

The Book of

PROVERBS

THE key word in Proverbs is *wisdom*, “the ability to live life skillfully.” A godly life in an ungodly world, however, is no simple assignment. Proverbs provides God’s detailed instructions for His people to deal successfully with the practical affairs of everyday life: how to relate to God, parents, children, neighbors, and government. Solomon, the principal author, uses a combination of poetry, parables, pithy questions, short stories, and wise maxims to give in strikingly memorable form the common sense and divine perspective necessary to handle life’s issues.

Because Solomon, the pinnacle of Israel’s wise men, was the principal contributor, the Hebrew title of this book is *Mishle Shelomoh*, “Proverbs of Solomon” (1:1). The Greek title is *Paroimiai Salomontos*, “Proverbs of Solomon.” The Latin title *Liber Proverbiorum*, “Book of Proverbs,” combines the words *pro* “for” and *verba* “words” to describe the way the proverbs concentrate many words into a few. The rabbinical writings called Proverbs *Sepher Hokhmah*, “Book of Wisdom.”

The Beginning of Knowledge

THE ^aproverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To ¹perceive the words of understanding,

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a1 Kin. 4:32;
Prov. 10:1;
25:1; Eccl. 12:9
2 ¹understand or discern
4 ^aProv. 9:4
5 ^aProv. 9:9

- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;
- 4 To give prudence to the ^asimple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion—
- 5 ^aA wise *man* will hear and increase learning,

And a man of understanding
will ¹attain wise counsel,
6 To understand a proverb and
an enigma,
The words of the wise and their
“riddles.

7 “The fear of the LORD is the
beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and
instruction.

Shun Evil Counsel

8 “My son, hear the instruction of
your father,
And do not forsake the law of
your mother;
9 For they will be a “graceful
ornament on your head,
And chains about your neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice you,
“Do not consent.

11 If they say, “Come with us,
Let us “lie in wait to *shed*
blood;

Let us lurk secretly for the
innocent without cause;

12 Let us swallow them alive like
¹Sheol,
And whole, “like those who go
down to the Pit;

13 We shall find all *kinds* of
precious “possessions,
We shall fill our houses with
²spoil;

14 Cast in your lot among us,
Let us all have one purse”—

15 My son, “do not walk in the
way with them,
^bKeep your foot from their
path;

16 “For their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed
blood.

17 Surely, in ¹vain the net is
spread

In the sight of any ²bird;

18 But they lie in wait for their
own blood,
They lurk secretly for their *own*
lives.

19 “So *are* the ways of everyone
who is greedy for gain;
It takes away the life of its
owners.

The Call of Wisdom

20 “Wisdom calls aloud ¹outside;
She raises her voice in the open
squares.

21 She cries out in the ¹chief
concourses,
At the openings of the gates in
the city
She speaks her words:

22 “How long, you ¹simple ones,
will you love ²simplicity?
For scorners delight in their
scorning,
And fools hate knowledge.
23 Turn at my rebuke;

5 ¹acquire

6 ^aPs. 78:2

7 ^aJob 28:28

8 ^aProv. 4:1

9 ^aProv. 3:22

10 ^aGen.
39:7–10

11 ^aJer. 5:26

12 ^aPs. 28:1
¹Or *the grave*

13 ¹Lit. *wealth*
²plunder

15 ^aPs. 1:1 ^bPs.
119:101

16 ^a[Is. 59:7]

17 ¹futility
²Lit. *lord of*
the wing

19 ^a[1 Tim.
6:10]

20 ^a[John 7:37]
¹in the street

21 ¹LXX. Syr.,
[Tg.] *top of*
the walls; Vg.
the head of
multitudes

22 ¹naive
²naivete

23 ^aJoel 2:28

24 ^aJer. 7:13

25 ^aLuke 7:30

26 ^aPs. 2:4

27 ^a[Prov.
10:24, 25]

28 ^aIs. 1:15

29 ^aJob 21:14
^bPs. 119:173

30 ^aPs. 81:11

31 ^aJob 4:8

32 ¹wayward-
ness

33 ^aProv.
3:24–26 ^bPs.
112:7 ¹at ease

CHAPTER 2

1 ^a[Prov. 4:21]

4 ^a[Prov. 3:14]

5 ^a[James 1:5,
6]

6 ^a1 Kin. 3:9,
12

7 ^a[Ps. 84:11]

Surely “I will pour out my spirit
on you;
I will make my words known to
you.

24 “Because I have called and you
refused,
I have stretched out my hand
and no one regarded,

25 Because you “disdained all my
counsel,
And would have none of my
rebuke.

26 “I also will laugh at your
calamity;
I will mock when your terror
comes,

27 When “your terror comes like a
storm,
And your destruction comes
like a whirlwind,
When distress and anguish
come upon you.

28 “Then^a they will call on me, but
I will not answer;

They will seek me diligently,
but they will not find me.

29 Because they “hated knowledge
And did not “choose the fear of
the LORD,

30 “They would have none of my
counsel
And despised my every rebuke.

31 Therefore “they shall eat the
fruit of their own way,
And be filled to the full with
their own fancies.

32 For the ¹turning away of the
simple will slay them,
And the complacency of fools
will destroy them;

33 But whoever listens to me will
dwell “safely,
And “will be “secure, without
fear of evil.”

The Value of Wisdom

2 My son, if you receive my words,
And “treasure my commands
within you,

2 So that you incline your ear to
wisdom,
And apply your heart to
understanding;

3 Yes, if you cry out for
discernment,
And lift up your voice for
understanding,

4 “If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as for
hidden treasures;

5 “Then you will understand the
fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.

6 “For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth *come*
knowledge and
understanding;

7 He stores up sound wisdom for
the upright;
“He is a shield to those who
walk uprightly;

- 8 He guards the paths of justice,
And ^apreserves the way of His saints.
- 9 Then you will understand
righteousness and justice,
Equity and every good path.
- 10 When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
- 11 Discretion will preserve you;
^aUnderstanding will keep you,
- 12 To deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks
perverse things,
- 13 From those who leave the paths
of uprightness
To ^awalk in the ways of
darkness;
- 14 ^aWho rejoice in doing evil,
And delight in the perversity of
the wicked;
- 15 ^aWhose ways are crooked,
And *who are* devious in their
paths;
- 16 To deliver you from ^athe
immoral woman,
^bFrom the seductress *who*
flatters with her words,
- 17 Who forsakes the companion
of her youth,
And forgets the covenant of her
God.
- 18 For ^aher house ¹leads down to
death,
And her paths to the dead;
- 19 None who go to her return,
Nor do they ¹regain the paths
of life—
- 20 So you may walk in the way of
goodness,
And keep to the paths of
righteousness.
- 21 For the upright will dwell in the
^aland,
And the blameless will remain
in it;
- 22 But the wicked will be ¹cut off
from the ²earth,
And the unfaithful will be
uprooted from it.

Guidance for the Young

- 3** My son, do not forget my law,
^aBut let your heart keep my
commands;
- 2 For length of days and long life
And ^apeace they will add to
you.
- 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake
you;
^aBind them around your neck,
^bWrite them on the tablet of
your heart,
- 4 ^aAnd so find favor and ¹high
esteem
In the sight of God and man.

- 8 ^a[1 Sam. 2:9]
- 11 ^aProv. 4:6;
6:22
- 13 ^a[John 3:19,
20]
- 14 ^a[Rom.
1:32]
- 15 ^aPs. 125:5
- 16 ^aProv. 5:20;
6:24; 7:5
^bProv. 5:3
- 18 ^aProv. 7:27
¹sinks
- 19 ¹Lit. *reach*
- 21 ^aPs. 37:3
- 22 ¹destroyed
²land
- CHAPTER 3
- 1 ^aDeut. 8:1
- 2 ^aPs. 119:165
- 3 ^aProv. 6:21
^b[2 Cor. 3:3]
- 4 ^aRom. 14:18
¹Lit. *good*
understand-
ing
- 5 ^a[Ps. 37:3, 5]
^b[Jer. 9:23, 24]
- 6 ^a[1 Chr.
28:9] ¹Or
make smooth
or straight
- 7 ^aRom. 12:16
- 8 ^aJob 21:24
¹Body, lit.
navel ²Lit.
drink
- 9 ^aEx. 22:29
- 10 ^aDeut. 28:8
- 11 ^aJob 5:17
- 12 ^aDeut. 8:5
- 13 ^aProv. 8:32,
34, 35
- 14 ^aJob 28:13
- 15 ^aMatt. 13:44
- 16 ^a[1 Tim. 4:8]
- 17 ^a[Matt.
11:29]
- 18 ^aGen. 2:9
¹hold her fast
- 19 ^aPs. 104:24
- 20 ^aGen. 7:11
- 23 ^aProv. 10:9

- 5 ^aTrust in the LORD with all your
heart,
^bAnd lean not on your own
understanding;
- 6 ^aIn all your ways acknowledge
Him,
And He shall ¹direct your paths.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own
^aeyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from
evil.
- 8 It will be health to your ¹flesh,
And ^astrength² to your bones.
- 9 ^aHonor the LORD with your
possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all
your increase;
- 10 ^aSo your barns will be filled
with plenty,
And your vats will overflow
with new wine.
- 11 ^aMy son, do not despise the
chastening of the LORD,
Nor detest His correction;
- 12 For whom the LORD loves He
corrects,
^aJust as a father the son *in*
whom he delights.
- 13 ^aHappy *is* the man *who* finds
wisdom,
And the man *who* gains
understanding;
- 14 ^aFor her proceeds *are* better
than the profits of silver,
And her gain than fine gold.
- 15 She *is* more precious than
rubies,
And ^aall the things you may
desire cannot compare with
her.
- 16 ^aLength of days *is* in her right
hand,
In her left hand riches and
honor.
- 17 ^aHer ways *are* ways of
pleasantness,
And all her paths *are* peace.
- 18 She *is* ^aa tree of life to those
who take hold of her,
And happy *are* all who ¹retain
her.
- 19 ^aThe LORD by wisdom founded
the earth;
By understanding He
established the heavens;
- 20 By His knowledge the depths
were ^abroken up,
And clouds drop down the dew.
- 21 My son, let them not depart
from your eyes—
Keep sound wisdom and
discretion;
- 22 So they will be life to your soul
And grace to your neck.
- 23 ^aThen you will walk safely in
your way,
And your foot will not stumble.

- 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.
- 25 ^aDo not be afraid of sudden terror,
Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;
- 26 For the LORD will be your confidence,
And will keep your foot from being caught.
- 27 ^aDo not withhold good from ¹those to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of your hand to do so.
- 28 ^aDo not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will give it,"
When you have it with you.
- 29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor,
For he dwells by you for safety's sake.
- 30 ^aDo not strive with a man without cause,
If he has done you no harm.
- 31 ^aDo not envy the oppressor,
And choose none of his ways;
- 32 For the perverse *person* is an abomination to the LORD,
^aBut His secret counsel is with the upright.
- 33 ^aThe curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,
But ^bHe blesses the home of the just.
- 34 ^aSurely He scorns the scornful,
But gives grace to the humble.
- 35 The wise shall inherit glory,
But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

Security in Wisdom

- 4 Hear, ^amy children,
the instruction of a father,
And give attention to know understanding;
- 2 For I give you good doctrine:
Do not forsake my law.
- 3 When I was my father's son,
^aTender and the only one in the sight of my mother,
- 4 ^aHe also taught me, and said to me:
"Let your heart retain my words;
^bKeep my commands, and live.
- 5 ^aGet wisdom! Get understanding!
Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
- 6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;
^aLove her, and she will keep you.
- 7 ^aWisdom is the principal thing;
Therefore get wisdom.
And in all your getting,
get understanding.

25 ^aPs. 91:5;
1 Pet. 3:14

27 ^aRom. 13:7;
[Gal. 6:10]
¹Lit. *its owners*

28 ^aLev. 19:13;
Deut. 24:15

30 ^aProv.
26:17; [Rom.
12:18]

31 ^aPs. 37:1;
Prov. 24:1

32 ^aPs. 25:14

33 ^aLev. 26:14,
16; Deut.
11:28; Zech.
5:3, 4; Mal. 2:2
^bJob 8:6; Ps.
1:3

34 ^aJames 4:6;
1 Pet. 5:5

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aPs. 34:11;
Prov. 1:8

3 ^a1 Chr. 29:1

4 ^a1 Chr. 28:9;
Eph. 6:4
^bProv. 7:2

5 ^aProv. 2:2, 3

6 ^a2 Thess.
2:10

7 ^aProv. 3:13,
14; Matt.
13:44

8 ^a1 Sam. 2:30

9 ^aProv. 3:22

10 ^aProv. 3:2

11 ^a1 Sam.
12:23

12 ^aJob 18:7;
Ps. 18:36 ^b[Ps.
91:11]; Prov.
3:23

14 ^aPs. 1:1;
Prov. 1:15

16 ^aPs. 36:4;
Mic. 2:1 ¹Lit.
robbed

18 ^aIs. 26:7;
Matt. 5:14, 45;
Phil. 2:15
^b2 Sam. 23:4
¹Lit. *light*

19 ^a1 Sam. 2:9;
[Job 18:5, 6];
Prov. 2:13; [Is.
59:9, 10; Jer.
23:12]; John
12:35

23 ^a[Matt.
12:34; 15:18,
19; Mark 7:21;
Luke 6:45]

24 ¹devious

26 ^aProv. 5:21;
Heb. 12:13

- 8 ^aExalt her, and she will promote you;
She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.
- 9 She will place on your head ^aan ornament of grace;
A crown of glory she will deliver to you."
- 10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,
^aAnd the years of your life will be many.
- 11 I have ^ataught you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in right paths.
- 12 When you walk, ^ayour steps will not be hindered,
^bAnd when you run, you will not stumble.
- 13 Take firm hold of instruction,
do not let go;
Keep her, for she is your life.
- 14 ^aDo not enter the path of the wicked,
And do not walk in the way of evil.
- 15 Avoid it, do not travel on it;
Turn away from it and pass on.
- 16 ^aFor they do not sleep unless they have done evil;
And their sleep is ¹taken away unless they make *someone* fall.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.
- 18 ^aBut the path of the just ^bis like the shining ¹sun,
That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.
- 19 ^aThe way of the wicked is like darkness;
They do not know what makes them stumble.
- 20 My son, give attention to my words;
Incline your ear to my sayings.
- 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes;
Keep them in the midst of your heart;
- 22 For they *are* life to those who find them,
And health to all their flesh.
- 23 Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it *spring* the issues of ¹life.
- 24 Put away from you a ¹deceitful mouth,
And put perverse lips far from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead,
And your eyelids look right before you.
- 26 Ponder the path of your ^afeet,

- And let all your ways be established.
27 Do not turn to the right or the left;
Remove your foot from evil.

The Peril of Adultery

- 5 My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
Lend your ear to my understanding,
2 That you may preserve discretion,
And your lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey,
And her mouth is smoother than oil;
4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death,
Her steps lay hold of hell.
6 Lest you ponder her path of life—
Her ways are unstable;
You do not know them.
7 Therefore hear me now, my children,
And do not depart from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove your way far from her,
And do not go near the door of her house,
9 Lest you give your honor to others,
And your years to the cruel one;
10 Lest aliens be filled with your wealth,
And your labors go to the house of a foreigner;
11 And you mourn at last,
When your flesh and your body are consumed,
12 And say:
“How I have hated instruction,
And my heart despised correction!
13 I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers,
Nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!
14 I was on the verge of total ruin,
In the midst of the assembly and congregation.”
15 Drink water from your own cistern,
And running water from your own well.
16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad,
Streams of water in the streets?
17 Let them be only your own,
And not for strangers with you.
18 Let your fountain be blessed,
And rejoice with the wife of your youth.
19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe,

CHAPTER 5

- 1 Lit. Bow
2 Mal. 2:7
appreciate good judgment
3 Prov. 2:16
Ps. 55:21
Lit. a strange
5 Prov. 7:27
Or Sheol
9 vigor
10 Lit. strength
16 Channels
18 Deut. 24:5;
Eccl. 9:9; Mal. 2:14
19 Song 2:9
Lit. intoxicated
20 Prov. 2:16
21 2 Chr. 16:9;
Job 31:4;
34:21; Prov. 15:3; Jer. 16:17; 32:19;
Hos. 7:2; Heb. 4:13
Job serves, lit. weighs
22 Num. 32:23; Ps. 9:5;
Prov. 1:31; Is. 3:11
23 Job 4:21

CHAPTER 6

- 1 Prov. 11:15
guaranty or collateral
2 Lit. struck
4 Ps. 132:4
5 One who catches birds in a trap or snare
6 Job 12:7
7 Lit. leader
8 Lit. bread
9 Prov. 24:33,
34
1 Lit. lie down
11 Prov. 10:4
13 Job 15:12;
Ps. 35:19;
Prov. 10:10
gives signals, lit. scrapes

- Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.
20 For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman,
And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD,
And He ponders all his paths.
22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked man,
And he is caught in the cords of his sin.
23 He shall die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Dangerous Promises

- 6 My son, if you become surety for your friend,
If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,
2 You are snared by the words of your mouth;
You are taken by the words of your mouth.
3 So do this, my son, and deliver yourself;
For you have come into the hand of your friend:
Go and humble yourself;
Plead with your friend.
4 Give no sleep to your eyes,
Nor slumber to your eyelids.
5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter,
And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

The Folly of Indolence

- 6 Go to the ant, you sluggard!
Consider her ways and be wise,
7 Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler,
8 Provides her supplies in the summer,
And gathers her food in the harvest.
9 How long will you slumber, O sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep?
10 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep—
11 So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.

The Wicked Man

- 12 A worthless person, a wicked man,
Walks with a perverse mouth;
13 He winks with his eyes,
He shuffles his feet,

- He points with his fingers;
 14 Perversity is in his heart,
^aHe devises evil continually,
^bHe sows discord.
 15 Therefore his calamity shall
 come ^asuddenly;
 Suddenly he shall ^bbe broken
^cwithout remedy.
 16 These six *things* the LORD hates,
 Yes, seven *are* an abomination
 to ¹Him:
 17 ^aA¹ proud look,
^bA lying tongue,
^cHands that shed innocent
 blood,
 18 ^aA heart that devises wicked
 plans,
^bFeet that are swift in running to
 evil,
 19 ^aA false witness *who* speaks
 lies,
 And one who ^bsows discord
 among brethren.

Beware of Adultery

- 20 ^aMy son, keep your father's
 command,
 And do not forsake the law of
 your mother.
 21 ^aBind them continually upon
 your heart;
 Tie them around your neck.
 22 ^aWhen you roam, ¹they will lead
 you;
 When you sleep, ^bthey will keep
 you;
 And *when* you awake, they will
 speak with you.
 23 ^aFor the commandment is a
 lamp,
 And the law a light;
 Reproofs of instruction *are* the
 way of life.
 24 ^aTo keep you from the evil
 woman,
 From the flattering tongue of a
 seductress.
 25 ^aDo not lust after her beauty in
 your heart,
 Nor let her allure you with her
 eyelids.
 26 For ^aby means of a harlot
 A *man* is reduced to a crust of
 bread;
^bAnd ¹an adulteress will ^cprey
 upon his precious life.
 27 Can a man take fire to his
 bosom,
 And his clothes not be burned?
 28 Can one walk on hot coals,
 And his feet not be seared?
 29 So is he who goes in to his
 neighbor's wife;
 Whoever touches her shall not
 be innocent.
 30 *People* do not despise a thief
 If he steals to satisfy himself
 when he is starving.
 31 Yet *when* he is found, ^ahe must
 restore sevenfold;

14 ^aProv. 3:29;
 Mic. 2:1
^bProv. 6:19
 15 ^aProv.
 24:22; Is.
 30:13;
 1 Thess. 5:3
^bJer. 19:11
^c2 Chr. 36:16
 16 ¹Lit. *His*
soul
 17 ^aPs. 101:5;
 Prov. 21:4 ^bPs.
 120:2; Prov.
 12:22 ^cDeut.
 19:10; Prov.
 28:17; Is. 1:15
¹Lit. *Haughty*
eyes
 18 ^aGen. 6:5;
 Ps. 36:4; Prov.
 24:2; Jer.
 18:18; Mark
 14:1, 43-46
^b2 Kin.
 5:20-27; Is.
 59:7; Rom.
 3:15

19 ^aPs. 27:12;
 Prov. 19:5, 9;
 Matt. 26:59-66
^bProv. 6:14;
 1 Cor.
 1:11-13; [Jude
 3, 4, 16-19]
 20 ^aEph. 6:1
 21 ^aProv. 3:3
 22 ^a[Prov. 3:23]
^bProv. 2:11
¹Lit. *it*
 23 ^aPs. 19:8;
 2 Pet. 1:19
 24 ^aProv. 2:16
 25 ^aMatt. 5:28
 26 ^aProv. 29:3
^bGen. 39:14
^cEzek. 13:18
¹Wife of an-
 other, lit. *a*
man's wife
 31 ^aEx. 22:1-4
 32 ^aProv. 7:7
 34 ^aProv. 27:4;
 Song 8:6
 35 ¹Lit. *lift up*
the face of
any

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aProv. 2:1
 2 ^aLev. 18:5;
 Prov. 4:4; [Is.
 55:3] ^bDeut.
 32:10; Ps.
 17:8; Zech. 2:8
 3 ^aDeut. 6:8;
 Prov. 6:21
 5 ^aProv. 2:16;
 5:3
 7 ^a[Prov. 6:32;
 9:4, 16] ¹Lit.
sons ²*lacking*
 9 ^aJob 24:15
 11 ^aProv. 9:13;
 1 Tim. 5:13
^bTitus 2:5
 13 ¹*shameless*

- He may have to give up all the
 substance of his house.
 32 Whoever commits adultery
 with a woman ^alacks
 understanding;
 He *who* does so destroys his
 own soul.
 33 Wounds and dishonor he will
 get,
 And his reproach will not be
 wiped away.
 34 For ^ajealousy is a husband's
 fury;
 Therefore he will not spare in
 the day of vengeance.
 35 He will ¹accept no recompense,
 Nor will he be appeased though
 you give many gifts.
 7 My son, keep my words,
 And ^atreasure my commands
 within you.
 2 ^aKeep my commands and live,
^bAnd my law as the apple of
 your eye.
 3 ^aBind them on your fingers;
 Write them on the tablet of
 your heart.
 4 Say to wisdom, "You *are* my
 sister,"
 And call understanding *your*
 nearest kin,
 5 ^aThat they may keep you from
 the immoral woman,
 From the seductress *who*
 flatters with her words.

The Crafty Harlot

- 6 For at the window of my
 house
 I looked through my lattice,
 7 And saw among the simple,
 I perceived among the ¹youths,
 A young man ^adevoid² of
 understanding.
 8 Passing along the street near
 her corner;
 And he took the path to her
 house
 9 ^aIn the twilight, in the evening,
 In the black and dark night.
 10 And there a woman met him,
 With the attire of a harlot, and
 a crafty heart.
 11 ^aShe was loud and rebellious,
^bHer feet would not stay at
 home.
 12 At times *she* was outside, at
 times in the open square,
 Lurking at every corner.
 13 So she caught him and kissed
 him;
 With an ¹impudent face she
 said to him:
 14 ^a"I have peace offerings with me;
 Today I have paid my vows.
 15 So I came out to meet you,
 Diligently to seek your face,
 And I have found you.
 16 I have spread my bed with
 tapestry,

- Colored coverings of ^aEgyptian linen.
- 17 I have perfumed my bed
With myrrh, aloes, and
cinnamon.
- 18 Come, let us take our fill of
love until morning;
Let us delight ourselves with
love.
- 19 For ^amy husband is not at
home;
He has gone on a long journey;
20 He has taken a bag of money
¹with him,
And will come home ²on the
appointed day.”
- 21 ¹With ^aher enticing speech she
caused him to yield,
^bWith her flattering lips she
²seduced him.
- 22 Immediately he went after her,
as an ox goes to the
slaughter,
Or ¹as a fool to the correction
of the ²stocks,
- 23 Till an arrow struck his liver.
^aAs a bird hastens to the snare,
He did not know it ¹would cost
his life.
- 24 Now therefore, listen to me,
my children;
Pay attention to the words of
my mouth:
- 25 Do not let your heart turn aside
to her ways,
Do not stray into her paths;
26 For she has cast down many
wounded,
And ^aall who were slain by her
were strong men.
- 27 ^aHer house is the way to ¹hell,
Descending to the chambers of
death.

The Excellence of Wisdom

- 8 Does not ^awisdom cry out,
And understanding lift up her
voice?
- 2 She takes her stand on the top
of the ¹high hill,
Beside the way, where the
paths meet.
- 3 She cries out by the gates, at
the entry of the city,
At the entrance of the doors:
- 4 “To you, O men, I call,
And my voice is to the sons of
men.
- 5 O you ¹simple ones, understand
prudence,
And you fools, be of an
understanding heart.
- 6 Listen, for I will speak of
^a“excellent things,
And from the opening of my
lips will come right things;
- 7 For my mouth will speak
truth;
Wickedness is an abomination
to my lips.

16 ^aIs. 19:9

19 ¹Lit. *the man*

20 ¹Lit. *in his hand* ²*at the full moon*

21 ^aProv. 5:3
^bPs. 12:2 ¹By *the greatness of her words*
²*compelled*

22 ¹LXX, Syr.,
Tg., *as a dog to bonds*; Vg.,
as a lamb . . . to bonds
²*shackles*

23 ^aEcc. 9:12
¹Lit. *is for*

26 ^aNeh. 13:26

27 ^aProv. 2:18;
5:5; 9:18 ¹Or
Sheol

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aProv. 1:20,
21; 9:3

2 ¹Lit. *heights*

5 ¹*naive*

6 ^aProv. 22:20

11 ^aJob 28:15

13 ^aProv. 3:7;
16:6 ^b[Prov.
16:17, 18]
^cProv. 4:24

14 ^aEcc. 7:19;
9:16

15 ^aRom. 13:1

16 ¹MT, Syr.,
Tg., Vg. *righteousness*;
LXX, Bg.,
some mss.
and editions
earth

17 ^a[John
14:21] ^bJames
1:5

18 ^aProv. 3:16

20 ¹*walk about on*

22 ^aProv. 3:19

23 ^a[Ps. 2:6]

25 ^aJob 15:7, 8

26 ¹*outer places* ²Lit.
beginning of the dust

- 8 All the words of my mouth *are*
with righteousness;
Nothing crooked or perverse is
in them.
- 9 They *are* all plain to him who
understands,
And right to those who find
knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction, and not
silver,
And knowledge rather than
choice gold;
- 11 ^aFor wisdom *is* better than
rubies,
And all the things one may
desire cannot be compared
with her.
- 12 ^a“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
And find out knowledge *and*
discretion.
- 13 ^aThe fear of the LORD *is* to hate
evil;
^bPride and arrogance and the
evil way
And ^athe perverse mouth I
hate.
- 14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound
wisdom;
I am understanding, ^aI have
strength.
- 15 ^aBy me kings reign,
And rulers decree justice.
- 16 By me princes rule, and nobles,
All the judges of ¹the earth.
- 17 ^aI love those who love me,
And ^bthose who seek me
diligently will find me.
- 18 ^aRiches and honor *are* with me,
Enduring riches and
righteousness.
- 19 My fruit *is* better than gold,
yes, than fine gold,
And my revenue than choice
silver.
- 20 I ¹traverse the way of
righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of
justice.
- 21 That I may cause those who
love me to inherit wealth,
That I may fill their treasuries.
- 22 ^a“The LORD possessed me at the
beginning of His way,
Before His works of old.
- 23 ^aI have been established from
everlasting,
From the beginning, before
there was ever an earth.
- 24 When *there were* no depths I
was brought forth,
When *there were* no fountains
abounding with water.
- 25 ^aBefore the mountains were
settled,
Before the hills, I was brought
forth;
- 26 While as yet He had not made
the earth or the ¹fields,
Or the ²primal dust of the
world.

- 27 When He prepared the heavens, I was there,
When He drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- 28 When He established the clouds above,
When He strengthened the fountains of the deep,
- 29 ^aWhen He assigned to the sea its limit,
So that the waters would not transgress His command,
When ^bHe marked out the foundations of the earth,
- 30 ^aThen I was beside Him as ^{1a} a master craftsman;
^bAnd I was daily *His* delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,
- 31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world,
And ^amy delight was with the sons of men.
- 32 ^aNow therefore, listen to me, *my* children,
For ^ablessed *are those who* keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction and be wise,
And do not disdain *it*.
- 34 ^aBlessed is the man who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at the posts of my doors.
- 35 For whoever finds me finds life,
And ^aobtains favor from the LORD;
- 36 But he who sins against me ^awrongs his own soul;
All those who hate me love death."

The Way of Wisdom

- 9** Wisdom has ^abuilt her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
- 2 ^aShe has slaughtered her meat,
^bShe has mixed her wine,
She has also ¹furnished her table.
- 3 She has sent out her maidens,
She cries out from the highest places of the city,
- 4 "Whoever^a is simple, let him turn in here!"
As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
- 5 "Come,^a eat of my bread
And drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6 Forsake foolishness and live,
And go in the way of understanding.
- 7 "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
And he who rebukes a wicked *man* only harms himself.
- 8 ^aDo not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
^bRebuke a wise *man*, and he will love you.

29 ^aGen. 1:9,
10 ^bJob 28:4, 6

30 ^a[John 1:1-3, 18]
^b[Matt. 3:17]
^{1a}A Jewish tradition *one brought up*

31 ^aPs. 16:3

32 ^aLuke 11:28

34 ^aProv. 3:13, 18

35 ^a[John 17:3]

36 ^aProv. 20:2

CHAPTER 9

1 ^a[Matt. 16:18]

2 ^aMatt. 22:4
^bProv. 23:30
¹arranged

4 ^aPs. 19:7

5 ^aIs. 55:1

8 ^aMatt. 7:6
^bPs. 141:5

9 ^a[Matt. 13:12]

10 ^aJob 28:28

11 ^aProv. 3:2, 16

12 ^aJob 35:6, 7

13 ^aProv. 7:11
¹boisterous

14 ^aProv. 9:3

16 ^aProv. 7:7, 8
¹naive

17 ^aProv. 20:17

18 ^aProv. 2:18;
7:27 ¹Or *Sheol*

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aProv. 1:1;
25:1 ^bProv. 15:20; 17:21,
25; 19:13;
29:3, 15

2 ^a[Luke 12:19, 20]
^bDan. 4:27

3 ^aPs. 34:9, 10;
37:25

4 ^aProv. 19:15
^bProv. 12:24;
13:4; 21:5

5 ^aProv. 6:8
^bProv. 19:26

- 9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*,
and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just *man*, ^aand he will increase in learning.

10 "The^a fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

11 ^aFor by me your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.

12 ^aIf you are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And *if* you scoff, you will bear *it* alone."

The Way of Folly

13 ^aA foolish woman is ¹clamorous;
She is simple, and knows nothing.

14 For she sits at the door of her house,
On a seat ^aby the highest places of the city,

15 To call to those who pass by,
Who go straight on their way:

16 "Whoever^a is ¹simple, let him turn in here";
And *as for* him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

17 "Stolen^a water is sweet,
And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant."

18 But he does not know that ^athe dead *are* there,
That her guests *are* in the depths of ¹hell.

Wise Sayings of Solomon

10 The proverbs of ^aSolomon:

^bA wise son makes a glad father,
But a foolish son *is* the grief of his mother.

2 ^aTreasures of wickedness profit nothing,
^bBut righteousness delivers from death.

3 ^aThe LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish,
But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

4 ^aHe who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But ^bthe hand of the diligent makes rich.

5 He who gathers in ^asummer *is* a wise son;
He who sleeps in harvest *is* ^ba son who causes shame.

6 Blessings *are* on the head of the righteous,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

- 7 ^aThe memory of the righteous is blessed,
But the name of the wicked will rot.
- 8 The wise in heart will receive commands,
^aBut ^{1a}prating fool will ²fall.
- 9 ^aHe who walks with integrity walks securely,
But he who perverts his ways will become known.
- 10 He who winks with the eye causes trouble,
But a prating fool will fall.
- 11 The mouth of the righteous is a well of life,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife,
But ^alove covers all sins.
- 13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding,
But ^aa rod is for the back of him who ¹is devoid of understanding.
- 14 Wise *people* store up knowledge,
But ^athe mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
- 15 The ^arich man's wealth is his strong city;
The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The labor of the righteous *leads* to ^alife,
The wages of the wicked to sin.
- 17 He who keeps instruction is in the way of life,
But he who refuses correction ¹goes astray.
- 18 Whoever ^ahides hatred has lying lips,
And ^bwhoever spreads slander is a fool.
- 19 ^aIn the multitude of words sin is not lacking,
But ^bhe who restrains his lips is wise.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;
The heart of the wicked is *worth* little.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many,
But fools die for lack of ¹wisdom.
- 22 ^aThe blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it.

- 7 ^aEcc1. 8:10
- 8 ^aProv. 10:10
¹Lit. *the foolish of lips* ²*be thrust down or ruined*
- 9 ^a[Ps. 23:4]
- 12 ^a[1 Cor. 13:4-7]
- 13 ^aProv. 26:3
¹Lit. *lacks heart*
- 14 ^aProv. 18:7
- 15 ^aJob 31:24
- 16 ^aProv. 6:23
- 17 ¹*leads*
- 18 ^aProv. 26:24
^bPs. 15:3; 101:5
- 19 ^aEcc1. 5:3
^b[James 1:19; 3:2]
- 21 ¹Lit. *heart*
- 22 ^aGen. 24:35; 26:12
- 23 ^aProv. 2:14; 15:21
- 24 ^aJob 15:21
^bPs. 145:19
- 25 ^aPs. 37:9, 10
^bPs. 15:5
- 27 ^aProv. 9:11
^bJob 15:32
- 28 ^aJob 8:13
- 29 ^aPs. 1:6
- 30 ^aPs. 37:22
¹*land*
- 31 ^aPs. 37:30
- CHAPTER 11
- 1 ^aLev. 19:35; 36 ¹*deceptive*
²Lit. *perfect stone*
- 2 ^aProv. 16:18; 18:12; 29:23
- 3 ^aProv. 13:6
- 4 ^aEzek. 7:19
^bGen. 7:1
- 5 ^aProv. 5:22
¹Or *make smooth or straight*
- 7 ^aProv. 10:28

- 23 ^aTo do evil is like sport to a fool,
But a man of understanding has wisdom.
- 24 ^aThe fear of the wicked will come upon him,
And ^bthe desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the whirlwind passes by,
^athe wicked is no *more*,
But ^bthe righteous *has* an everlasting foundation.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
So is the lazy *man* to those who send him.
- 27 ^aThe fear of the LORD prolongs days,
But ^bthe years of the wicked ¹will be shortened.
- 28 The hope of the righteous *will be* gladness,
But the ^aexpectation of the wicked will perish.
- 29 The way of the LORD is strength for the upright,
But ^adestruction *will come* to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 ^aThe righteous will never be removed,
But the wicked will not inhabit the ¹earth.
- 31 ^aThe mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,
But the perverse tongue will be cut out.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,
But the mouth of the wicked *what* is perverse.
- 11 ^aDishonest¹ scales *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But a ²just weight is His delight.
- 2 When pride comes, then comes ^ashame;
But with the humble is wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright will guide ^athem,
But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.
- 4 ^aRiches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But ^brighteousness delivers from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the blameless will ¹direct his way aright,
But the wicked will fall by his own ^awickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the unfaithful will be caught by *their* lust.
- 7 When a wicked man dies, *his* expectation will ^aperish,

- And the hope of the unjust perishes.
- 8 ^aThe righteous is delivered from trouble,
And it comes to the wicked instead.
- 9 The hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
- 10 ^aWhen it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices;
And when the wicked perish, *there* is jubilation.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is ^aexalted,
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 He who ¹is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor,
But a man of understanding holds his peace.
- 13 ^aA talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is of a faithful spirit ^bconceals a matter.
- 14 ^aWhere *there* is no counsel, the people fall;
But in the multitude of counselors *there* is safety.
- 15 He who is ^asurety¹ for a stranger will suffer,
But one who hates ²being surety is secure.
- 16 A gracious woman retains honor,
But ruthless *men* retain riches.
- 17 ^aThe merciful man does good for his own soul,
But *he who* is cruel troubles his own flesh.
- 18 The wicked *man* does deceptive work,
But ^ahe who sows righteousness *will have* a sure reward.
- 19 As righteousness *leads* to ^alife,
So he who pursues evil *pursues* it to his own ^bdeath.
- 20 Those who are of a perverse heart *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But *the* blameless in their ways *are* His delight.
- 21 ^aThough *they join* ¹forces, the wicked will not go unpunished;
But ^bthe posterity of the righteous will be delivered.
- 22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
So *is* a lovely woman who lacks ¹discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good,
But the expectation of the wicked ^ais wrath.

8 ^aProv. 21:18
10 ^aProv. 28:12
11 ^aProv. 14:34
12 ¹Lit. *lacks heart*
13 ^aLev. 19:16; Prov. 20:19;
1 Tim. 5:13
^bProv. 19:11
14 ^a1 Kin. 12:1
15 ^aProv. 6:1,
2 ¹guaranty
2 ²those pledging guaranty,
lit. *those who strike hands*
17 ^a[Matt. 5:7; 25:34–36]
18 ^aHos. 10:12; [Gal. 6:8, 9]; James 3:18
19 ^aProv. 10:16; 12:28
^bProv. 21:16; [Rom. 6:23; James 1:15]
21 ^aProv. 16:5
^bPs. 112:2;
Prov. 14:26
¹Lit. *hand to hand*
22 ¹taste
23 ^aProv. 10:28; Rom. 2:8, 9
24 ^aPs. 112:9; Prov. 13:7; 19:17
25 ^aProv. 3:9, 10; [2 Cor. 9:6, 7] ^b[Matt. 5:7]
26 ^aAmos 8:5,
6 ^bJob 29:13
27 ^aEsth. 7:10; Ps. 7:15, 16;
57:6 ¹Lit. *seeks*
28 ^aJob 31:24
^bPs. 1:3; Jer. 17:8
29 ^aEcc. 5:16
^bProv. 14:19
30 ^aProv. 14:25; [Dan. 12:3; 1 Cor. 9:19–22; James 5:20]
¹Lit. *takes*, in the sense of *brings*, cf. 1 Sam. 16:11
31 ^aJer. 25:29
¹rewarded
CHAPTER 12
3 ^a[Prov. 10:25]
4 ^aProv. 31:23; 1 Cor. 11:7
^bProv. 14:30; Hab. 3:16 ¹Lit. *A wife of valor*
6 ^aProv. 1:11, 18 ^bProv. 14:3
7 ^aPs. 37:35–37; Prov. 11:21; Matt. 7:24–27

- 24 There is *one* who ^ascatters, yet increases more;
And there is *one* who withholds more than is right,
But it *leads* to poverty.
- 25 ^aThe generous soul will be made rich,
^bAnd *he* who waters will also be watered himself.
- 26 The people will curse ^ahim who withholds grain,
But ^bblessing *will be* on the head of him who sells *it*.
- 27 He who earnestly seeks good ¹finds favor,
^aBut trouble will come to him who seeks evil.
- 28 ^aHe who trusts in his riches will fall,
But ^bthe righteous will flourish like foliage.
- 29 He who troubles his own house ^awill inherit the wind,
And the fool *will be* ^bservant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life,
And ^ahe who ¹wins souls *is* wise.
- 31 ^aIf the righteous will be ¹recompensed on the earth,
How much more the ungodly and the sinner.
- 12 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge,
But he who hates correction *is* stupid.
- 2 A good *man* obtains favor from the LORD,
But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.
- 3 A man is not established by wickedness,
But the ^aroot of the righteous cannot be moved.
- 4 ^aAn¹ excellent wife is the crown of her husband,
But she who causes shame *is* ^blike rotteness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right,
But the counsels of the wicked *are* deceitful.
- 6 ^aThe words of the wicked *are*, “Lie in wait for blood,”
^bBut the mouth of the upright will deliver them.
- 7 ^aThe wicked *are* overthrown and *are* no more,
But the house of the righteous will stand.
- 8 A man will be commended according to his wisdom,

- ^aBut he who is of a perverse heart will be despised.
- 9 ^aBetter *is the one* who is ¹slighted but has a servant, Than he who honors himself but lacks bread.
- 10 ^aA righteous *man* regards the life of his animal, But the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.
- 11 ^aHe who ¹tills his land will be satisfied with ^bbread, But he who follows ²frivolity ^cis devoid of ³understanding.
- 12 The wicked covet the catch of evil *men*, But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.
- 13 ^aThe wicked is ensnared by the transgression of *his* lips, ^bBut the righteous will come through trouble.
- 14 ^aA man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth, ^bAnd the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him.
- 15 ^aThe way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.
- 16 ^aA fool's wrath is known at once, But a prudent *man* covers shame.
- 17 ^aHe *who* speaks truth declares righteousness, But a false witness, deceit.
- 18 ^aThere is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.
- 19 The truthful lip shall be established forever, ^aBut a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.
- 20 Deceit *is* in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.
- 21 ^aNo grave ¹trouble will overtake the righteous, But the wicked shall be filled with evil.
- 22 ^aLying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight.
- 23 ^aA prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.
- 24 ^aThe hand of the diligent will rule,

⁸ ^a1 Sam. 25:17; Prov. 18:3

9 ^aProv. 13:7 ¹lightly esteemed

10 ^aDeut. 25:4

11 ^aGen. 3:19 ^bProv. 28:19 ^cProv. 6:32 ¹works or cultivates ²Lit. vain things ³Lit. heart

13 ^aProv. 18:7 ^b[2 Pet. 2:9]

14 ^aProv. 13:2; 15:23; 18:20 ^bJob 34:11; Prov. 1:31; 24:12; [Is. 3:10, 11]; Hos. 4:9

15 ^aProv. 3:7; Luke 18:11

16 ^aProv. 11:13; 29:11

17 ^aProv. 14:5

18 ^aPs. 57:4; Prov. 4:22; 15:4

19 ^a[Ps. 52:4, 5]; Prov. 19:9

21 ^aPs. 91:10; Prov. 1:33; 1 Pet. 3:13 ¹harm

22 ^aProv. 6:17; 11:20; Rev. 22:15

23 ^aProv. 13:16

24 ^aProv. 10:4

25 ^aProv. 15:13 ^bIs. 50:4

CHAPTER 13

1 ^aIs. 28:14, 15

2 ^aProv. 12:14

3 ^aPs. 39:1; Prov. 21:23; [James 3:2]

4 ^aProv. 10:4

6 ^aProv. 11:3, 5, 6

7 ^a[Prov. 11:24; 12:9; Luke 12:20, 21]

9 ^aJob 18:5, 6; 21:17; Prov. 24:20

10 ^aProv. 10:12

11 ^aProv. 10:2; 20:21

- But the lazy *man* will be put to forced labor.
- 25 ^aAnxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But ^aa good word makes it glad.
- 26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 The lazy *man* does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man's precious possession.
- 28 In the way of righteousness *is* life, And in *its* pathway *there is* no death.
- 13 A wise son *heeds* his father's instruction, ^aBut a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- 2 ^aA man shall eat well by the fruit of *his* mouth, But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence.
- 3 ^aHe who guards his mouth preserves his life, *But* he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.
- 4 ^aThe soul of a lazy *man* desires, and *has* nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.
- 5 A righteous *man* hates lying, But a wicked *man* is loathsome and comes to shame.
- 6 ^aRighteousness guards *him* whose way is blameless, But wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- 7 ^aThere is one who makes himself rich, yet *has* nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet *has* great riches.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life *is* his riches, But the poor does not hear rebuke.
- 9 The light of the righteous rejoices, ^aBut the lamp of the wicked will be put out.
- 10 By pride comes nothing but ^astrife, But with the well-advised *is* wisdom.
- 11 ^aWealth *gained* by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.

- 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But ^awhen the desire comes, it is a tree of life.
- 13 He who ^adespises the word will be destroyed,
But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.
- 14 ^aThe law of the wise is a fountain of life,
To turn *one* away from ^bthe snares of death.
- 15 Good understanding ¹gains ^afavor,
But the way of the unfaithful is hard.
- 16 ^aEvery prudent *man* acts with knowledge,
But a fool lays open *his* folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble,
But ^aa faithful ambassador brings health.
- 18 Poverty and shame *will come* to him who ¹disdains correction,
But ^ahe who regards a rebuke will be honored.
- 19 A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul,
But *it is* an abomination to fools to depart from evil.
- 20 He who walks with wise *men* will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.
- 21 ^aEvil pursues sinners,
But to the righteous, good shall be repaid.
- 22 A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
But ^athe wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.
- 23 ^aMuch food *is in* the ¹fallow ground of the poor,
And for lack of justice there is ²waste.
- 24 ^aHe who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him ¹promptly.
- 25 ^aThe righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul,
But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.
- 14 The wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.
- 12 ^aProv. 13:19
- 13 ^aNum. 15:31; 2 Chr. 36:16; Is. 5:24
- 14 ^aProv. 6:22; 10:11; 14:27;
^b2 Sam. 22:6
- 15 ^aPs. 111:10; Prov. 3:4
¹gives
- 16 ^aProv. 12:23
- 17 ^aProv. 25:13
- 18 ^aProv. 15:5; 31, 32 ¹Lit. *ignores*
- 21 ^aPs. 32:10; Is. 47:11
- 22 ^aJob 27:16, 17; Prov. 28:8; [Eccl. 2:26]
- 23 ^aProv. 12:11
¹uncultivated
¹Lit. *what is swept away*
- 24 ^aProv. 19:18
¹early
- 25 ^aPs. 34:10; Prov. 10:3
- CHAPTER 14
- 2 ^a[Rom. 2:4]
- 3 ^aProv. 12:6
- 4 ¹manger or feed trough
- 5 ^aRev. 1:5; 3:14 ^bEx. 23:1; Deut. 19:16; Prov. 6:19; 12:17
- 6 ^aProv. 8:9; 17:24
- 7 ^aProv. 23:9
- 9 ^aProv. 10:23
¹Lit. *guilt*
- 11 ^aJob 8:15
- 12 ^aProv. 16:25
^bRom. 6:21
^cProv. 12:15
- 13 ^aProv. 5:4; Eccl. 2:1, 2
- 14 ^aProv. 1:31; 12:15 ^bProv. 13:2; 18:20
¹Lit. *from above himself*
- 16 ^aJob 28:28; Ps. 34:14; Prov. 22:3
- 2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD,
^aBut *he who* is perverse in his ways despises Him.
- 3 In the mouth of a fool *is* a rod of pride,
^aBut the lips of the wise will preserve them.
- 4 Where no oxen *are*, the ¹trough *is* clean;
But much increase *comes* by the strength of an ox.
- 5 A ^afaithful witness does not lie,
But a false witness will utter ¹lies.
- 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not *find it*,
But ^aknowledge *is* easy to him who understands.
- 7 Go from the presence of a foolish man,
When you do not perceive *in him* the lips of ^aknowledge.
- 8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way,
But the folly of fools *is* deceit.
- 9 ^aFools mock at ¹sin,
But among the upright *there is* favor.
- 10 The heart knows its own bitterness,
And a stranger does not share its joy.
- 11 ^aThe house of the wicked will be overthrown,
But the tent of the upright will flourish.
- 12 ^aThere is a way *that seems* right to a man,
But ¹its end is the way of ^adeath.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
And ^athe end of mirth *may be* grief.
- 14 The backslider in heart will be ^afilled with his own ways,
But a good man *will be* satisfied ¹from ^aabove.
- 15 The simple believes every word,
But the prudent considers well his steps.
- 16 ^aA wise *man* fears and departs from evil,
But a fool rages and is self-confident.
- 17 A quick-tempered *man* acts foolishly,
And a man of wicked intentions is hated.

- 18 The simple inherit folly,
But the prudent are crowned
with knowledge.
- 19 The evil will bow before the
good,
And the wicked at the gates of
the righteous.
- 20 ^aThe poor *man* is hated even by
his own neighbor,
But ^tthe rich *has* many ^bfriends.
- 21 He who despises his neighbor
sins;
^aBut he who has mercy on the
poor, happy is he.
- 22 Do they not go astray who
devise evil?
But mercy and truth *belong* to
those who devise good.
- 23 In all labor there is profit,
But ⁱidle chatter *leads* only to
poverty.
- 24 The crown of the wise is their
riches,
But the foolishness of fools is
folly.
- 25 A true witness ⁱdelivers ^asouls,
But a deceitful *witness* speaks
lies.
- 26 In the fear of the LORD *there is*
strong confidence,
And His children will have a
place of refuge.
- 27 ^aThe fear of the LORD *is* a
fountain of life,
To turn *one* away from the
snares of death.
- 28 In a multitude of people *is* a
king's honor,
But in the lack of people *is* the
downfall of a prince.
- 29 ^aHe who is slow to wrath has
great understanding,
But *he who is* ⁱimpulsive exalts
folly.
- 30 A sound heart is life to the
body,
But ^eenvy *is* ^brottenness to the
bones.
- 31 ^aHe who oppresses the poor
reproaches ^bhis Maker,
But he who honors Him has
mercy on the needy.
- 32 The wicked is banished in his
wickedness,
But ^athe righteous has a refuge
in his death.
- 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of
him who has understanding,
But ^awhat *is* in the heart of
fools is made known.

- 20 ^aProv. 19:7
^bProv. 19:4
¹Lit. *many are the lovers of the rich*
- 21 ^aPs. 112:9;
[Prov. 19:17]
- 23 ¹Lit. *talk of the lips*
- 25 ^a[Ezek. 3:18–21]
¹saves lives
- 27 ^aProv. 13:14
- 29 ^aProv. 16:32; 19:11;
Eccl. 7:9;
James 1:19
¹Lit. *short of spirit*
- 30 ^aPs. 112:10
^bProv. 12:4;
Hab. 3:16
- 31 ^aProv. 17:5;
Matt. 25:40;
¹ John 3:17
^b[Job 31:15;
Prov. 22:2]
- 32 ^aGen. 49:18;
Job 13:15; [Ps. 16:11; 73:24];
2 Cor. 1:9; 5:8;
[2 Tim. 4:18]
- 33 ^aProv. 12:16
- 34 ^aProv. 11:11
¹shame or disgrace
- 35 ^aMatt. 24:45–47
- CHAPTER 15
- 1 ^aProv. 25:15
^b1 Sam. 25:10
- 2 ^aProv. 12:23
- 3 ^a2 Chr. 16:9;
Job 34:21;
Prov. 5:21; Jer. 16:17; 32:19;
Zech. 4:10;
Heb. 4:13
- 4 ¹Lit. *healing*
- 5 ^aProv. 10:1
^bProv. 13:18
¹Lit. *keeps*
- 7 ¹spread
- 8 ^aProv. 21:27;
Eccl. 5:1; Is. 1:11; Jer. 6:20;
Mic. 6:7
- 9 ^aProv. 21:21
- 10 ^a1 Kin. 22:8
^bProv. 5:12
- 11 ^aJob 26:6;
Ps. 139:8
^b1 Sam. 16:7;
2 Chr. 6:30;
Ps. 44:21; Acts 1:24 ¹Or *Sheol*
²Heb. *Abaddon*
- 12 ^aProv. 13:1;
Amos 5:10;
2 Tim. 4:3
- 13 ^aProv. 12:25
^bProv. 17:22
¹face

- 34 Righteousness exalts a
ⁿation,
But sin is a ⁱreproach to *any*
people.
- 35 ^aThe king's favor *is* toward a
wise servant,
But his wrath *is against* him
who causes shame.
- 15 ^aA soft answer turns away
wrath,
But ^aa harsh word stirs up
anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise uses
knowledge rightly,
^aBut the mouth of fools pours
forth foolishness.
- 3 ^aThe eyes of the LORD *are* in
every place,
Keeping watch on the evil and
the good.
- 4 A ⁱwholesome tongue *is* a tree
of life,
But perverseness in it breaks
the spirit.
- 5 ^aA fool despises his father's
instruction,
^bBut he who ⁱreceives correction
is prudent.
- 6 *In* the house of the righteous
there is much treasure,
But in the revenue of the
wicked is trouble.
- 7 The lips of the wise ⁱdisperse
knowledge,
But the heart of the fool *does*
not *do* so.
- 8 ^aThe sacrifice of the wicked *is*
an abomination to the
LORD,
But the prayer of the upright *is*
His delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked *is* an
abomination to the LORD,
But He loves him who ^afollows
righteousness.
- 10 ^aHarsh discipline *is* for him who
forsakes the way,
And ^bhe who hates correction
will die.
- 11 ^aHell¹ and ²Destruction *are*
before the LORD;
So how much more ^bthe hearts
of the sons of men.
- 12 ^aA scoffer does not love one
who corrects him,
Nor will he go to the wise.
- 13 ^aA merry heart makes a cheerful
ⁱcountenance,
But ^bby sorrow of the heart the
spirit is broken.

- 14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil,
^aBut he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast.
- 16 *Better is a little with the fear of the LORD,*
Than great treasure with trouble.
- 17 *Better is a dinner of ¹herbs where love is,*
Than a fatted calf with hatred.
- 18 ^aA wrathful man stirs up strife,
But *he who is slow to anger* allays contention.
- 19 *The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns,*
But the way of the upright *is a highway.*
- 20 ^aA wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man despises his mother.
- 21 *Folly is joy to him who is destitute of ¹discernment,*
^bBut a man of understanding walks uprightly.
- 22 *Without counsel, plans go awry,*
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.
- 23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth,
And ^aa word *spoken ¹in due season, how good it is!*
- 24 *The way of life winds upward for the wise,*
That he may ^bturn away from ¹hell below.
- 25 *The LORD will destroy the house of the proud,*
But ^bHe will establish the boundary of the widow.
- 26 *The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD,*
^bBut the words of the pure *are pleasant.*
- 27 ^aHe who is greedy for gain troubles his own house,
But he who hates bribes will live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous ^astudies how to answer,
But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.
- 15 ^aProv. 17:22
16 ^aPs. 37:16; Prov. 16:8; Eccl. 4:6; 1 Tim. 6:6
17 ^aProv. 17:1
¹Or *vegetables*
18 ^aProv. 26:21
19 ^aProv. 22:5
20 ^aProv. 10:1
21 ^aProv. 10:23
^bEph. 5:15
¹Lit. *heart*
22 ^aProv. 11:14
23 ^aProv. 25:11; Is. 50:4
¹Lit. *in its time*
24 ^aPhil. 3:20; [Col. 3:1, 2]
^bProv. 14:16
¹Or *Sheol*
25 ^aProv. 12:7; Is. 2:11 ^bPs. 68:5, 6
26 ^aProv. 6:16, 18 ^bPs. 37:30
27 ^aIs. 5:8; [Jer. 17:11]
28 ^a1 Pet. 3:15
29 ^aPs. 10:1; 34:16 ^bPs. 145:18; [James 5:16]
30 ¹Lit. *fat*
33 ^aProv. 1:7
^bProv. 18:12
- CHAPTER 16
- 1 ^aJer. 10:23
^bMatt. 10:19
¹plans
2 ^aProv. 21:2
3 ^aPs. 37:5; Prov. 3:6; [1 Pet. 5:7]
¹Lit. *Roll*
4 ^aIs. 43:7; Rom. 11:36
^bJob 21:30; [Rom. 9:22]
¹Lit. *evil*
5 ^aProv. 6:17; 8:13 ¹Lit. *hand to hand*
6 ^aDan. 4:27; Luke 11:41
^bProv. 8:13; 14:16
8 ^aPs. 37:16; Prov. 15:16
9 ^aProv. 19:21
^bPs. 37:23; Prov. 20:24; Jer. 10:23
11 ^aLev. 19:36
¹concern
- 29 *The LORD is far from the wicked,*
But ^bHe hears the prayer of the righteous.
- 30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
And a good report makes the bones ¹healthy.
- 31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life
Will abide among the wise.
- 32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul,
But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.
- 33 *The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom,*
And ^bbefore honor *is humility.*
- 16 The ^apreparations¹ of the heart *belong to man,*
^bBut the answer of the tongue *is from the LORD.*
- 2 All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own ^aeyes,
But the LORD weighs the spirits.
- 3 ^aCommit¹ your works to the LORD,
And your thoughts will be established.
- 4 The ^aLORD has made all for Himself,
^bYes, even the wicked for the day of ¹doom.
- 5 ^aEveryone proud in heart *is an abomination to the LORD;*
Though they join ¹forces, none will go unpunished.
- 6 ^aIn mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity;
And ^bby the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 ^aBetter is a little with righteousness,
Than vast revenues without justice.
- 9 ^aA man's heart plans his way,
^bBut the LORD directs his steps.
- 10 Divination *is on the lips of the king;*
His mouth must not transgress in judgment.
- 11 ^aHonest weights and scales *are the LORD's;*
All the weights in the bag *are His ¹work.*

- 12 *It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, For ^aa throne is established by righteousness.*
- 13 *^aRighteous lips are the delight of kings, And they love him who speaks what is right.*
- 14 *As messengers of death is the king's wrath, But a wise man will ^aappease it.*
- 15 *In the light of the king's face is life, And his favor is like a ^acloud of the latter rain.*
- 16 *^aHow much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.*
- 17 *The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his soul.*
- 18 *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before ^aa fall.*
- 19 *Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the ¹spoil with the proud.*
- 20 *He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever ^atrusts in the LORD, happy is he.*
- 21 *The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.*
- 22 *Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools is folly.*
- 23 *The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.*
- 24 *Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*
- 25 *There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of ^adeath.*
- 26 *The person who labors, labors for himself, For his hungry mouth drives ^ahim on.*
- 27 *¹An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning ^afire.*
- 28 *A perverse man sows strife, And ^aa whisperer separates the best of friends.*

- 12 ^aProv. 25:5
- 13 ^aProv. 14:35
- 14 ^aProv. 25:15
- 15 ^aZech. 10:1
- 16 ^aProv. 8:10, 11, 19
- 18 ¹stumbling
- 19 ¹plunder
- 20 ^aPs. 34:8; Jer. 17:7
- 25 ^aProv. 14:12
- 26 ^a[Eccl. 6:7; John 6:35]
- 27 ^a[James 3:6]
¹Lit. A man of Belial
- 28 ^aProv. 17:9
- 30 ¹Lit. compares
- 31 ^aProv. 20:29
- 32 ^aProv. 14:29; 19:11
- CHAPTER 17
- 1 ^aProv. 15:17
¹Or sacrificial meals
- 2 ^aProv. 10:5
- 3 ^a1 Chr. 29:17; Ps. 26:2; Prov. 15:11; Jer. 17:10; [Mal. 3:3]
- 4 ¹Lit. destructive
- 5 ^aProv. 14:31
^bJob 31:29; Prov. 24:17; Obad. 12; 1 Cor. 13:6
- 6 ^a[Ps. 127:3; 128:3]
- 9 ^a[Prov. 10:12; 1 Cor. 13:5-7; James 5:20]
^bProv. 16:28
- 10 ^aProv. 10:17; [Mic. 7:9]

- 29 *A violent man entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way that is not good.*
- 30 *He winks his eye to devise perverse things; He purses his lips and brings about evil.*
- 31 *^aThe silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.*
- 32 *^aHe who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.*
- 33 *The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.*
- 17 *Better is ^aa dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of ¹feasting with strife.*
- 2 *A wise servant will rule over ^aa son who causes shame, And will share an inheritance among the brothers.*
- 3 *The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, ^aBut the LORD tests the hearts.*
- 4 *An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a ¹spiteful tongue.*
- 5 *^aHe who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; ^bHe who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.*
- 6 *^aChildren's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.*
- 7 *Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool, Much less lying lips to a prince.*
- 8 *A present is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor; Wherever he turns, he prospers.*
- 9 *^aHe who covers a transgression seeks love, But ^bhe who repeats a matter separates friends.*
- 10 *^aRebuke is more effective for a wise man Than a hundred blows on a fool.*
- 11 *An evil man seeks only rebellion;*

- Therefore a cruel messenger
will be sent against him.
- 12 Let a man meet ^aa bear robbed
of her cubs,
Rather than a fool in his folly.
- 13 Whoever ^arewards evil for
good,
Evil will not depart from his
house.
- 14 The beginning of strife *is like*
releasing water;
Therefore ^astop contention
before a quarrel starts.
- 15 ^aHe who justifies the wicked, and
he who condemns the just,
Both of them alike *are* an
abomination to the LORD.
- 16 Why *is there* in the hand of a
fool the purchase price of
wisdom,
Since *he has* no heart for it?
- 17 ^aA friend loves at all times,
And a brother is born for
adversity.
- 18 ^aA man devoid of
¹understanding ²shakes
hands in a pledge,
And becomes ³surety for his
friend.
- 19 He who loves transgression
loves strife,
And ^ahe who exalts his gate
seeks destruction.
- 20 He who has a ¹deceitful heart
finds no good,
And he who has ^aa perverse
tongue falls into evil.
- 21 He who begets a scoffer *does*
so to his sorrow,
And the father of a fool has no
joy.
- 22 A ^a“merry heart ¹does good, *like*
medicine,
But a broken spirit dries the
bones.
- 23 A wicked *man* accepts a bribe
¹behind the back
To pervert the ways of justice.
- 24 ^aWisdom is in the sight of him
who has understanding,
But the eyes of a fool *are* on the
ends of the earth.
- 25 A ^a“foolish son *is* a grief to his
father,
And bitterness to her who bore
him.
- 26 Also, to punish the righteous is
not good,
- 12 ^a2 Sam.
17:8; Hos. 13:8
- 13 ^aPs. 109:4;
5; Jer. 18:20;
Rom. 12:17;
1 Thess. 5:15;
[1 Pet. 3:9]
- 14 ^a[Prov. 20:3;
1 Thess. 4:11]
- 15 ^aEx. 23:7;
Prov. 24:24; Is.
5:23
- 17 ^aRuth 1:16;
Prov. 18:24
- 18 ^aProv. 6:1
¹Lit. *heart*
²Lit. *strikes*
the hands
³guaranty or
collateral
- 19 ^aProv. 16:18
- 20 ^aJames 3:8
¹crooked
- 22 ^aProv.
12:25; 15:13,
15 ¹Or *makes*
medicine even
better
- 23 ¹Under
cover, lit. *from*
the bosom
- 24 ^aEccl. 2:14
- 25 ^aProv. 10:1;
15:20; 19:13
- 27 ^aProv.
10:19; James
1:19
- 28 ^aJob 13:5
- CHAPTER 18
- 1 ¹sound wis-
dom
- 2 ^aEccl. 10:3
- 4 ^aProv. 10:11
^b[James 3:17]
- 5 ^aLev. 19:15;
Deut. 1:17;
16:19; Ps.
82:2; Prov.
17:15
- 7 ^aPs. 64:8;
140:9; Prov.
10:14 ^bEccl.
10:12
- 8 ^aProv. 12:18
¹gossip or
slanderer ²A
Jewish tradi-
tion *wounds*
³Lit. *rooms of*
the belly
- 10 ^a2 Sam.
22:2, 3, 33; Ps.
18:2; 61:3;
91:2; 144:2
¹secure, lit.
set on high
- 12 ^aProv.
15:33; 16:18
- Nor to strike princes for *their*
uprightness.
- 27 ^aHe who has knowledge spares
his words,
And a man of understanding is
of a calm spirit.
- 28 ^aEven a fool is counted wise
when he holds his peace;
When he shuts his lips, *he is*
considered perceptive.
- 18 A man who isolates himself
seeks his own desire;
He rages against all ¹wise
judgment.
- 2 A fool has no delight in
understanding,
But in expressing his ¹own
heart.
- 3 When the wicked comes,
contempt comes also;
And with dishonor *comes*
reproach.
- 4 ^aThe words of a man's mouth
are deep waters;
^bThe wellspring of wisdom *is* a
flowing brook.
- 5 *It is* not good to show partiality
to the wicked,
Or to overthrow the righteous
in ^ajudgment.
- 6 A fool's lips enter into
contention,
And his mouth calls for blows.
- 7 ^aA fool's mouth is his
destruction,
And his lips *are* the snare of his
^bsoul.
- 8 ^aThe words of a ¹talebearer *are*
like ²tasty trifles,
And they go down into the
³inmost body.
- 9 He who is slothful in his
work
Is a brother to him who is a
great destroyer.
- 10 The name of the LORD *is* a
strong ^atower;
The righteous run to it and *are*
¹safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth *is* his
strong city,
And like a high wall in his own
esteem.
- 12 ^aBefore destruction the heart of
a man is haughty,
And before honor is humility.
- 13 He who answers a matter
before he hears it,
It is folly and shame to him.
- 14 The spirit of a man will sustain
him in sickness,

- But who can bear a broken spirit?
- 15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 ^aA man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.
- 17 The first *one* to plead his cause *seems* right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.
- 18 Casting *a*lots causes contentions to cease, And keeps the mighty apart.
- 19 A brother offended *is harder to win* than a strong city, And contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.
- 20 ^aA man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.
- 21 ^aDeath and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22 ^a*He who* finds a wife finds a good *thing*, And obtains favor from the LORD.
- 23 The poor *man* uses entreaties, But the rich answers *a*roughly.
- 24 A man *who has* friends ¹must himself be friendly, ^aBut there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.
- 19** Better *a*is the poor who walks in his integrity Than *one who* is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- 2 Also it is not good for a soul to *be* without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with *his* feet.
- 3 The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD.
- 4 ^aWealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.
- 5 A ^afalse witness will not go unpunished,

16 ^aGen. 32:20, 21; 1 Sam. 25:27; Prov. 17:8; 21:14

18 ^a[Prov. 16:33]

20 ^aProv. 12:14; 14:14

21 ^aProv. 12:13; 13:3; Matt. 12:37

22 ^aGen. 2:18; [Prov. 12:4; 19:14]

23 ^aJames 2:3, 6

24 ^aProv. 17:17; [John 15:14, 15] ¹So with Gr. mss., Syr., Tg., Vg.; MT *may come to ruin*

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aProv. 28:6

4 ^aProv. 14:20

5 ^aEx. 23:1; Deut. 19:16–19; Prov. 6:19; 21:28

7 ^aProv. 14:20

^bPs. 38:11

¹Lit. *are not*

8 ^aProv. 16:20

¹Lit. *heart*

10 ^aProv. 30:21, 22

11 ^aJames 1:19

^bProv. 16:32; [Matt. 5:44]; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13

12 ^aProv. 16:14

^bGen. 27:28; Deut. 33:28; Ps. 133:3; Hos. 14:5; Mic. 5:7

13 ^aProv. 10:1

^bProv. 21:9, 19

¹Irritation

14 ^a2 Cor. 12:14

^bProv. 18:22

15 ^aProv. 6:9

^bProv. 10:4

16 ^aProv. 13:13; 16:17; Luke 10:28; 11:28

¹Is reckless, lit. *despises*

17 ^aDeut. 15:7; 8; Job 23:12, 13; Prov. 28:27; Eccl. 11:1; Matt. 10:42; 25:40; [2 Cor. 9:6–8]; Heb. 6:10

18 ^aProv. 13:24

¹Lit. *to put him to death*; a Jewish tradition on his *crying*

- And *he who* speaks lies will not escape.
- 6 Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man *is* a friend to one who gives gifts.
- 7 ^aAll the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his friends go *b*far from him! He may pursue *them with* words, yet they ¹abandon *him*.
- 8 He who gets ¹wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding *a*will find good.
- 9 A false witness will not go unpunished, And *he who* speaks lies shall perish.
- 10 Luxury is not fitting for a fool, Much less *a*for a servant to rule over princes.
- 11 ^aThe discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, ^bAnd his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.
- 12 ^aThe king's wrath *is* like the roaring of a lion, But his favor *is* ^blike dew on the grass.
- 13 ^aA foolish son is the ruin of his father, ^bAnd the contentions of a wife *are* a continual ¹dripping.
- 14 ^aHouses and riches *are* an inheritance from fathers, But ^ba prudent wife *is* from the LORD.
- 15 ^aLaziness casts *one* into a deep sleep, And an idle person will ^bsuffer hunger.
- 16 ^aHe who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who ¹is careless of his ways will die.
- 17 ^aHe who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.
- 18 ^aChasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart ¹on his destruction.
- 19 A *man of* great wrath will suffer punishment; For if you rescue *him*, you will have to do it again.

- 20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
That you may be wise ^ain your latter days.
- 21 There are many plans in a man's heart,
^aNevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.
- 22 What is desired in a man is ¹kindness,
And a poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 ^aThe fear of the LORD *leads* to life,
And *he who has it* will abide in satisfaction;
He will not be visited with evil.
- 24 ^aA lazy *man* buries his hand in the ¹bowl,
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple ^awill become wary;
^bRebuke one who has understanding, *and* he will discern knowledge.
- 26 He who mistreats *his* father and chases away *his* mother
Is ^aa son who causes shame and brings reproach.
- 27 Cease listening to instruction, my son,
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A ¹disreputable witness scorns justice,
And ^athe mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.
- 29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
^aAnd beatings for the backs of fools.
- 20 Wine ^ais a mocker,
Strong drink is a brawler,
And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.
- 2 The ¹wrath of a king *is* like the roaring of a lion;
Whoever provokes him to anger sins *against* his own life.
- 3 ^a*It is* honorable for a man to stop striving,
Since any fool can start a quarrel.
- 4 ^aThe lazy *man* will not plow because of winter;
^bHe will beg during harvest and have nothing.

- 20 ^aPs. 37:37
- 21 ^aPs. 33:10, 11; Prov. 16:9; Is. 46:10; Heb. 6:17
- 22 ¹Lit. *loving-kindness*
- 23 ^aProv. 14:27; [1 Tim. 4:8]
- 24 ^aProv. 15:19
¹LXX, Syr. *bosom*; Tg., Vg. *armpit*
- 25 ^aDeut. 13:11
^bProv. 9:8
- 26 ^aProv. 17:2
- 28 ^aJob 15:16
¹Lit. *witness of Belial, worthless witness*
- 29 ^aProv. 26:3
- CHAPTER 20
- 1 ^aGen. 9:21; Prov. 23:29–35; Is. 28:7; Hos. 4:11
- 2 ¹Lit. *fear or terror, produced by the king's wrath*
- 3 ^aProv. 17:14
- 4 ^aProv. 10:4
^bProv. 19:15
- 6 ¹Lit. *mercy*
- 7 ^a2 Cor. 1:12
^bPs. 37:26
- 9 ^a[1 Kin. 8:46; 2 Chr. 6:36]; Job 9:30, 31; 14:4; [Ps. 51:5; Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 3:9; 1 John 1:8]
- 10 ^aDeut. 25:13
- 11 ^aMatt. 7:16
- 12 ^aEx. 4:11; Ps. 94:9
- 13 ^aRom. 12:11
- 14 ¹Lit. *evil, evil*
- 15 ^a[Job 28:12–19; Prov. 3:13–15]
- 16 ^aProv. 22:26
- 17 ^aProv. 9:17
- 18 ^aProv. 24:6
^bLuke 14:31
- 19 ^aProv. 11:13
^bRom. 16:18

- 5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water,
But a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 6 Most men will proclaim each his own ¹goodness,
But who can find a faithful man?
- 7 ^aThe righteous *man* walks in his integrity;
^bHis children *are* blessed after him.
- 8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment
Scatters all evil with his eyes.
- 9 ^aWho can say, “I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin”?
- 10 ^aDiverse weights *and* diverse measures,
They *are* both alike, an abomination to the LORD.
- 11 Even a child is ^aknown by his deeds,
Whether what he does *is* pure and right.
- 12 ^aThe hearing ear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made them both.
- 13 ^aDo not love sleep, lest you come to poverty;
Open your eyes, *and* you will be satisfied with bread.
- 14 ^a*“It is* ¹good for nothing,” cries the buyer;
But when he has gone his way, then he boasts.
- 15 There is gold and a multitude of rubies,
But ^athe lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.
- 16 ^aTake the garment of one who is surety for a stranger,
And hold it as a pledge *when it is* for a seductress.
- 17 ^aBread gained by deceit *is* sweet to a man,
But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.
- 18 ^aPlans are established by counsel;
^bBy wise counsel wage war.
- 19 ^aHe who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets;
Therefore do not associate with one ^bwho flatters with his lips.

- 20 ^aWhoever curses his father or his mother,
^bHis lamp will be put out in deep darkness.
- 21 ^aAn inheritance gained hastily at the beginning
^bWill not be blessed at the end.
- 22 ^aDo not say, "I will ¹recompense evil";
^bWait for the LORD, and He will save you.
- 23 Diverse weights *are* an abomination to the LORD, And dishonest scales *are* not good.
- 24 A man's steps *are* of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own way?
- 25 *It is* a snare for a man to devote rashly *something* as holy, And afterward to reconsider *his* vows.
- 26 ^aA wise king sifts out the wicked, And brings the threshing wheel over them.
- 27 ^aThe spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the ¹inner depths of his heart.
- 28 ^aMercy and truth preserve the king, And by ¹lovingkindness he upholds his throne.
- 29 The glory of young men *is* their strength, And ^athe splendor of old men *is* their gray head.
- 30 Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, As *do* stripes the ¹inner depths of the heart.
- 21** The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *Like* the ¹rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.
- 2 ^aEvery way of a man *is* right in his own eyes,
^bBut the LORD weighs the hearts.
- 3 ^aTo do righteousness and justice *Is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- 4 ^aA haughty look, a proud heart, And the ¹plowing of the wicked *are* sin.
- 5 ^aThe plans of the diligent *lead* surely to plenty,

²⁰ ^aEx. 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Prov. 30:11; Matt. 15:4; ^bJob 18:5, 6; Prov. 24:20

²¹ ^aProv. 28:20 ^bHab. 2:6

²² ^a[Deut. 32:35]; Prov. 17:13; 24:29; [Rom. 12:17-19]; 1 Thess. 5:15; [1 Pet. 3:9] ^b2 Sam. 16:12 ¹repay

²⁶ ^aPs. 101:8

²⁷ ^a1 Cor. 2:11 ¹Lit. *rooms of the belly*

²⁸ ^aPs. 101:1; Prov. 21:21 ¹mercy

²⁹ ^aProv. 16:31

³⁰ ¹Lit. *rooms of the belly*

CHAPTER 21

¹ ¹channels

² ^aProv. 16:2 ^bProv. 24:12; Luke 16:15

³ ^a1 Sam. 15:22; Prov. 15:8; Is. 1:11, 16, 17; Hos. 6:6; [Mic. 6:7, 8]

⁴ ^aProv. 6:17 ¹Or *lamp*

⁵ ^aProv. 10:4

⁶ ^a2 Pet. 2:3 ¹LXX *Pursue vanity on the snares of death; Vg. Is vain and foolish, and shall stumble on the snares of death; Tg. They shall be destroyed, and they shall fall who seek death*

⁷ ¹Lit. *drag them away*

⁸ ¹Or *The way of a man is perverse and strange;*

⁹ ^aProv. 19:13

¹⁰ ^aJames 4:5

¹¹ ^aProv. 19:25

¹³ ^a[Matt. 7:2; 18:30-34]; James 2:13; 1 John 3:17

¹⁴ ¹Under cover, lit. *in the bosom*

¹⁶ ^aPs. 49:14

¹⁹ ¹Lit. *in the land of the desert*

- But *those* of everyone *who is* hasty, surely to poverty.
- 6 ^aGetting treasures by a lying tongue
¹Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.
- 7 The violence of the wicked will ¹destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice.
- 8 The way of ¹a guilty man is perverse;
But *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.
- 9 Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop,
Than in a house shared with ^aa contentious woman.
- 10 ^aThe soul of the wicked desires evil;
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.
- 11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise;
But when the ^awise is instructed, he receives knowledge.
- 12 The righteous *God* wisely considers the house of the wicked,
Overthrowing the wicked for *their* wickedness.
- 13 ^aWhoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor
Will also cry himself and not be heard.
- 14 A gift in secret pacifies anger,
And a bribe ¹behind the back, strong wrath.
- 15 *It is* a joy for the just to do justice,
But destruction *will come* to the workers of iniquity.
- 16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding
Will rest in the assembly of the ^adead.
- 17 He who loves pleasure *will be* a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.
- 18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous,
And the unfaithful for the upright.
- 19 Better to dwell ¹in the wilderness,
Than with a contentious and angry woman.

- 20 ^a*There is* desirable treasure,
And oil in the dwelling of the
wise,
But a foolish man squanders it.
- 21 ^aHe who follows righteousness
and mercy
Finds life, righteousness, and
honor.
- 22 A ^awise *man* ¹scales the city of
the mighty,
And brings down the trusted
stronghold.
- 23 ^aWhoever guards his mouth and
tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.
- 24 A proud *and* haughty *man*—
“Scoffer” is his name;
He acts with arrogant pride.
- 25 The ^adesire of the lazy *man*
kills him,
For his hands refuse to labor.
- 26 He covets greedily all day long,
But the righteous ^agives and
does not spare.
- 27 ^aThe sacrifice of the wicked is
an abomination;
How much more *when* he
brings it with wicked intent!
- 28 A false witness shall perish,
But the man who hears *him*
will speak endlessly.
- 29 A wicked man hardens his
face,
But *as for* the upright, he
¹establishes his way.
- 30 ^a*There is* no wisdom or
understanding
Or counsel against the LORD.
- 31 The horse is prepared for the
day of battle,
But ^adeliverance is of the LORD.
- 22** ^aA *good* name is to be chosen
rather than great riches,
Loving favor rather than silver
and gold.
- 2 The ^arich and the poor have
this in common,
The ^bLORD is the maker of
them all.
- 3 A prudent *man* foresees evil
and hides himself,
But the simple pass on and are
^apunished.
- 4 By humility *and* the fear of the
LORD
Are riches and honor and life.
- 5 Thorns *and* snares are in the
way of the perverse;

20 ^aPs. 112:3;
Prov. 8:21

21 ^aProv. 15:9;
Matt. 5:6;
[Rom. 2:7];
1 Cor. 15:58

22 ^a2 Sam.
5:6–9; Prov.
24:5; Eccl.
7:19; 9:15, 16
¹Climbs over
the walls of

23 ^aProv.
12:13; 13:3;
18:21; [James
3:2]

25 ^aProv. 13:4

26 ^a[Prov. 22:9;
Eph. 4:28]

27 ^aProv. 15:8;
Is. 66:3; Jer.
6:20; Amos
5:22

29 ¹Or., LXX
understands

30 ^aIs. 8:9, 10;
[Jer. 9:23, 24];
Acts 5:39;
1 Cor. 3:19, 20

31 ^aPs. 3:8; Jer.
3:23; [1 Cor.
15:57]

CHAPTER 22

1 ^a[Prov. 10:7];
Eccl. 7:1

2 ^aProv. 29:13
^bJob 31:15;
[Prov. 14:31]

3 ^aProv. 27:12;
Is. 26:20

6 ^aEph. 6:4;
2 Tim. 3:15
¹Even

7 ^aProv. 18:23;
James 2:6

8 ^aJob 4:8
¹trouble

9 ^a2 Cor. 9:6
^b[Prov. 19:17]
¹Lit. *good*

10 ^aPs. 101:5

11 ^aPs. 101:6

13 ^aProv. 26:13

14 ^aProv. 2:16;
5:3; 7:5 ^bEccl.
7:26

15 ^aProv.
13:24; 23:13,
14

He who guards his soul will be
far from them.

- 6 ^aTrain up a child in the way he
should go,
¹And when he is old he will not
depart from it.

- 7 The ^arich rules over the
poor,
And the borrower is servant to
the lender.

- 8 He who sows iniquity will reap
^asorrow,¹
And the rod of his anger will
fall.

- 9 ^aHe who has a ¹generous eye
will be ^bblessed,
For he gives of his bread to the
poor.

- 10 ^aCast out the scoffer, and
contention will leave;
Yes, strife and reproach will
cease.

- 11 ^aHe who loves purity of heart
And has grace on his lips,
The king *will be* his friend.

- 12 The eyes of the LORD preserve
knowledge,
But He overthrows the words of
the faithless.

- 13 ^aThe lazy *man* says, “*There is a*
lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!”

- 14 ^aThe mouth of an immoral
woman is a deep pit;
^bHe who is abhorred by the
LORD will fall there.

- 15 Foolishness is bound up in the
heart of a child;
^aThe rod of correction will drive
it far from him.

- 16 He who oppresses the poor to
increase his *riches*,
And he who gives to the rich,
will surely come to
poverty.

Sayings of the Wise

- 17 Incline your ear and hear the
words of the wise,
And apply your heart to my
knowledge;

- 18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if you
keep them within you;
Let them all be fixed upon your
lips,

- 19 So that your trust may be in the
LORD;
I have instructed you today,
even you.

- 20 Have I not written to you
excellent things
Of counsels and knowledge,

21 ^aThat I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth,
^bThat you may answer words of truth
 To those who ¹send to you?

22 Do not rob the ^apoor because he is poor,
 Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate;

23 ^aFor the LORD will plead their cause,
 And plunder the soul of those who plunder them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man,
 And with a ^afurious man do not go,

25 Lest you learn his ways
 And set a snare for your soul.

26 ^aDo not be one of those who ¹shakes hands in a pledge,
 One of those who is ²surety for debts;

27 If you have nothing *with which* to pay,
 Why should he take away your bed from under you?

28 ^aDo not remove the ancient ¹landmark
 Which your fathers have set.

29 Do you see a man *who* ¹excels in his work?
 He will stand before kings;
 He will not stand before ²unknown men.

23 When you sit down to eat with a ruler,
 Consider carefully what is before you;

2 And put a knife to your throat
 If you are a man given to appetite.

3 Do not desire his delicacies,
 For they are deceptive food.

4 ^aDo not overwork to be rich;
^bBecause of your own understanding, cease!

5 ¹Will you set your eyes on that which is not?
 For riches certainly make themselves wings;
 They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

6 Do not eat the bread of ^a1 miser,
 Nor desire his delicacies;

7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.
 "Eat and drink!" ^ahe says to you,

8 But his heart is not with you.
 The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit up,

21 ^aLuke 1:3, 4
^bProv. 25:13;
 1 Pet. 3:15 ¹Or send you

22 ^aEx. 23:6;
 Job 31:16-21;
 Zech. 7:10

23 ^a1 Sam. 24:12; Ps. 12:5; 140:12

24 ^aProv. 29:22

26 ^aProv. 11:15
¹Lit. strikes
²guaranty

28 ^aDeut. 19:14; 27:17;
 Job 24:2;
 Prov. 23:10
¹boundary

29 ¹is prompt in his business
²obscure

CHAPTER 23

4 ^a[Prov. 28:20;
 Matt. 6:19;
 1 Tim. 6:9, 10;
 Heb. 13:5]
^bRom. 12:16

5 ¹Lit. Will you cause your eyes to fly upon it and it is not?

6 ^aDeut. 15:9;
 Prov. 28:22
¹Lit. one who has an evil eye

7 ^aProv. 12:2

9 ^aProv. 9:8;
 Matt. 7:6

10 ¹boundary

11 ^aProv. 22:23

13 ^aProv. 13:24

14 ¹Or Sheol

16 ¹Lit. kidnays

17 ^aPs. 37:1;
 Prov. 24:1, 19
^bProv. 28:14

18 ^a[Ps. 37:37]
¹Future, lit.
 latter end

20 ^aProv. 20:1;
 23:29, 30; Is. 5:22; Matt. 24:49; [Luke 21:34]; Rom. 13:13; [Eph. 5:18]

22 ^aProv. 1:8;
 Eph. 6:1

23 ^aProv. 4:7;
 18:15; [Matt. 13:44]

24 ^aProv. 10:1

And waste your pleasant words.

9 ^aDo not speak in the hearing of a fool,
 For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

10 Do not remove the ancient ¹landmark,
 Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;

11 ^aFor their Redeemer is mighty;
 He will plead their cause against you.

12 Apply your heart to instruction,
 And your ears to words of knowledge.

13 ^aDo not withhold correction from a child,
 For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

14 You shall beat him with a rod,
 And deliver his soul from ¹hell.

15 My son, if your heart is wise,
 My heart will rejoice—indeed, I myself;

16 Yes, my ¹inmost being will rejoice
 When your lips speak right things.

17 ^aDo not let your heart envy sinners,
 But ^bbe zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day;

18 ^aFor surely there is a ¹hereafter,
 And your hope will not be cut off.

19 Hear, my son, and be wise;
 And guide your heart in the way.

20 ^aDo not mix with winebibbers,
 Or with gluttonous eaters of meat;

21 For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,
 And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.

22 ^aListen to your father who begot you,
 And do not despise your mother when she is old.

23 ^aBuy the truth, and do not sell it,
 Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.

24 ^aThe father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
 And he who begets a wise child will delight in him.

25 Let your father and your mother be glad,
 And let her who bore you rejoice.

- 26 My son, give me your heart,
And let your eyes observe my ways.
- 27 ^aFor a harlot is a deep pit,
And a seductress is a narrow well.
- 28 ^aShe also lies in wait as for a victim,
And increases the unfaithful among men.
- 29 ^aWho has woe?
Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions?
Who has complaints?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who ^bhas redness of eyes?
- 30 ^aThose who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search of ^bmixed wine.
- 31 Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
When it ¹swirls around smoothly;
- 32 At the last it bites like a serpent,
And stings like a viper.
- 33 Your eyes will see strange things,
And your heart will utter perverse things.
- 34 Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the ¹midst of the sea,
Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying:
- 35 "They^a have struck me, but I was not hurt;
They have beaten me, but I did not feel it.
When shall ^bI awake, that I may seek another drink?"
- 24 Do not be ^aenvious of evil men,
Nor desire to be with them;
- 2 For their heart devises violence,
And their lips talk of troublemaking.
- 3 Through wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
- 4 By knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.
- 5 ^aA wise man is strong,
Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;
- 6 ^aFor by wise counsel you will wage your own war,
And in a multitude of counselors *there is safety.*
- 7 ^aWisdom is too lofty for a fool;
He does not open his mouth in the gate.

27 ^aProv. 22:1428 ^aProv. 7:12;
Eccl. 7:2629 ^aIs. 5:11, 22
^bGen. 49:1230 ^a1 Sam. 25:36; Prov. 20:1; 21:17; Is. 5:11; 28:7;
[Eph. 5:18]
^bPs. 75:831 ¹goes around34 ¹Lit. heart35 ^aProv. 27:22; Jer. 5:3
^bEph. 4:19

CHAPTER 24

1 ^aPs. 1:1;
37:1; Prov. 23:175 ^aProv. 21:22;
Eccl. 9:166 ^aLuke 14:317 ^aPs. 10:5;
Prov. 14:68 ^aProv. 6:14;
14:22; Rom. 1:30 ¹Lit. master of evil plots10 ^aDeut. 20:8;
Job 4:5; Jer. 51:46; Heb. 12:311 ^aPs. 82:4; Is. 58:6, 7; 1 John 3:1612 ^a1 Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2 ^bJob 34:11; Ps. 62:12; Rev. 2:23; 22:1213 ^aPs. 19:10; 119:103; Prov. 25:16; Song 5:114 ^aPs. 19:10; 58:11; Prov. 23:18 ¹Lit. latter end16 ^aJob 5:19; [Ps. 34:19; 37:24; Mic. 7:8] ^bEsth. 7:10; Amos 5:217 ^aJob 31:29; Ps. 35:15, 19; [Prov. 17:5]; Obad. 1218 ¹Lit. it be evil in His eyes19 ^aPs. 37:121 ^a[Rom. 13:7; 1 Pet. 2:17]

- 8 He who ^aplots to do evil
Will be called a ¹schemer.
- 9 The devising of foolishness is sin,
And the scoffer is an abomination to men.
- 10 If you ^afaint in the day of adversity,
Your strength is small.
- 11 ^aDeliver *those who* are drawn toward death,
And hold back *those* stumbling to the slaughter.
- 12 If you say, "Surely we did not know this,"
Does not ^aHe who weighs the hearts consider it?
He who keeps your soul, does He *not* know it?
And will He *not* render to *each* man ^baccording to his deeds?
- 13 My son, ^aeat honey because it is good,
And the honeycomb *which* is sweet to your taste;
- 14 ^aSo *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul;
If you have found it, there is a ¹prospect,
And your hope will not be cut off.
- 15 Do not lie in wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous;
Do not plunder his resting place;
- 16 ^aFor a righteous *man* may fall seven times
And rise again,
^bBut the wicked shall fall by calamity.
- 17 ^aDo not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;
- 18 Lest the LORD see it, and ¹it displease Him,
And He turn away His wrath from him.
- 19 ^aDo not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the wicked;
- 20 For there will be no prospect for the evil *man*;
The lamp of the wicked will be put out.
- 21 My son, ^afear the LORD and the king;
Do not associate with those given to change;
- 22 For their calamity will rise suddenly,
And who knows the ruin those two can bring?

Further Sayings of the Wise

23 These things also belong to the wise:

- “It is not good to ¹show partiality in judgment.
- 24 “He who says to the wicked, “You are righteous,” Him the people will curse; Nations will abhor him.
- 25 But those who rebuke the wicked will have ^adelight, And a good blessing will come upon them.
- 26 He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.
- 27 “Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.
- 28 “Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, ¹For would you deceive with your lips?
- 29 “Do not say, “I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.”
- 30 I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;
- 31 And there it was, ^aall overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.
- 32 When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction:
- 33 “A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest;
- 34 “So shall your poverty come like ^{1a} a prowler, And your need like ^{2a} an armed man.

Further Wise Sayings of Solomon

25 These^a also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:

- 2 “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
- 3 As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- 4 “Take away the dross from silver,

23 ^aLev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; 16:19; [John 7:24] ¹Lit. recognize faces

24 ^aProv. 17:15; Is. 5:23

25 ^aProv. 28:23

27 ^{a1} Kin. 5:17; Prov. 27:23–27

28 ^aLev. 6:2, 3; 19:11; Eph. 4:25 ¹LXX; Vg. Do not deceive

29 ^a[Prov. 20:22; Matt. 5:39–44; Rom. 12:17–19]

31 ^aGen. 3:18

33 ^aProv. 6:9, 10

34 ^aProv. 6:9–11 ¹Lit. one who walks about ¹Lit. a man with a shield

CHAPTER 25

1 ^{a1} Kin. 4:32

2 ^aDeut. 29:29; Rom. 11:33

4 ^{a2} Tim. 2:21

5 ^aProv. 16:12; 20:8

7 ^aLuke 14:7–11

8 ^aProv. 17:14; Matt. 5:25 ¹Lit. contend or bring a lawsuit

9 ^a[Matt. 18:15]

10 ¹the evil report concerning you not pass away

11 ^aProv. 15:23; Is. 50:4

13 ^aProv. 13:17

14 ^aProv. 20:6 ^bJude 12

15 ^aProv. 15:1

18 ^aPs. 57:4; Prov. 12:18

- And it will go to the silversmith for jewelry.
- 5 Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be established in ^arighteousness.
- 6 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great;
- 7 “For it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.
- 8 “Do not go hastily to ¹court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame?
- 9 “Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another;
- 10 Lest he who hears it expose your shame, And ¹your reputation be ruined.
- 11 A word fitly ^aspoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.
- 12 Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.
- 13 “Like the cold of snow in time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- 14 “Whoever falsely boasts of giving Is like ^bclouds and wind without rain.
- 15 “By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.
- 16 Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, Lest you be filled with it and vomit.
- 17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.
- 18 “A man who bears false witness against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.
- 19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble

- Is like* a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.
- 20 *Like* one who takes away a garment in cold weather, *And like* vinegar on soda, *Is* one who ^asings songs to a heavy heart.
- 21 ^aIf your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;
- 22 For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, ^aAnd the LORD will reward you.
- 23 The north wind brings forth rain, And ^aa backbiting tongue an angry countenance.
- 24 ^a*It is* better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.
- 25 As cold water to a weary soul, So *is* ^agood news from a far country.
- 26 A righteous *man* who falters before the wicked *Is like* a murky spring and a ¹polluted well.
- 27 *It is* not good to eat much honey; So ^ato seek one's own glory *is* not glory.
- 28 ^aWhoever has no rule over his own spirit *Is like* a city broken down, without walls.
- 26** As snow in summer ^aand rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool.
- 2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So ^aa curse without cause shall not alight.
- 3 ^aA whip for the horse, A bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the fool's back.
- 4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.
- 5 ^aAnswer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- 6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts off *his* own feet and drinks violence.
- 7 *Like* the legs of the lame that hang limp
- 20 ^aDan. 6:18
- 21 ^aEx. 23:4, 5; 2 Kin. 6:22; 2 Chr. 28:15; Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:20
- 22 ^a2 Sam. 16:12; [Matt. 6:4, 6]
- 23 ^aPs. 101:5
- 24 ^aProv. 19:13
- 25 ^aProv. 15:30
- 26 ¹ruined
- 27 ^aProv. 27:2; [Luke 14:11]
- 28 ^aProv. 16:32
- CHAPTER 26
- 1 ^a1 Sam. 12:17
- 2 ^aNum. 23:8; Deut. 23:5; 2 Sam. 16:12
- 3 ^aPs. 32:9; Prov. 19:29
- 5 ^aMatt. 16:1-4; Rom. 12:16
- 10 ¹Heb. difficult in v. 10; ancient and modern translators differ greatly
- 11 ^a2 Pet. 2:22 ^bEx. 8:15
- 12 ^aProv. 29:20; Luke 18:11, 12; [Rev. 3:17]
- 13 ¹Or *plazas, squares*
- 15 ^aProv. 19:24 ¹LXX, Syr. *bosom*; Tg., Vg. *ampit*
- 19 ^aEph. 5:4
- 20 ¹gossip or slanderer, lit. *whisperer*
- 21 ^aProv. 15:18
- 22 ¹gossip or slanderer ²A Jewish tradition *wounds* ³Lit. *rooms of the belly*
- 25 ^aPs. 28:3; Prov. 26:23; Jer. 9:8 ¹Lit. *his voice is gracious*
- Is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 8 *Like* one who binds a stone in a sling *Is* he who gives honor to a fool.
- 9 *Like* a thorn *that* goes into the hand of a drunkard *Is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 10 ¹The great *God* who formed everything Gives the fool *his* hire and the transgressor *his* wages.
- 11 ^aAs a dog returns to his own vomit, ^bSo a fool repeats his folly.
- 12 ^aDo you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.
- 13 The lazy *man* says, "*There is* a lion in the road! A fierce lion *is* in the ¹streets!"
- 14 As a door turns on its hinges, So *does* the lazy *man* on his bed.
- 15 The ^alazy *man* buries his hand in the ¹bow!; It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.
- 16 The lazy *man* *is* wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.
- 17 He who passes by *and* meddles in a quarrel not his own *Is like* one who takes a dog by the ears.
- 18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,
- 19 *Is* the man *who* deceives his neighbor, And says, ^a"I was only joking!"
- 20 Where *there is* no wood, the fire goes out; And where *there is* no ¹talebearer, strife ceases.
- 21 ^aAs charcoal *is* to burning coals, and wood to fire, So *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.
- 22 The words of a ¹talebearer *are* like ²tasty trifles, And they go down into the ³inmost body.
- 23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart *Are like* earthenware covered with silver dross.
- 24 He who hates, disguises *it* with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself;
- 25 ^aWhen ¹he speaks kindly, do not believe him,

For *there are* seven
abominations in his heart;
26 *Though his* hatred is covered
by deceit,
His wickedness will be revealed
before the assembly.

27 ^aWhoever digs a pit will fall into
it,
And he who rolls a stone will
have it roll back on him.

28 A lying tongue hates *those who*
are crushed by it,
And a flattering mouth works
“ruin.”

27 Do^a not boast about
tomorrow,
For you do not know what a
day may bring forth.

2 ^aLet another man praise you,
and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own
lips.

3 A stone *is* heavy and sand *is*
weighty,
But a fool’s wrath *is* heavier
than both of them.

4 Wrath *is* cruel and anger *a*
torrent,
But ^awho *is* able to stand before
jealousy?

5 ^aOpen rebuke *is* better
Than love carefully concealed.

6 Faithful *are* the wounds of *a*
friend,
But the kisses of an enemy *are*
“deceitful.”

7 A satisfied soul ¹loathes the
honeycomb,
But to a hungry soul every
bitter thing *is* sweet.

8 Like a bird that wanders from
its nest
Is a man who wanders from his
place.

9 Ointment and perfume delight
the heart,
And the sweetness of a man’s
friend *gives delight* by
¹hearty counsel.

10 Do not forsake your own friend
or your father’s friend,
Nor go to your brother’s house
in the day of your calamity;
^aBetter *is* a neighbor nearby
than a brother far away.

11 My son, be wise, and make my
heart glad,
^aThat I may answer him who
reproaches me.

27 ^aEsth. 7:10;
Ps. 7:15; Prov.
28:10; Eccl.
10:8

28 ^aProv. 29:5

CHAPTER 27

1 ^aLuke
12:19–21;
James 4:13–16

2 ^aProv. 25:27;
2 Cor. 10:12,
18; 12:11

4 ^aProv. 6:34;
1 John 3:12

5 [^aProv.
28:23]; Gal.
2:14

6 ^aMatt. 26:49

7 ¹tramples on

9 ¹Lit. *counsel*
of the soul

10 ^aProv.
17:17; 18:24

11 ^aProv. 10:1;
23:15–26

12 ^aProv. 22:3

15 ^aProv. 19:13

16 ¹Lit. *hides*

18 ^a2 Kin.
18:31; Song
8:12; Is. 36:16;
[1 Cor. 3:8;
9:7–13]; 2 Tim.
2:6 ¹protects
or *tends*

20 ^aProv.
30:15, 16;
Hab. 2:5
^bEccl. 1:8; 4:8
¹Or *Sheol*
²Heb. *Abad-*
don

21 ^aProv. 17:3

22 ^aProv.
23:35; 26:11;
Jer. 5:3

23 ^aProv. 24:27

25 ^aPs. 104:14

12 A prudent *man* foresees evil
and hides himself;
The simple pass on *and* are
“punished.”

13 Take the garment of him who *is*
surety for a stranger,
And hold it in pledge *when* he
is surety for a seductress.

14 He who blesses his friend with
a loud voice, rising early in
the morning,
It will be counted a curse to
him.

15 A ^acontinual dripping on a very
rainy day
And a contentious woman *are*
alike;

16 Whoever ¹restrains her
restrains the wind,
And grasps oil with his right
hand.

17 As iron sharpens iron,
So a man sharpens the
countenance of his friend.

18 ^aWhoever ¹keeps the fig tree will
eat its fruit;
So he who waits on his master
will be honored.

19 As in water face *reflects* face,
So a man’s heart *reveals* the
man.

20 ^aHell¹ and ²Destruction *are* never
full;
So ^bthe eyes of man *are* never
satisfied.

21 ^aThe refining pot *is* for silver
and the furnace for gold,
And a man *is valued* by what
others say of him.

22 ^aThough you grind a fool in a
mortar with a pestle along
with crushed grain,
Yet his foolishness will not
depart from him.

23 Be diligent to know the state of
your “flocks,”
And attend to your herds;

24 For riches *are* not forever,
Nor does a crown *endure* to all
generations.

25 ^aWhen the hay *is* removed, and
the tender grass shows
itself,
And the herbs of the mountains
are gathered in,

26 The lambs *will provide* your
clothing,
And the goats the price of a
field;

27 *You shall have* enough goats’
milk for your food,
For the food of your
household,

CHAPTER 28

- And the nourishment of your maidservants.
- 28** The ^awicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.
- 2** Because of the transgression of a land, many *are* its princes;
But by a man of understanding *and* knowledge
Right will be prolonged.
- 3** ^aA poor man who oppresses the poor
Is like a driving rain ¹which leaves no food.
- 4** ^aThose who forsake the law praise the wicked,
^bBut such as keep the law contend with them.
- 5** ^aEvil men do not understand justice,
But ^bthose who seek the LORD understand all.
- 6** Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity
Than one perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.
- 7** Whoever keeps the law *is* a discerning son,
But a companion of gluttons shames his father.
- 8** One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion
Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.
- 9** One who turns away his ear from hearing the law,
^aEven his prayer is an abomination.
- 10** ^aWhoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way,
He himself will fall into his own pit;
^bBut the blameless will inherit good.
- 11** The rich man *is* wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding searches him out.
- 12** When the righteous rejoice, *there is* great ^aglory;
But when the wicked arise, men ¹hide themselves.
- 13** ^aHe who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.
- 14** Happy *is* the man who is always reverent,
But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.
- 15** ^a*Like* a roaring lion and a charging bear
^b*Is* a wicked ruler over poor people.
- 16** A ruler who lacks understanding *is* a great ^aoppressor,
But he who hates covetousness will prolong *his* days.
- 17** ^aA man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit;
Let no one help him.
- 18** Whoever walks blamelessly will be ¹saved,
But *he who is* perverse *in his* ways will suddenly fall.
- 19** ^aHe who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!
- 20** A faithful man will abound with blessings,
^aBut he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.
- 21** ^aTo ¹show partiality *is* not good,
^bBecause for a piece of bread a man will transgress.
- 22** A man with an evil eye hastens after riches,
And does not consider that ^apoverty will come upon him.
- 23** ^aHe who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward
Than he who flatters with the tongue.
- 24** Whoever robs his father or his mother,
And says, "*It is* no transgression,"
The same ^ais companion to a destroyer.
- 25** ^aHe who is of a proud heart stirs up strife,
^bBut he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered.
- 26** He who ^atrusts in his own heart is a fool,
But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.
- 27** ^aHe who gives to the poor will not lack,
But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.
- 28** When the wicked arise, ^amen hide themselves;

¹ ^aLev. 26:17;
36; Ps. 53:5

³ ^aMatt. 18:28
¹Lit. *and there is no bread*

⁴ ^aPs. 49:18;
Rom. 1:32
^b¹ Kin. 18:18;
Neh. 13:11;
15; Matt. 3:7;
14:4; Eph. 5:11

⁵ ^aPs. 92:6; Is. 6:9; 44:18 ^bPs. 119:100; Prov. 2:9; John 17:17; 1 Cor. 2:15; [1 John 2:20, 27]

⁹ ^aPs. 66:18;
109:7; Prov. 15:8

¹⁰ ^aPs. 7:15;
Prov. 26:27
^b[Matt. 6:33;
Heb. 6:12;
1 Pet. 3:9]

¹² ^aProv. 11:10; 29:2
¹Lit. *will be searched for*

¹³ ^aPs. 32:3–5;
1 John 1:8–10

¹⁵ ^aProv. 19:12; 1 Pet. 5:8 ^bEx. 1:14;
Prov. 29:2;
Matt. 2:16

¹⁶ ^aEcc. 10:16;
Is. 3:12

¹⁷ ^aGen. 9:6

¹⁸ ¹*delivered*

¹⁹ ^aProv. 12:11; 20:13

²⁰ ^aProv. 13:11; 20:21;
23:4; 1 Tim. 6:9

²¹ ^aProv. 18:5
^bEzek. 13:19
¹Lit. *recognize faces*

²² ^aProv. 21:5

²³ ^aProv. 27:5, 6

²⁴ ^aProv. 18:9

²⁵ ^aProv. 13:10
^bProv. 29:25;
1 Tim. 6:6

²⁶ ^aProv. 3:5

²⁷ ^aDeut. 15:7;
Prov. 19:17;
22:9

²⁸ ^aJob 24:4

- But when they perish, the
righteous increase.
- 29** He^a who is often rebuked,
and hardens *his* neck,
Will suddenly be destroyed,
and that without remedy.
- 2 When the righteous ¹are in
authority, the ^apeople rejoice;
But when a wicked *man* rules,
^bthe people groan.
- 3 Whoever loves wisdom makes
his father rejoice,
But a companion of harlots
wastes *his* wealth.
- 4 The king establishes the land
by justice,
But he who receives bribes
overthrows it.
- 5 A man who ^aflatters his
neighbor
Spreads a net for his feet.
- 6 By transgression an evil man is
snared,
But the righteous sings and
rejoices.
- 7 The righteous ^aconsiders the
cause of the poor,
But the wicked does not
understand *such* knowledge.
- 8 Scoffers ^aset a city aflame,
But wise *men* turn away wrath.
- 9 If a wise man contends with a
foolish man,
^aWhether *the fool* rages or
laughs, *there is* no peace.
- 10 ^aThe bloodthirsty hate the
blameless,
But the upright seek his
¹well-being.
- 11 A fool vents all his ^afeelings,¹
But a wise *man* holds them
back.
- 12 If a ruler pays attention to lies,
All his servants *become*
wicked.
- 13 The poor *man* and the
oppressor have this in
common:
^aThe LORD gives light to the
eyes of both.
- 14 The king who judges the ^apoor
with truth,
His throne will be established
forever.
- 15 The rod and rebuke give
^awisdom,
But a child left *to himself*
brings shame to his mother.

CHAPTER 29

- ¹ ^a2 Chr.
36:16; Prov.
6:15
- ² ^aEsth. 8:15;
Prov. 28:12
^bEsth. 4:3 *be-*
come great
- ⁵ ^aProv. 26:28
- ⁷ ^aJob 29:16;
Ps. 41:1; Prov.
31:8, 9
- ⁸ ^aProv. 11:11
- ⁹ ^aMatt. 11:17
- ¹⁰ ^aGen. 4:5-8;
1 John 3:12
¹Lit. *soul* or
life
- ¹¹ ^aProv. 14:33
¹Lit. *spirit*
- ¹³ ^a[Matt.
5:45]
- ¹⁴ ^aPs. 72:4; Is.
11:4
- ¹⁵ ^aProv. 22:15
- ¹⁶ ^aPs. 37:34;
Prov. 21:12
- ¹⁸ ^a1 Sam. 3:1;
Ps. 74:9;
^bAmos 8:11, 12
^cProv. 8:32;
John 13:17
¹*prophetic*
vision
- ²⁰ ^aProv. 26:12
- ²² ^aProv. 26:21
- ²³ ^aJob 22:29;
Prov. 15:33;
18:12; Is. 66:2;
Dan. 4:30;
Matt. 23:12;
Luke 14:11;
18:14; Acts
12:23; [James
4:6-10; 1 Pet.
5:5, 6]
- ²⁴ ^aLev. 5:1
¹Lit. *hears the*
adjuration or
oath
- ²⁵ ^aGen. 12:12;
20:2; Luke
12:4; John
12:42, 43
¹*secure*, lit.
set on high
- ²⁶ ^aPs. 20:9
¹Lit. *face*
- CHAPTER 30
- ² ^aPs. 73:22;
Prov. 12:1
- ³ ^a[Prov. 9:10]

- 16 When the wicked are multiplied,
transgression increases;
But the righteous will see their
^afall.
- 17 Correct your son, and he will
give you rest;
Yes, he will give delight to your
soul.
- 18 ^aWhere *there is* no ¹revelation,
the people cast off restraint;
But ^bhappy *is* he who keeps the
law.
- 19 A servant will not be corrected
by mere words;
For though he understands, he
will not respond.
- 20 Do you see a man hasty in his
words?
^a*There is* more hope for a fool
than for him.
- 21 He who pampers his servant
from childhood
Will have him as a son in the
end.
- 22 ^aAn angry man stirs up strife,
And a furious man abounds in
transgression.
- 23 ^aA man's pride will bring him
low,
But the humble in spirit will
retain honor.
- 24 Whoever is a partner with a
thief hates his own life;
^aHe ¹swears to tell the truth, but
reveals nothing.
- 25 ^aThe fear of man brings a snare,
But whoever trusts in the LORD
shall be ¹safe.
- 26 ^aMany seek the ruler's ¹favor,
But justice for man *comes* from
the LORD.
- 27 An unjust man *is* an
abomination to the righteous,
And *he who is* upright in the
way *is* an abomination to the
wicked.

The Wisdom of Agur

- 30** The words of Agur the son of
Jakeh, *his* utterance. This
man declared to Ithiel—to Ithiel and
Ucal:
- 2 ^aSurely I *am* more stupid than
any man,
And do not have the
understanding of a man.
- 3 I neither learned wisdom
Nor have ^aknowledge of the
Holy One.

- 4 ^aWho has ascended into heaven,
or descended?
^bWho has gathered the wind in
His fists?
Who has bound the waters in a
garment?
Who has established all the
ends of the earth?
What is His name, and what is
His Son's name,
If you know?
- 5 ^aEvery word of God is ¹pure;
^bHe is a shield to those who put
their trust in Him.
- 6 ^aDo not add to His words,
Lest He rebuke you, and you be
found a liar.
- 7 Two *things* I request of You
(Deprive me not before I die):
- 8 Remove falsehood and lies far
from me;
Give me neither poverty nor
riches—
^aFeed me with the food allotted
to me;
- 9 ^aLest I be full and deny You,
And say, "Who is the LORD?"
Or lest I be poor and steal,
And profane the name of my
God.
- 10 Do not malign a servant to his
master,
Lest he curse you, and you be
found guilty.
- 11 *There is a generation that*
curses its ^afather,
And does not bless its mother.
- 12 *There is a generation ^athat is*
pure in its own eyes,
Yet is not washed from its
filthiness.
- 13 *There is a generation—oh, how*
^alofty are their eyes!
And their eyelids are ¹lifted up.
- 14 ^a*There is a generation whose*
teeth *are like* swords,
And whose fangs *are like*
knives,
^bTo devour the poor from off the
earth,
And the needy from *among*
men.
- 15 The leech has two daughters—
Give and Give!

There are three *things that* are
never satisfied,
Four never say, "Enough!":
- 16 ^aThe ¹grave,
The barren womb,
The earth *that is* not satisfied
with water—
And the fire never says,
"Enough!"
- 17 ^aThe eye *that* mocks his father,
And scorns obedience to his
mother,
- 4 ^a[Ps. 68:18;
John 3:13]
^bJob 38:4; Ps.
104:3; Is.
40:12
- 5 ^aPs. 12:6;
19:8; 119:140
^bPs. 18:30;
84:11;
115:9–11
¹tested, re-
fined, found
pure
- 6 ^aDeut. 4:2;
12:32; Rev.
22:18
- 8 ^aJob 23:12;
Matt. 6:11;
[Phil. 4:19]
- 9 ^aDeut.
8:12–14; Neh.
9:25, 26; Hos.
13:6
- 11 ^aEx. 21:17;
Prov. 20:20
- 12 ^a[Prov.
16:2]; Is. 65:5;
Luke 18:11;
[Titus 1:15,
16]
- 13 ^aPs. 131:1;
Prov. 6:17; Is.
2:11; 5:15 ¹In
arrogance
- 14 ^aJob 29:17;
Ps. 52:2 ^bPs.
14:4; Amos
8:4
- 16 ^aProv.
27:20; Hab.
2:5 ¹Or *Sheol*
- 17 ^aGen. 9:22;
Lev. 20:9;
Prov. 20:20
- 19 ¹Lit. *heart*
- 22 ^aProv.
19:10; Eccl.
10:7
- 23 ¹Or *hated*
- 25 ^aProv. 6:6
- 26 ^aLev. 11:5;
Ps. 104:18
¹rock hyraxes
- 28 ¹Or *lizard*
- 31 ¹Or per-
haps
strutting
rooster, lit.
girded of
waist ²A Jew-
ish tradition a
king against
whom there is
no uprising
- 32 ^aJob 21:5;
40:4; Mic. 7:16
- The ravens of the valley will
pick it out.
And the young eagles will eat
it.
- 18 There are three *things which*
are too wonderful for me,
Yes, four *which* I do not
understand:
- 19 The way of an eagle in the air,
The way of a serpent on a rock,
The way of a ship in the ¹midst
of the sea,
And the way of a man with a
virgin.
- 20 This is the way of an adulterous
woman:
She eats and wipes her mouth,
And says, "I have done no
wickedness."
- 21 For three *things* the earth is
perturbed,
Yes, for four it cannot bear up:
- 22 ^aFor a servant when he reigns,
A fool when he is filled with
food,
- 23 A ¹hateful woman when she is
married,
And a maidservant who
succeeds her mistress.
- 24 There are four *things which* are
little on the earth,
But they are exceedingly wise:
- 25 ^aThe ants *are* a people not
strong,
Yet they prepare their food in
the summer;
- 26 ^aThe ¹rock badgers are a feeble
folk,
Yet they make their homes in
the crags;
- 27 The locusts have no king,
Yet they all advance in ranks;
- 28 The ¹spider skillfully grasps
with its hands,
And it is in kings' palaces.
- 29 There are three *things which*
are majestic in pace,
Yes, four *which* are stately in
walk:
- 30 A lion, *which* is mighty among
beasts
And does not turn away from
any;
- 31 A ¹greyhound,
A male goat also,
And ²a king *whose* troops *are*
with him.
- 32 If you have been foolish in
exalting yourself,
Or if you have devised evil, ^aput
your hand on *your* mouth.
- 33 For *as* the churning of milk
produces butter,
And wringing the nose
produces blood,
So the forcing of wrath
produces strife.

The Words of King Lemuel's Mother

31 The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him:

- 2 What, my son?
And what, son of my womb?
And what, ^ason of my vows?
- 3 ^aDo not give your strength to women,
Nor your ways ^bto that which destroys kings.
- 4 ^aIt is not for kings, O Lemuel,
It is not for kings to drink wine,
Nor for princes intoxicating drink;
- 5 ^aLest they drink and forget the law,
And pervert the justice of all ¹the afflicted.
- 6 ^aGive strong drink to him who is perishing,
And wine to those who are bitter of heart.
- 7 Let him drink and forget his poverty,
And remember his misery no more.
- 8 ^aOpen your mouth for the speechless,
In the cause of all *who are* ¹appointed to die.
- 9 Open your mouth, ^ajudge righteously,
And ^bplead the cause of the poor and needy.

The Virtuous Wife

- 10 ^aWho¹ can find a ²virtuous wife?
For her worth *is* far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax,
And willingly works with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant ships,
She brings her food from afar.
- 15 ^aShe also rises while it is yet night,
And ^bprovides food for her household,

CHAPTER 31

2 ^aIs. 49:15

3 ^aProv. 5:9;
^bDeut. 17:17;
1 Kin. 11:1;
Neh. 13:26;
Prov. 7:26;
Hos. 4:11

4 ^aEccl. 10:17

5 ^aHos. 4:11
¹Lit. *sons of affliction*

6 ^aPs. 104:15

8 ^aJob 29:15,
16; Ps. 82 ¹Lit.
sons of passing away

9 ^aLev. 19:15;
Deut. 1:16
^bJob 29:12; Is. 1:17; Jer. 22:16

10 ^aRuth 3:11;
Prov. 12:4;
19:14 ¹Vv.
10–31 are an alphabetic
acrostic in
Hebrew; cf.
Ps. 119 ²Lit. *a wife of valor*,
in the sense of
all forms of
excellence

15 ^aProv. 20:13; Rom. 12:11 ^bLuke 12:42

16 ¹Lit. *the fruit of her hands*

20 ^aDeut. 15:11; Job 31:16–20;
Prov. 22:9;
Rom. 12:13;
Eph. 4:28;
Heb. 13:16

23 ^aProv. 12:4

- And a portion for her maidservants.
- 16 She considers a field and buys it;
From ¹her profits she plants a vineyard.
 - 17 She girds herself with strength,
And strengthens her arms.
 - 18 She perceives that her merchandise *is* good,
And her lamp does not go out by night.
 - 19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her hand holds the spindle.
 - 20 ^aShe extends her hand to the poor,
Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.
 - 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,
For all her household *is* clothed with scarlet.
 - 22 She makes tapestry for herself;
Her clothing *is* fine linen and purple.
 - 23 ^aHer husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.
 - 24 She makes linen garments and sells *them*,
And supplies sashes for the merchants.
 - 25 Strength and honor *are* her clothing;
She shall rejoice in time to come.
 - 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue *is* the law of kindness.
 - 27 She watches over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.
 - 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband *also*, and he praises her:
 - 29 “Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all.”
 - 30 Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing,
But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised.
 - 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

The Book of ECCLESIASTES

THE key word in Ecclesiastes is *vanity*, “the futile emptiness of trying to be happy apart from God.” The Preacher (traditionally taken to be Solomon—1:1, 12—the wisest, richest, most influential king in Israel’s history) looks at life “under the sun” (1:9) and, from the human perspective, declares it all to be empty. Power, popularity, prestige, pleasure—nothing can fill the God-shaped void in man’s life but God Himself! But once seen from God’s perspective, life takes on meaning and purpose, causing Solomon to exclaim, “Eat . . . drink . . . rejoice . . . do good . . . live joyfully . . . fear God . . . keep His commandments!” Skepticism and despair melt away when life is viewed as a daily gift from God.

The Hebrew title *Qoheleth* is a rare term, found only in Ecclesiastes (1:1, 2, 12; 7:27; 12:8–10). It comes from the word *qahal*, “to convoke an assembly, to assemble.” Thus, it means “One Who Addresses an Assembly,” “A Preacher.” The Septuagint used the Greek word *Ekklesiastes* as its title for this book. Derived from the word *ekklesia*, “assembly,” “congregation,” “church,” it simply means “Preacher.” The Latin *Ecclesiastes* means “Speaker Before an Assembly.”

The Vanity of Life

THE words of the Preacher, the son of David, ^aking in Jerusalem.

- 2 “Vanity^{a1} of vanities,” says the Preacher;
“Vanity of vanities, ^ball is vanity.”
- 3 “What profit has a man from all his labor
In which he ^ttoils under the sun?”
- 4 One generation passes away, and another generation comes;
^aBut the earth abides forever.
- 5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down,
And ^hastens to the place where it arose.
- 6 “The wind goes toward the south,
And turns around to the north;
The wind whirls about continually,
And comes again on its circuit.
- 7 “All the rivers run into the sea,
Yet the sea is not full;
To the place from which the rivers come,
There they return again.
- 8 All things are ^lfull of labor;
Man cannot express it.
^aThe eye is not satisfied with seeing,
Nor the ear filled with hearing.
- 9 “That which has been is what will be,
That which is done is what will be done,
And *there* is nothing new under the sun.
- 10 Is there anything of which it may be said,
“See, this is new?”

CHAPTER 1

- 1 ^aProv. 1:1
- 2 ^aPs. 39:5, 6; 62:9; 144:4
^b[Rom. 8:20, 21] ¹Or *Absurdity, Frustration, Futility, Nonsense*; and so throughout the book
- 3 ^aEcccl. 2:22; 3:9 ¹labors
- 4 ^aPs. 104:5; 119:90
- 5 ^aPs. 19:4–6
¹Is eager for, lit. *panting*
- 6 ^aJohn 3:8
- 7 ^a[Jer. 5:22]
- 8 ^aProv. 27:20
¹wearisome
- 9 ^aEcccl. 3:15
- 11 ^aEcccl. 2:16
- 13 ^a[Ecccl. 7:25; 8:16, 17]
^bEcccl. 3:10
¹Or *afflicted*
- 15 ^aEcccl. 7:13
- 16 ^{a1} Kin. 3:12, 13 ¹Lit. *seen*
- 17 ^aEcccl. 2:3, 12; 7:23, 25
- 18 ^aEcccl. 12:12
- CHAPTER 2
- 1 ^aLuke 12:19
^b[Ecccl. 7:4; 8:15]

It has already been in ancient times before us.

- 11 *There* is “no remembrance of former things,
Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come
By those who will come after.

The Grief of Wisdom

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I set my heart to seek and “search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; ^bthis burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be ^texercised.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

- 15 “What is crooked cannot be made straight,
And what is lacking cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with my heart, saying, “Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained “more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has ^lunderstood great wisdom and knowledge.”

17 “And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.

- 18 For “in much wisdom is much grief,
And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

The Vanity of Pleasure

- 2 I said “in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with ^bmirth;

¹therefore enjoy pleasure"; but surely, ²this also was vanity.

2 I said of laughter—"Madness!"; and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?"

3 ^aI searched in my heart *how* ¹to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was ^bgood for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

4 I made my works great, I built myself ^ahouses, and planted myself vineyards.

5 I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all *kinds* of fruit trees in them.

6 I made myself water pools from which to ¹water the growing trees of the grove.

7 I acquired male and female servants, and had ¹servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me.

8 ^aI also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, and ¹musical instruments of all kinds.

9 ^aSo I became great and ¹excelled ^bmore than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor;

And ^athis was my ¹reward from all my labor.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was ^avanity and grasping for the wind. *There was no profit under the sun.*

The End of the Wise and the Fool

12 Then I turned myself to consider wisdom ^aand madness and folly; For what *can* the man *do* who succeeds the king?— Only what he has already ^bdone.

13 Then I saw that wisdom ^aexcels folly

As light excels darkness.

14 ^aThe wise man's eyes are in his head, But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That ^bthe same event happens to them all.

¹ ^aEcccl. 1:2
¹gladness

³ ^aEcccl. 1:17
^bEcccl. 3:12, 13; 5:18; 6:12]
¹Lit. *to draw my flesh*

⁴ ^a1 Kin. 7:1–12

⁶ ¹irrigate

⁷ ¹Lit. *sons of my house*

⁸ ^a1 Kin. 9:28; 10:10, 14, 21
¹Exact meaning unknown

⁹ ^aEcccl. 1:16
^b2 Chr. 9:22
¹Lit. *increased*

¹⁰ ^aEcccl. 3:22; 5:18; 9:9 ¹Lit. *portion*

¹¹ ^aEcccl. 1:3, 14

¹² ^aEcccl. 1:17; 7:25 ^bEcccl. 1:9

¹³ ^aEcccl. 7:11, 14, 19; 9:18; 10:10

¹⁴ ^aProv. 17:24; Ecccl. 8:1 ^bPs. 49:10; Ecccl. 9:2, 3, 11

¹⁶ ^aEcccl. 1:11; 4:16

¹⁸ ^aPs. 49:10

²¹ ¹Lit. *portion*

²² ^aEcccl. 1:3; 3:9

²³ ^aJob 5:7; 14:1

²⁴ ^aEcccl. 3:12, 13, 22; Is. 56:12; Luke 12:19; 1 Cor. 15:32; [1 Tim. 6:17]

²⁵ ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; some Heb. mss., LXX, Syr. *without Him*

²⁶ ^aJob 32:8; Prov. 2:6; James 1:5 ^bJob 27:16, 17; Prov. 28:8

CHAPTER 3

¹ ^aEcccl. 3:17; 8:6

² ^aJob 14:5; Heb. 9:27 ¹Lit. *to bear*

15 So I said in my heart, "As it happens to the fool, It also happens to me, And why was I then more wise?"

Then I said in my heart, "This also is vanity."

16 For *there is* ^ano more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, Since all that now *is* will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise *man* die? As the fool!

17 Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

18 Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because ^aI must leave it to the man who will come after me.

19 And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity.

20 Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun.

21 For there is a man whose labor *is* with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his ¹heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

22 ^aFor what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun?

23 For all his days *are* ^asorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.

24 ^aNothing is better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, ¹more than I?

26 For *God* gives ^awisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that ^bhe may give to *him* who *is* good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

Everything Has Its Time

3 To everything *there is* a season, A ^atime for every purpose under heaven:

2 A time ¹to be born, And ^aa time to die;

A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted;

3 A time to kill, And a time to heal;

- A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
4 A time to ^aweep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
5 A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones;
^aA time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from
embracing;
6 A time to gain,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;
7 A time to tear,
And a time to sew;
^aA time to keep silence,
And a time to ^bspeak;
8 A time to love,
And a time to ^chate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

The God-Given Task

- 9 ^aWhat profit has the worker
from that in which he labors?
10 ^aI have seen the God-given task
with which the sons of men are to
be occupied.
11 He has made everything beautiful
in its time. Also He has put eter-
nity in their hearts, except that ^ano
one can find out the work that God
does from beginning to end.
12 I know that nothing is ^abetter
for them than to rejoice, and to do
good in their lives,
13 and also that ^aevery man should
eat and drink and enjoy the good of
all his labor—it is the gift of God.
14 I know that whatever God does,
It shall be forever.
^aNothing can be added to it,
And nothing taken from it.
God does *it*, that men should
fear before Him.
15 ^aThat which is has already been,
And what is to be has already
been;
And God ¹requires an account
of ²what is past.

Injustice Seems to Prevail

- 16 Moreover ^aI saw under the sun:
*In the place of ¹judgment,
Wickedness was there;
And in the place of
righteousness,
²Iniquity was there.*
17 I said in my heart,
^a“God shall judge the righteous
and the wicked,
For *there* is a time there for
every ¹purpose and for every
work.”
18 I said in my heart, “Concerning
the condition of the sons of men, God

4 ^aRom. 12:15

5 ^aJoel 2:16;
1 Cor. 7:5

7 ^aAmos 5:13
^bProv. 25:11

8 ^aProv. 13:5;
Luke 14:26

9 ^aEcccl. 1:3

10 ^aEcccl. 1:13

11 ^aJob 5:9;
Ecccl. 7:23;
8:17; Rom.
11:33

12 ^aEcccl. 2:3,
24

13 ^aEcccl. 2:24

14 ^aJames 1:17

15 ^aEcccl. 1:9
¹Lit. *seeks*
²what is pur-
sued

16 ^aEcccl. 5:8
¹justice
²Wickedness

17 ^aGen. 18:25;
Ps. 96:13;
Ecccl. 11:9;
[Matt. 16:27;
Rom. 2:6–10;
2 Cor. 5:10;
2 Thess.
1:6–9] ¹desire

19 ^aPs. 49:12,
20; 73:22;
[Ecccl. 2:16]

20 ^aGen. 3:19;
Ps. 103:14

21 ^aEcccl. 12:7
¹LXX, Syr.,
Tg., Vg. *Who
knows
whether the
spirit . . . goes
upward, and
whether . . .
goes down-
ward to the
earth?*

22 ^aEcccl. 2:24;
5:18 ^bEcccl.
2:10 ^cEcccl.
6:12; 8:7 ¹por-
tion or lot

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aJob 35:9;
Ps. 12:5; Ecccl.
3:16; 5:8; Is.
5:7 ¹Lit. *At
the hand*

2 ^aJob 3:17, 18

3 ^aJob 3:11–22;
Ecccl. 6:3;
Luke 23:29

5 ^aProv. 6:10;
24:33

6 ^aProv. 15:16,
17; 16:8

8 ^aProv. 27:20;
Ecccl. 5:10;
[1 John 2:16]
^bPs. 39:6

^cEcccl. 2:18–21
¹Lit. *a second*
²Lit. *evil task*

tests them, that they may see that
they themselves are *like* animals.”

19 ^aFor what happens to the sons of
men also happens to animals; one
thing befalls them: as one dies, so
dies the other. Surely, they all have
one breath; man has no advantage
over animals, for all is vanity.

20 All go to one place: ^aall are from
the dust, and all return to dust.

21 ^aWho¹ knows the spirit of the
sons of men, which goes upward,
and the spirit of the animal, which
goes down to the earth?

22 ^aSo I perceived that nothing is
better than that a man should
rejoice in his own works, for ^bthat is
his ¹heritage. ^cFor who can bring
him to see what will happen after
him?

4 Then I returned and considered
all the ^aoppression that is done
under the sun:

And look! The tears of the
oppressed,

But they have no comforter—

¹On the side of their oppressors
there is power,

But they have no comforter.

2 ^aTherefore I praised the dead
who were already dead,
More than the living who are
still alive.

3 ^aYet, better than both *is he* who
has never existed,
Who has not seen the evil work
that is done under the sun.

The Vanity of Selfish Toil

4 Again, I saw that for all toil and
every skillful work a man is envied
by his neighbor. This also is vanity
and grasping for the wind.

5 ^aThe fool folds his hands
And consumes his own flesh.

6 ^aBetter a handful *with* quietness
Than both hands full, *together*
with toil and grasping for the
wind.

7 Then I returned, and I saw van-
ity under the sun:

8 There is one alone, without
¹companion:
He has neither son nor brother.
Yet *there* is no end to all his
labors,
Nor is his ^aeye satisfied with
riches.

But ^bhe never asks,
“For whom do I toil and deprive
myself of ^cgood?”
This also is vanity and a ²grave
misfortune.

The Value of a Friend

9 Two *are* better than one,
Because they have a good
reward for their labor.

- 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.
But woe to him *who is alone* when he falls,
For *he has* no one to help him up.
- 11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm;
But how can one be warm *alone*?
- 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Popularity Passes Away

- 13 Better a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more.
- 14 For he comes out of prison to be king,
Although ¹he was born poor in his kingdom.
- 15 I saw all the living who walk under the sun;
They were with the second youth who stands in his place.
- 16 *There* was no end of all the people ¹over whom he was made king;
Yet those who come afterward will not rejoice in him.
Surely this also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

Fear God, Keep Your Vows

5 Walk ^aprudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather ^bthan to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.

- 2 Do not be ^arash with your mouth,
And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God.
For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth;
Therefore let your words ^bbe few.
- 3 For a dream comes through much activity,
And ^aa fool's voice *is known* by his many words.
- 4 ^aWhen you make a vow to God, do not delay to ^bpay it;
For *He has* no pleasure in fools.
Pay what you have vowed—
- 5 ^aBetter not to vow than to vow and not pay.

6 Do not let your ^amouth cause your flesh to sin, ^bnor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your ¹excuse and destroy the work of your hands?

14 ¹The youth

16 ¹Lit. *to all before whom he was to be*

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aEx. 3:5; Is. 1:12 ^b[1 Sam. 15:22]; Ps. 50:8; Prov. 15:8; 21:27; [Hos. 6:6]

2 ^aProv. 20:25 ^bProv. 10:19; Matt. 6:7

3 ^aProv. 10:19

4 ^aNum. 30:2; Deut. 23:21–23; Ps. 50:14; 76:11 ^bPs. 66:13, 14

5 ^aProv. 20:25; Acts 5:4

6 ^aProv. 6:2 ^b1 Cor. 11:10 ¹Lit. *voice*

7 ^a[Eccl. 12:13]

8 ^aEccl. 3:16 ^b[Ps. 12:5; 58:11; 82:1] ¹wrestling

13 ^aEccl. 6:1, 2

14 ¹Lit. *bad business*

15 ^aJob 1:21; Ps. 49:17; 1 Tim. 6:7

16 ^aEccl. 1:3 ^bProv. 11:29

17 ^aPs. 127:2

18 ^aEccl. 2:24; 3:12, 13; [1 Tim. 6:17] ^bEccl. 2:10; 3:22 ¹Lit. *portion*

19 ^a[Eccl. 6:2] ^bEccl. 2:24; 3:13 ¹Lit. *portion*

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there is* also vanity. But ^afear God.

The Vanity of Gain and Honor

8 If you ^asee the oppression of the poor, and the violent ¹perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for ^bhigh official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.

9 Moreover the profit of the land is for all; *even* the king is served from the field.

10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver;
Nor he who loves abundance, with increase.
This also *is* vanity.

11 When goods increase,
They increase who eat them;
So what profit have the owners
Except to see *them* with their eyes?

12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet,
Whether he eats little or much;
But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.

13 ^aThere is a severe evil *which* I have seen under the sun:
Riches kept for their owner to his hurt.

14 But those riches perish through ¹misfortune;
When he begets a son, *there is* nothing in his hand.

15 ^aAs he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return,
To go as he came;
And he shall take nothing from his labor
Which he may carry away in his hand.

16 And this also *is* a severe evil—
Just exactly as he came, so shall he go.

And ^awhat profit has he ^bwho has labored for the wind?

17 All his days ^ahe also eats in darkness,
And *he has* much sorrow and sickness and anger.

18 Here is what I have seen: ^a*It is* good and fitting *for one* to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; ^bfor it is his ¹heritage.

19 As for ^aevery man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his ¹heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the ^bgift of God.

20 For he will not dwell unduly on

the days of his life, because God keeps *him* busy with the joy of his heart.

6 There^a is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

2 A man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor, ^aso that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires; ^byet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a foreigner consumes it. This is vanity, and it is an evil ¹affliction.

3 If a man begets a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with goodness, or ^aindeed he has no burial, I say *that* ^{ba} ¹stillborn child is better than he—
4 for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness.

5 Though it has not seen the sun or known *anything*, this has more rest than that man,

6 even if he lives a thousand years twice—but has not seen goodness. Do not all go to one ^aplace?

7 ^aAll the labor of man is for his mouth,
And yet the soul is not satisfied.

8 For what more has the wise *man* than the fool?
What does the poor man have,
Who knows *how* to walk before the living?

9 Better is ¹the ^asight of the eyes
than the wandering of ²desire.
This also is vanity
and grasping for the wind.

10 Whatever one is, he has been named ^aalready,
For it is known that he is man;
^bAnd he cannot contend with
Him who is mightier than he.

11 Since there are many things
that increase vanity,
How is man the better?

12 For who knows what is good for man in life, ¹all the days of his ²vain life which he passes like ^aa shadow?
^bWho can tell a man what will happen after him under the sun?

The Value of Practical Wisdom

7 A ^agood name is better than precious ointment,
And the day of death than the day of one's ^bbirth;

2 Better to go to the house of mourning
Than to go to the house of feasting,
For that is the end of all men;
And the living will take it to ^aheart.

3 ¹Sorrow is better than laughter,
^aFor by a sad countenance the heart is made ²better.

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aEcc1. 5:13

2 ^aJob 21:10;

Ps. 17:14; 73:7

^bLuke 12:20

¹disease

3 ^{a2} Kin. 9:35;

Is. 14:19, 20;

Jer. 22:19 ^bJob

3:16; Ps. 58:8;

Ecc1. 4:3 ¹Or

miscarriage

6 ^aEcc1. 2:14,

15

7 ^aProv. 16:26

9 ^aEcc1. 11:9

¹What the

eyes see ²Lit.

soul

10 ^aEcc1. 1:9;

3:15 ^bJob 9:32;

Is. 45:9; Jer.

49:19

12 ^aPs. 102:11;

James 4:14

^bPs. 39:6;

Ecc1. 3:22 ¹Lit.

the number of

the days

²futile

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aProv. 22:1

^bEcc1. 4:2

2 ^a[Ps. 90:12]

3 ^{a2} [2 Cor. 7:10]

¹Vexation or

Grief ²well or

pleasing

5 ^aPs. 141:5;

[Prov. 13:18;

15:31, 32]

¹listen to

6 ^aEcc1. 2:2

¹Lit. *sound*

7 ^aEx. 23:8;

Deut. 16:19;

[Prov. 17:8;

23] ¹destroys

8 ^aProv. 14:29;

Gal. 5:22;

Eph. 4:2

9 ^aProv. 14:17;

James 1:19

11 ^aEcc1. 11:7

12 ^aEcc1. 9:18

^bProv. 3:18 ¹A

protective

shade, lit.

shadow ²ad-

vantage or

profit

13 ^aJob 12:14

14 ^aDeut. 28:47

¹alongside

15 ^aEcc1.

8:12–14

16 ^aProv.

25:16; Phil. 3:6

^bRom. 12:3

17 ^aJob 15:32;

Ps. 55:23

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
But the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

5 ^aIt is better to ¹hear the rebuke of the wise
Than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 ^aFor like the ¹crackling of thorns under a pot,
So is the laughter of the fool.
This also is vanity.

7 Surely oppression destroys a wise *man's* reason,
^aAnd a bribe ¹debases the heart.

8 The end of a thing is better than its beginning;
^aThe patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

9 ^aDo not hasten in your spirit to be angry,
For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

10 Do not say,
“Why were the former days better than these?”
For you do not inquire wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
And profitable ^ato those who see the sun.

12 For wisdom is ¹a ^adefense as money is a defense,
But the ²excellence of knowledge is *that* wisdom gives ^blife to those who have it.

13 Consider the work of God;
For ^awho can make straight what He has made crooked?

14 ^aIn the day of prosperity be joyful,
But in the day of adversity consider:
Surely God has appointed the one ¹as well as the other,
So that man can find out nothing *that will come* after him.

15 I have seen everything in my days of vanity:

^aThere is a just *man* who perishes in his righteousness,
And there is a wicked *man* who prolongs life in his wickedness.

16 ^aDo not be overly righteous,
^bNor be overly wise:
Why should you destroy yourself?

17 Do not be overly wicked,
Nor be foolish:
^aWhy should you die before your time?

18 It is good that you grasp this,

- And also not remove your hand from the other;
For he who ^afears God will ¹escape them all.
- 19 ^aWisdom strengthens the wise
More than ten rulers of the city.
- 20 ^aFor *there is* not a just man on earth who does good
And does not sin.
- 21 Also do not take to heart everything people say,
Lest you hear your servant cursing you.
- 22 For many times, also, your own heart has known
That even you have cursed others.
- 23 All this I have ¹proved by wisdom.
^aI said, "I will be wise";
But it was far from me.
- 24 ^aAs for that which is far off and ^bexceedingly deep,
Who can find it out?
- 25 ^aI applied my heart to know,
To search and seek out wisdom and the reason of *things*,
To know the wickedness of folly,
Even of foolishness and madness.
- 26 ^aAnd I find more bitter than death
The woman whose heart is snares and nets,
Whose hands *are* fetters.
¹He who pleases God shall escape from her,
But the sinner shall be trapped by her.
- 27 "Here is what I have found," says ^athe Preacher,
"Adding one thing to the other to find out the reason,
- 28 Which my soul still seeks but I cannot find:
^aOne man among a thousand I have found,
But a woman among all these I have not found.
- 29 Truly, this only I have found:
^aThat God made man upright,
But ^bthey have sought out many schemes."
- 8 Who is like a wise *man*?
And who knows the interpretation of a thing?
^aA man's wisdom makes his face shine,
And ^bthe ¹sternness of his face is changed.
- Obey Authorities for God's Sake*
- 2 I say, "Keep the king's commandment ^afor the sake of your oath to God.
- 3 ^a"Do not be hasty to go from his

18 ^aEcccl. 3:14; 5:7; 8:12, 13
¹Lit. *come forth from all of them*

19 ^aProv. 21:22; Ecccl. 9:13-18

20 ^a1 Kin. 8:46; 2 Chr. 6:36; Prov. 20:9; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8

23 ^aRom. 1:22
¹*tested*

24 ^aJob 28:12; 1 Tim. 6:16
^bRom. 11:33

25 ^aEcccl. 1:17
26 ^aProv. 5:3, 4
¹Lit. *He who is good before God*

27 ^aEcccl. 1:1, 2

28 ^aJob 33:23

29 ^aGen. 1:27
^bGen. 3:6, 7

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aProv. 4:8, 9; Acts 6:15
^bDeut. 28:50
¹Lit. *strength*

2 ^aEx. 22:11; 2 Sam. 21:7; 1 Chr. 29:24; Ezek. 17:18; [Rom. 13:5]

3 ^aEcccl. 10:4
4 ^a1 Sam. 13:11, 13; Job 34:18

5 ¹Lit. *knows*

6 ^aEcccl. 3:1, 17
¹*is great upon him*

7 ^aProv. 24:22; Ecccl. 6:12

8 ^aPs. 49:6, 7; Job 14:5
^bDeut. 20:5-8

10 ^aEcccl. 2:16; 9:5 ¹Some Heb. mss., LXX, Vg. *praised*

11 ^aPs. 10:6; 50:21; Is. 26:10

12 ^aIs. 65:20; [Rom. 2:5-7]
^b[Deut. 4:40; Ps. 37:11, 18; 19; Prov. 1:32, 33; Is. 3:10; Matt. 25:34, 41]

14 ^aPs. 73:14
^bEcccl. 2:14; 7:15; 9:1-3

15 ^aEcccl. 2:24

presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him."

4 Where the word of a king is, *there is power*;
And ^awho may say to him, "What are you doing?"

5 He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful;
And a wise man's heart ¹discerns both time and judgment,

6 Because ^afor every matter there is a time and judgment,
Though the misery of man ¹increases greatly.

7 ^aFor he does not know what will happen;
So who can tell him when it will occur?

8 ^aNo one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit,
And no one has power in the day of death.
There is ^bno release from that war,
And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.

9 All this I have seen, and applied my heart to every work that is done under the sun: *There is* a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt.

Death Comes to All

10 Then I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of holiness, and they were ^aforgotten¹ in the city where they had so done. This also *is* vanity.

11 ^aBecause the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

12 ^aThough a sinner does evil a hundred *times*, and his *days* are prolonged, yet I surely know that ^bit will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.

13 But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

14 There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just *men* to whom it ^ahappens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the ^brighteous. I said that this also *is* vanity.

15 ^aSo I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him in his labor *all* the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.

16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even

though one sees no sleep day or night,

17 then I saw all the work of God, that ^aa man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise *man* attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it.

9 For I ¹considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: ^athat the righteous and the wise and their works *are* in the hand of God. People know neither love nor hatred by anything *they see* before them.

2 ^aAll things come alike to all:

One event *happens* to the righteous and the wicked; To the ¹good, the clean, and the unclean; To him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As is the good, so is the sinner; He who takes an oath as *he* who fears an oath.

3 This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they will die; But ^athe dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For ^bthe memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.

7 Go, ^aeat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works.

8 Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

9 ¹Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; ^afor that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.

10 ^aWhatever your hand finds to do, do it with your ^bmight; for *there* is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

17 ^aJob 5:9; Ps. 73:16; Eccl. 3:11; Rom. 11:33

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aDeut. 33:3; Job 12:10; Eccl. 8:14 ¹Lit. *put*

2 ^aGen. 3:17–19; Job 21:7; Ps. 73:3, 12, 13; Mal. 3:15 ¹LXX, Syr., Vg. *good and bad*,

5 ^aJob 14:21; Is. 63:16 ^bJob 7:8–10; Eccl. 1:11; 2:16; 8:10; Is. 26:14

7 ^aEccl. 8:15

9 ^aEccl. 2:10 ¹Lit. *See life*

10 ^a[Col. 3:17] ^bRom. 12:11; Col. 3:23

11 ^aJer. 9:23; Amos 2:14, 15 ^{b1} Sam. 6:9

12 ^aEccl. 8:7 ^bProv. 29:6; Luke 12:20, 39; 17:26; 1 Thess. 5:3

14 ^{a2} Sam. 20:16–22 ¹LXX, Syr., Vg. *bulwarks*

16 ^aEccl. 7:12, 19 ^bMark 6:2, 3

18 ^aJosh. 7:1–26; 2 Kin. 21:2–17

CHAPTER 10

1 ¹Lit. *Flies of death* ²Tg., Vg. omit *putrefy*

3 ^aProv. 13:16; 18:2

4 ^aEccl. 8:3 ^{b1} Sam. 25:24–33; Prov. 25:15 ¹Lit. *healing, health*

11 I returned ^aand saw under the sun that—

The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and ^bchance happen to them all.

12 For ^aman also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men *are* ^bsnared in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them.

Wisdom Superior to Folly

13 This wisdom I have also seen under the sun, and it *seemed* great to me:

14 ^aThere was a little city with few men in it; and a great king came against it, besieged it, and built great ¹snare around it.

15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that same poor man.

16 Then I said:

“Wisdom is better than ^astrength.

Nevertheless ^bthe poor man’s wisdom is despised, And his words are not heard.

17 Words of the wise, *spoken* quietly, *should* be heard Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools.

18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; But ^aone sinner destroys much good.”

10 Dead ¹flies ²putrefy the perfumer’s ointment, And cause it to give off a foul odor; So *does* a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor.

2 A wise man’s heart *is* at his right hand, But a fool’s heart at his left.

3 Even when a fool walks along the way, He lacks wisdom, ^aAnd he shows everyone *that* he is a fool.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rises against you, ^aDo not leave your post; For ^bconciliation¹ pacifies great offenses.

5 There is an evil I have seen under the sun,

- As an error proceeding from the ruler:
- 6 ^aFolly is set in ¹great dignity, While the rich sit in a lowly place.
- 7 I have seen servants ^aon horses, While princes walk on the ground like servants.
- 8 ^aHe who digs a pit will fall into it, And whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent.
- 9 He who quarries stones may be hurt by them, And he who splits wood may be endangered by it.
- 10 If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom ¹brings success.
- 11 A serpent may bite ^awhen it is not charmed; The ¹babblers is no different.
- 12 ^aThe words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious, But ^bthe lips of a fool shall swallow him up;
- 13 The words of his mouth begin with foolishness, And the end of his talk is raving madness.
- 14 ^aA fool also multiplies words. No man knows what is to be; Who can tell him ^bwhat will be after him?
- 15 The labor of fools wearies them, For they do not even know how to go to the city!
- 16 ^aWoe to you, O land, when your king is a child, And your princes feast in the morning!
- 17 Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, And your ^aprinces feast at the proper time— For strength and not for drunkenness!
- 18 Because of laziness the ¹building decays, And ^athrough idleness of hands the house leaks.
- 19 A feast is made for laughter, And ^awine makes merry; But money answers everything.
- 20 ^aDo not curse the king, even in your thought; Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom; For a bird of the air may carry your voice, And a bird in flight may tell the matter.

⁶ ^aEsth. 3:1
¹exalted positions

⁷ ^aProv. 19:10; 30:22

⁸ ^aPs. 7:15; Prov. 26:27

¹⁰ ¹Lit. *is a successful advantage*

¹¹ ^aPs. 58:4, 5; Jer. 8:17 ¹Lit. *master of the tongue*

¹² ^aProv. 10:32; Luke 4:22 ^bProv. 10:14; Eccl. 4:5

¹⁴ ^a[Prov. 15:2]; Eccl. 5:3 ^bEccl. 3:22; 8:7

¹⁶ ^aIs. 3:4, 5; 5:11

¹⁷ ^aProv. 31:4; Is. 5:11

¹⁸ ^aProv. 24:30–34 ¹Lit. *rafters sink*

¹⁹ ^aJudg. 9:13; Ps. 104:15; Eccl. 2:3

²⁰ ^aEx. 22:28; Acts 23:5

CHAPTER 11

¹ ^aIs. 32:20
^b[Deut. 15:10; Prov. 19:17; Matt. 10:42; 2 Cor. 9:8; Gal. 6:9, 10; Heb. 6:10]

² ^aPs. 112:9; Matt. 5:42; Luke 6:30; [1 Tim. 6:18, 19] ^bMic. 5:5 ^cEph. 5:16

⁵ ^aJohn 3:8 ^bPs. 139:14 ¹Or *spirit*

⁷ ^aEccl. 7:11

⁸ ^aEccl. 9:7 ^bEccl. 12:1

⁹ ^aNum. 15:39; Job 31:7; Eccl. 2:10 ^bEccl. 3:17; 12:14; [Rom. 14:10] ¹Impulses ²As you see to be best

¹⁰ ^a2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Tim. 2:22 ^bPs. 39:5 ¹Exaltation ²Prime of life

CHAPTER 12

¹ ^a2 Chr. 34:3; Prov. 22:6; Lam. 3:27 ¹Lit. *evil*

The Value of Diligence

- 11 Cast your bread ^aupon the waters,
^bFor you will find it after many days.
- 2 ^aGive a serving ^bto seven, and also to eight,
^cFor you do not know what evil will be on the earth.
- 3 If the clouds are full of rain, They empty *themselves* upon the earth;
And if a tree falls to the south or the north,
In the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie.
- 4 He who observes the wind will not sow,
And he who regards the clouds will not reap.
- 5 As ^ayou do not know what is the way of the ¹wind,
^bOr how the bones *grow* in the womb of her who is with child,
So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.
- 6 In the morning sow your seed,
And in the evening do not withhold your hand;
For you do not know which will prosper,
Either this or that,
Or whether both alike *will be* good.
- 7 Truly the light is sweet,
And *it* is pleasant for the eyes
^ato behold the sun;
- 8 But if a man lives many years
And ^arejoices in them all,
Yet let him ^bremember the days of darkness,
For they will be many.
All that is coming is vanity.

Seek God in Early Life

- 9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth;
^aWalk in the ¹ways of your heart,
And ²in the sight of your eyes;
But know that for all these
^bGod will bring you into judgment.
- 10 Therefore remove ¹sorrow from your heart,
And ^aput away evil from your flesh,
^bFor childhood and ²youth *are* vanity.

- 12 Remember^a now your Creator
in the days of your youth,
Before the ¹difficult days come,

- And the years draw near ^bwhen you say,
 “I have no pleasure in them”:
 2 While the sun and the light,
 The moon and the stars,
 Are not darkened,
 And the clouds do not return after the rain;
 3 In the day when the keepers of the house tremble,
 And the strong men bow down;
 When the grinders cease because they are few,
 And those that look through the windows grow dim;
 4 When the doors are shut in the streets,
 And the sound of grinding is low;
 When one rises up at the sound of a bird,
 And all ^athe daughters of music are brought low.
 5 Also they are afraid of height,
 And of terrors in the way;
 When the almond tree blossoms,
 The grasshopper is a burden,
 And desire fails.
 For man goes to ^ahis eternal home,
 And ^bthe mourners go about the streets.
 6 Remember your Creator before the silver cord is ^lloosed,
 Or the golden bowl is broken,
 Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain,

¹ ^{b2} Sam. 19:35
⁴ ^{a2} Sam. 19:35
⁵ ^a Job 17:13
^b Gen. 50:10; Jer. 9:17
⁶ ¹ So with Qr., Tg.; Kt. *re-moved*; LXX, Vg. *broken*
⁷ ^a Gen. 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps. 90:3 ^b Eccl. 3:21 ^c Num. 16:22; 27:16; Job 34:14; Is. 57:16; Zech. 12:1
⁸ ^a Ps. 62:9
⁹ ^{a1} Kin. 4:32 ^l *arranged*
¹⁰ ¹ Lit. *delightful*
¹¹ ¹ Lit. *masters of assemblies*
¹² ^a Eccl. 1:18
¹³ ^a [Deut. 6:2; 10:12]; Mic. 6:8
¹⁴ ^a Eccl. 11:9; Matt. 12:36; [Acts 17:30; 31; Rom. 2:16; 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:10]

- Or the wheel broken at the well.
 7 ^a Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,
^b And the spirit will return to God ^c who gave it.
 8 “Vanity^a of vanities,” says the Preacher,
 “All is vanity.”

The Whole Duty of Man

- 9 And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out *and* ^a set¹ in order many proverbs.
 10 The Preacher sought to find ^l acceptable words; and *what was* written was upright—words of truth.
 11 The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of ^l scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.
 12 And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books *there is* no end, and ^a much study is wearisome to the flesh.
 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
^a Fear God and keep His commandments,
 For this is man's all.
 14 For ^a God will bring every work into judgment,
 Including every secret thing,
 Whether good or evil.

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SONG OF SOLOMON

THE Song of Solomon is a love song written by Solomon and abounding in metaphors and oriental imagery. Historically, it depicts the wooing and wedding of a shepherdess by King Solomon, and the joys and heartaches of wedded love.

Allegorically, it pictures Israel as God's betrothed bride (Hos. 2:19, 20), and the church as the bride of Christ. As human life finds its highest fulfillment in the love of man and woman, so spiritual life finds its highest fulfillment in the love of God for His people and Christ for His church.

The book is arranged like scenes in a drama with three main speakers: the bride (Shulamite), the king (Solomon), and a chorus (daughters of Jerusalem).

The Hebrew title *Shir Hashirim* comes from 1:1, “The song of songs.” This is in the superlative and speaks of Solomon's most exquisite song. The Greek title *Asma Asmaton* and the Latin *Canticum Canticorum* also mean “Song of Songs” or “The Best Song.” The name *Canticles* (“Songs”) is derived from the Latin title. Because Solomon is mentioned in 1:1, the book is also known as the Song of Solomon.

THE ^asong of songs, which is Solomon's.

The Banquet

THE ¹SHULAMITE

- 2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—
^aFor ²your love is better than wine.
 3 Because of the fragrance of your good ointments,
 Your name is ointment poured forth;
 Therefore the virgins love you.
 4 ^aDraw me away!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

^bWe will run after ¹you.

THE SHULAMITE

The king ^ahas brought me into his chambers.

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

We will be glad and rejoice in ²you.

We will remember ¹your love more than wine.

THE SHULAMITE

Rightly do they love you.

- 5 I *am* dark, but lovely,
 O daughters of Jerusalem,
 Like the tents of Kedar,
 Like the curtains of Solomon.
 6 Do not look upon me, because I *am* dark,
 Because the sun has ¹tanned me.
 My mother's sons were angry with me;
 They made me the keeper of the vineyards,
 But my own ^avineyard I have not kept.

(TO HER BELOVED)

- 7 Tell me, O you whom I love,
 Where you feed *your flock*,
 Where you make *it* rest at noon.
 For why should I be as one who ¹veils herself
 By the flocks of your companions?

THE BELOVED

- 8 If you do not know, ^aO fairest among women,
¹Follow in the footsteps of the flock,
 And feed your little goats
 Beside the shepherds' tents.
 9 I have compared you, ^amy love,
^bTo my filly among Pharaoh's chariots.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a1 Kin. 4:32

2 ^aSong 4:10
¹A Palestinian young woman, Song 6:13. The speaker and audience are identified according to the number, gender, and person of the Hebrew words. Occasionally the identity is not certain.
¹Masc. sing.: the Beloved

4 ^aHos. 11:4; John 6:44; 12:32 ^bPhil. 3:12–14 ^cPs. 45:14, 15; John 14:2; Eph. 2:6
¹Masc. sing.: the Beloved
²Fem. sing.: the Shulamite

6 ^aSong 8:11, 12 ¹Lit. *looked upon me*

7 ¹LXX. Syr., Vg. *wanders*

8 ^aSong 5:9
¹Lit. *Go out*

9 ^aSong 2:2, 10, 13; 4:1, 7; John 15:14
^b2 Chr. 1:16

10 ^aEzek. 16:11

11 ¹Fem. sing.: the Shulamite

12 ¹perfume

15 ^aSong 4:1; 5:12 ¹my companion, friend

16 ^aSong 5:10–16
¹couch

CHAPTER 2

3 ^aSong 4:16; Rev. 22:1, 2

4 ¹Lit. *house of wine*

6 ^aSong 8:3

7 ^aSong 3:5; 8:4 ¹adure

- 10 ^aYour cheeks are lovely with ornaments,
 Your neck with chains of gold.

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

- 11 We will make ¹you ornaments of gold
 With studs of silver.

THE SHULAMITE

- 12 While the king *is* at his table,
 My ¹spikenard sends forth its fragrance.
 13 A bundle of myrrh *is* my beloved to me,
 That lies all night between my breasts.
 14 My beloved *is* to me a cluster of henna blooms
 In the vineyards of En Gedi.

THE BELOVED

- 15 ^aBehold, you *are* fair, ¹my love!
 Behold, you *are* fair!
 You *have* dove's eyes.

THE SHULAMITE

- 16 Behold, you *are* handsome, my beloved!
 Yes, pleasant!
 Also our ¹bed is green.
 17 The beams of our houses *are* cedar,
 And our rafters of fir.

- 2 I *am* the rose of Sharon,
 And the lily of the valleys.

THE BELOVED

- 2 Like a lily among thorns,
 So *is* my love among the daughters.

THE SHULAMITE

- 3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods,
 So *is* my beloved among the sons.
 I sat down in his shade with great delight,
 And ^athis fruit was sweet to my taste.

THE SHULAMITE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

- 4 He brought me to the ¹banqueting house,
 And his banner over me *was* love.
 5 Sustain me with cakes of raisins,
 Refresh me with apples,
 For I *am* lovesick.
 6 ^aHis left hand *is* under my head,
 And his right hand embraces me.
 7 ^aI ¹charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
 By the gazelles or by the does of the field,
 Do not stir up nor awaken love
 Until it pleases.

The Beloved's Request

THE SHULAMITE

- 8 The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes
Leaping upon the mountains,
Skipping upon the hills.
- 9 ^aMy beloved is like a gazelle or
a young stag.
Behold, he stands behind our
wall;
He is looking through the
windows,
Gazing through the lattice.
- 10 My beloved spoke, and said to
me:
"Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away.
- 11 For lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over *and* gone.
- 12 The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove
Is heard in our land.
- 13 The fig tree puts forth her
green figs,
And the vines *with* the tender
grapes
Give a *good* smell.
Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away!
- 14 "O my ^adove, in the clefts of the
rock,
In the secret *places* of the cliff,
Let me see your ¹face,
^bLet me hear your voice;
For your voice is sweet,
And your face is lovely."

HER BROTHERS

- 15 Catch us ^athe foxes,
The little foxes that spoil the
vines,
For our vines *have* tender
grapes.

THE SHULAMITE

- 16 ^aMy beloved is mine, and I *am*
his.
He feeds *his* flock among the
lilies.

(TO HER BELOVED)

- 17 ^aUntil the day breaks
And the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved,
And be ^blike a gazelle
Or a young stag
Upon the mountains of ¹Bether.

A Troubled Night

THE SHULAMITE

- 3 By ^anight on my bed I sought
the one I love;
I sought him, but I did not find
him.
- 2 "I will rise now," *I said*,
"And go about the city;

9 ^aProv. 6:5;
Song 2:17

14 ^aSong 5:2
^bSong 8:13
¹Lit. *appear-
ance*

15 ^aPs. 80:13;
Ezek. 13:4;
Luke 13:32

16 ^aSong 6:3

17 ^aSong 4:6
^bSong 8:14
¹Lit. *Separation*

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aIs. 26:9

3 ^aSong 5:7;
Is. 21:6-8, 11,
12

4 ^aSong 8:2
¹room

5 ^aSong 2:7;
8:4 ¹adjure

6 ^aSong 8:5

9 ¹A portable
enclosed
chair

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aSong 1:15;
5:12 ^bSong 6:5

In the streets and in the
squares
I will seek the one I love."
I sought him, but I did not find
him.

- 3 ^aThe watchmen who go about
the city found me;
I said,
"Have you seen the one I love?"

- 4 Scarcely had I passed by them,
When I found the one I love.
I held him and would not let
him go.
Until I had brought him to the
^ahouse of my mother,
And into the ¹chamber of her
who conceived me.

- 5 ^aI ¹charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem,
By the gazelles or by the does
of the field,
Do not stir up nor awaken love
Until it pleases.

The Coming of Solomon

THE SHULAMITE

- 6 ^aWho is this coming out of the
wilderness
Like pillars of smoke,
Perfumed with myrrh and
frankincense,
With all the merchant's
fragrant powders?
- 7 Behold, it is Solomon's couch,
With sixty valiant men around
it,
Of the valiant of Israel.
- 8 They all hold swords,
Being expert in war.
Every man *has* his sword on his
thigh
Because of fear in the night.
- 9 Of the wood of Lebanon
Solomon the King
Made himself a ¹palanquin:
- 10 He made its pillars of silver,
Its support of gold,
Its seat of purple,
Its interior paved *with* love
By the daughters of Jerusalem.
- 11 Go forth, O daughters of Zion,
And see King Solomon with the
crown
With which his mother
crowned him
On the day of his wedding,
The day of the gladness of his
heart.

THE BELOVED

- 4 Behold, ^ayou *are* fair, my love!
Behold, you *are* fair!
You *have* dove's eyes behind
your veil.
Your hair is like a ^bflock of
goats,
Going down from Mount
Gilead.

SONG OF SOLOMON 4:2

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- 2 ^aYour teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep*
Which have come up from the washing,
Every one of which bears twins,
And none is ¹barren among them.
- 3 Your lips *are* like a strand of scarlet,
And your mouth is lovely.
^aYour temples behind your veil
Are like a piece of pomegranate.
- 4 ^aYour neck is like the tower of David,
Built ^bfor an armory,
On which hang a thousand ¹bucklers,
All shields of mighty men.
- 5 ^aYour two breasts *are* like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle,
Which feed among the lilies.
- 6 ^aUntil the day breaks
And the shadows flee away,
I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh
And to the hill of frankincense.
- 7 ^aYou *are* all fair, my love,
And *there is* no spot in you.
- 8 Come with me from Lebanon,
my spouse,
With me from Lebanon.
Look from the top of Amana,
From the top of Senir ^aand Hermon,
From the lions' dens,
From the mountains of the leopards.
- 9 You have ravished my heart,
My sister, my spouse;
You have ravished my heart
With one *look* of your eyes,
With one link of your necklace.
- 10 How fair is your love,
My sister, my spouse!
^aHow much better than wine is your love,
And the ¹scent of your perfumes
Than all spices!
- 11 Your lips, O *my spouse*,
Drip as the honeycomb;
^aHoney and milk *are* under your tongue;
And the fragrance of your garments
Is like the fragrance of Lebanon.
- 12 A garden ¹enclosed
Is my sister, *my spouse*,
A spring shut up,
A fountain sealed.
- 13 Your plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates
With pleasant fruits,
Fragrant henna with spikenard,
14 Spikenard and saffron,

- 2 ^aSong 6:6
¹bereaved
- 3 ^aSong 6:7
- 4 ^aSong 7:4
^bNeh. 3:19
¹Small shields
- 5 ^aProv. 5:19;
Song 7:3
- 6 ^aSong 2:17
- 7 ^aSong 1:15;
Eph. 5:27
- 8 ^aDeut. 3:9;
1 Chr. 5:23;
Ezek. 27:5
- 10 ^aSong 1:2, 4
¹fragrance
- 11 ^aProv. 24:13, 14;
Song 5:1
^bGen. 27:27;
Hos. 14:6, 7
- 12 ¹locked or barred
- 15 ^aZech. 14:8;
John 4:10;
7:38
- 16 ^aSong 5:1
^bSong 7:13
- CHAPTER 5
- 1 ^aSong 4:16
^bSong 4:9
^cSong 4:11
^dLuke 15:7;
10; John 3:29
- 2 ^aRev. 3:20
¹my companion, friend
²curls or hair
- 3 ¹dirty
- 4 ¹opening
- 6 ^aSong 3:1
¹Lit. soul
- 7 ^aSong 3:3

- Calamus and cinnamon,
With all trees of frankincense,
Myrrh and aloes,
With all the chief spices—
- 15 A fountain of gardens,
A well of ^aliving waters,
And streams from Lebanon.

THE SHULAMITE

- 16 Awake, O north *wind*,
And come, O south!
Blow upon my garden,
That its spices may flow out.
^aLet my beloved come to his garden
And eat its pleasant ^bfruits.

THE BELOVED

- 5 I ^ahave come to my garden, *my*
^bsister, *my spouse*;
I have gathered my myrrh with
my spice;
^cI have eaten my honeycomb
with my honey;
I have drunk my wine with my milk.

(TO HIS FRIENDS)

- Eat, O ^afriends!
Drink, yes, drink deeply,
O beloved ones!

The Shulamite's Troubled Evening

THE SHULAMITE

- 2 I sleep, but my heart is awake;
It is the voice of my beloved!
^aHe knocks, *saying*,
“Open for me, my sister, ¹my love,
My dove, my perfect one;
For my head is covered with dew,
My ²locks with the drops of the night.”
- 3 I have taken off my robe;
How can I put it on *again*?
I have washed my feet;
How can I ¹defile them?
- 4 My beloved put his hand
By the ¹latch of *the door*,
And my heart yearned for him.
- 5 I arose to open for my beloved,
And my hands dripped with myrrh,
My fingers with liquid myrrh,
On the handles of the lock.
- 6 I opened for my beloved,
But my beloved had turned away *and* was gone.
My ¹heart leaped up when he spoke.
^aI sought him, but I could not find him;
I called him, but he gave me no answer.
- 7 ^aThe watchmen who went about the city found me.
They struck me, they wounded me;

- The keepers of the walls
Took my veil away from me.
8 I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem,
If you find my beloved,
That you tell him I *am* lovesick!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

- 9 What is your beloved
More than *another* beloved,
“O fairest among women?”
What is your beloved
More than *another* beloved,
That you so ¹charge us?

THE SHULAMITE

- 10 My beloved is white and ruddy,
¹Chief among ten thousand.
11 His head *is like* the finest gold;
His locks *are* wavy,
And black as a raven.
12 “His eyes *are* like doves
By the rivers of waters,
Washed with milk,
And ¹fifty set.
13 His cheeks *are* like a bed of
spices,
Banks of scented herbs.
His lips *are* lilies,
Dripping liquid myrrh.
14 His hands *are* rods of gold
Set with beryl.
His body *is* carved ivory
Inlaid *with* sapphires.
15 His legs *are* pillars of marble
Set on bases of fine gold.
His countenance *is* like
Lebanon,
Excellent as the cedars.
16 His mouth *is* most sweet,
Yes, he *is* altogether lovely.
This *is* my beloved,
And this *is* my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

- 6 Where has your beloved
gone,
“O fairest among women?”
Where has your beloved turned
aside,
That we may seek him with you?

THE SHULAMITE

- 2 My beloved has gone to his
“garden,
To the beds of spices,
To feed *his flock* in the gardens,
And to gather lilies.
3 “I *am* my beloved’s,
And my beloved *is* mine.
He feeds *his flock* among the
lilies.

Praise of the Shulamite’s Beauty

THE BELOVED

- 4 O my love, you *are* as beautiful
as Tirzah,

9 ^aSong 1:8;
6:1 ¹adjure

10 ¹Distin-
guished

12 ^aSong 1:15;
4:1 ¹sitting in
a setting

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aSong 1:8;
5:9

2 ^aSong 4:16;
5:1

3 ^aSong 2:16;
7:10

5 ^aSong 4:1
¹overwhelmed

6 ^aSong 4:2
¹bereaved

7 ^aSong 4:3

8 ^aSong 1:3

9 ^aSong 2:14;
5:2

10 ^aSong 6:4

11 ^aSong 7:12

12 ¹Heb.
Ammi Nadib

13 ¹Heb.
Mahanaïm

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aPs. 45:13

- Lovely as Jerusalem,
Awesome as *an army* with
banners!
5 Turn your eyes away from me,
For they have ¹overcome me.
Your hair *is* “like a flock of
goats
Going down from Gilead.
6 “Your teeth *are* like a flock of
sheep
Which have come up from the
washing;
Every one bears twins,
And none *is* ¹barren among
them.
7 “Like a piece of pomegranate
Are your temples behind your
veil.
8 There are sixty queens
And eighty concubines,
And “virgins without number.
9 My dove, my “perfect one,
Is the only one,
The only one of her mother,
The favorite of the one who
bore her.
The daughters saw her
And called her blessed,
The queens and the
concubines,
And they praised her.

- 10 Who is she who looks forth as
the morning,
Fair as the moon,
Clear as the sun,
“Awesome as *an army* with
banners?

THE SHULAMITE

- 11 I went down to the garden of
nuts
To see the verdure of the valley,
“To see whether the vine had
budded
And the pomegranates had
bloomed.
12 Before I was even aware,
My soul had made me
As the chariots of ¹my noble
people.

THE BELOVED AND HIS FRIENDS

- 13 Return, return, O Shulamite;
Return, return, that we may
look upon you!

THE SHULAMITE

What would you see in the
Shulamite—
As it were, the dance of ¹the
two camps?

Expressions of Praise

THE BELOVED

- 7 How beautiful are your feet
in sandals,
“O prince’s daughter!
The curves of your thighs *are*
like jewels,

- The work of the hands of a skillful workman.
- 2 Your navel is a rounded goblet;
It lacks no ¹blended beverage.
Your waist is a heap of wheat
Set about with lilies.
- 3 ^aYour two breasts are like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle.
- 4 ^aYour neck is like an ivory tower,
Your eyes like the pools in Heshbon
By the gate of Bath Rabbim.
Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon
Which looks toward Damascus.
- 5 Your head crowns you like Mount Carmel,
And the hair of your head is like purple;
A king is held captive by your tresses.
- 6 How fair and how pleasant you are,
O love, with your delights!
- 7 This stature of yours is like a palm tree,
And your breasts like its clusters.
- 8 I said, "I will go up to the palm tree,
I will take hold of its branches."
Let now your breasts be like clusters of the vine,
The fragrance of your ¹breath like apples,
- 9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine.

THE SHULAMITE

- The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved,
¹Moving gently the ²lips of sleepers.*
- 10 ^aI am my beloved's,
And ^bhis desire is toward me.
- 11 Come, my beloved,
Let us go forth to the field;
Let us lodge in the villages.
- 12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us ^asee if the vine has budded,
Whether the grape blossoms are open,
And the pomegranates are in bloom.
There I will give you my love.
- 13 The ^amandrakes give off a fragrance,
And at our gates ^bare pleasant fruits,
All manner, new and old,
Which I have laid up for you,
my beloved.

- 8 Oh, that you were like my brother,

2 ¹Lit. *mixed or spiced drink*

3 ^aSong 4:5

4 ^aSong 4:4

8 ¹Lit. *nose*

9 ¹Gliding over ²LXX, Syr., Vg. *lips and teeth.*

10 ^aSong 2:16; 6:3 ^bPs. 45:11

12 ^aSong 6:11

13 ^aGen. 30:14 ^bSong 2:3; 4:13, 16; Matt. 13:52

CHAPTER 8

2 ^aSong 3:4 ^bProv. 9:2

3 ^aSong 2:6

4 ^aSong 2:7; 3:5

5 ^aSong 3:6

6 ^aIs. 49:16; Jer. 22:24; Hag. 2:23 ^bProv. 6:34, 35 ¹severe, lit. ²Or Sheol ³Lit. *A flame of YAH, poetic form of YHWH, the LORD*

7 ^aProv. 6:35

8 ^aEzek. 23:33

Who nursed at my mother's breasts!
If I should find you outside,
I would kiss you;
I would not be despised.

2 I would lead you and bring you
Into the house of my mother,
She who used to instruct me.
I would cause you to drink of ^bspiced wine,
Of the juice of my pomegranate.

(TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM)

- 3 ^aHis left hand is under my head,
And his right hand embraces me.
- 4 ^aI charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
Do not stir up nor awaken love
Until it pleases.

Love Renewed in Lebanon

A RELATIVE

- 5 ^aWho is this coming up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?

I awakened you under the apple tree.
There your mother brought you forth;
There she who bore you brought you forth.

THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED

- 6 ^aSet me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death,
^bJealousy as ¹cruel as ²the grave;
Its flames are flames of fire,
³A most vehement flame.
- 7 Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor can the floods drown it.
^aIf a man would give for love
All the wealth of his house,
It would be utterly despised.

THE SHULAMITE'S BROTHERS

- 8 ^aWe have a little sister,
And she has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister
In the day when she is spoken for?
- 9 If she is a wall,
We will build upon her
A battlement of silver;
And if she is a door,
We will enclose her
With boards of cedar.

THE SHULAMITE

- 10 I am a wall,
And my breasts like towers;
Then I became in his eyes
As one who found peace.
- 11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon;

- “He leased the vineyard to keepers;
Everyone was to bring for its fruit
A thousand silver *coins*.
(To SOLOMON)
12 My own vineyard *is* before me.
You, O Solomon, *may have* a thousand,
And those who tend its fruit
two hundred.

11 ^aMatt. 21:3313 ^aSong 2:14

14 ^aRev. 22:17,
20 ^bSong 2:7,
9, 17 ¹Hurry,
lit. *Flee*

THE BELOVED

- 13 You who dwell in the gardens,
The companions listen for your voice—
“Let me hear it!

THE SHULAMITE

- 14 “Make¹ haste, my beloved,
And ^bbe like a gazelle
Or a young stag
On the mountains of spices.

The Book of ISAIAH

ISAIAH is like a miniature Bible. The first thirty-nine chapters (like the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament) are filled with judgment upon immoral and idolatrous men. Judah has sinned; the surrounding nations have sinned; the whole earth has sinned. Judgment must come, for God cannot allow such blatant sin to go unpunished forever. But the final twenty-seven chapters (like the twenty-seven books of the New Testament) declare a message of hope. The Messiah is coming as a Savior and Sovereign to bear a cross and to wear a crown.

Isaiah’s prophetic ministry, spanning the reigns of four kings of Judah, covers at least forty years.

Yeshā’yahu and its shortened form *Yeshaiāh* mean “Yahweh Is Salvation.” This name is an excellent summary of the contents of the book. The Greek form in the Septuagint is *Hesaias*, and the Latin form is *Esaia* or *Isaias*.

THE “vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the “days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

The Wickedness of Judah

- 2 “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!
For the LORD has spoken:
“I have nourished and brought up children,
And they have rebelled against Me;
3 “The ox knows its owner
And the donkey its master’s¹crib;
But Israel ^bdoes not know,
My people do not ²consider.”
4 Alas, sinful nation,
A people ¹laden with iniquity,
^aA ²brood of evildoers,
Children who are corrupters!
They have forsaken the LORD,
They have provoked to anger
The Holy One of Israel,
They have turned away
backward.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aNum. 12:6
^b2 Chr. 26—32

2 ^aJer. 2:12

3 ^aJer. 8:7 ^bJer.
9:3, 6 ¹manger
or *feed trough*
²understand

4 ^aIs. 57:3, 4;
Matt. 3:7 ¹Lit.
heavy,
weighed
down ²off-
spring, seed

5 ^aJer. 5:3

7 ^aDeut. 28:51,
52; 2 Chr.
36:19

8 ^aJob 27:18
^bJer. 4:17
¹shelter

9 ^a2 Kin.
25:11, 22;
Lam. 3:22

- 5 “Why should you be stricken again?
You will revolt more and more.
The whole head is sick,
And the whole heart faints.
6 From the sole of the foot even to the head,
There is no soundness in it,
But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores;
They have not been closed or bound up,
Or soothed with ointment.
7 “Your country *is* desolate,
Your cities *are* burned with fire;
Strangers devour your land in your presence;
And *it is* desolate, as
overthrown by strangers.
8 So the daughter of Zion is left
“as a ‘booth in a vineyard,
As a hut in a garden of cucumbers,
^bAs a besieged city.
9 “Unless the LORD of hosts
Had left to us a very small remnant,

- We would have become like
^bSodom,
 We would have been made like
 Gomorrah.
- 10 Hear the word of the LORD,
 You rulers ^aof Sodom;
 Give ear to the law of our God,
 You people of Gomorrah:
- 11 "To what purpose is the
 multitude of your ^asacrifices
 to Me?"
 Says the LORD.
 "I have had enough of burnt
 offerings of rams
 And the fat of fed cattle.
 I do not delight in the blood of
 bulls,
 Or of lambs or goats.
- 12 "When you come ^ato appear
 before Me,
 Who has required this from
 your hand,
 To trample My courts?
- 13 Bring no more ^afutile¹
 sacrifices;
 Incense is an abomination to
 Me.
 The New Moons, the Sabbaths,
 and ^bthe calling of
 assemblies—
 I cannot endure iniquity and
 the sacred meeting.
- 14 Your ^aNew Moons and your
^bappointed feasts
 My soul hates;
 They are a trouble to Me.
 I am weary of bearing *them*.
- 15 ^aWhen you ¹spread out your
 hands,
 I will hide My eyes from you;
^bEven though you make many
 prayers,
 I will not hear.
 Your hands are full of ²blood.
- 16 "Wash^a yourselves, make
 yourselves clean;
 Put away the evil of your
 doings from before My eyes.
^bCease to do evil,
 17 Learn to do good;
 Seek justice,
 Rebuke ¹the oppressor;
²Defend the fatherless,
 Plead for the widow.
- 18 "Come now, and let us ^areason
 together,"
 Says the LORD,
 "Though your sins are like
 scarlet,
^bThey shall be as white as snow;
 Though they are red like
 crimson,
 They shall be as wool.
 19 If you are willing and obedient,
 You shall eat the good of the
 land;
 20 But if you refuse and rebel,
 You shall be devoured by the
 sword";

⁹ ^bGen. 19:24;
 Rom. 9:29

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 32:32

¹¹ ^a[1 Sam.
 15:22]

¹² ^aEx. 23:17

¹³ ^aMatt. 15:9

^bJoel 1:14
¹worthless

¹⁴ ^aNum. 28:11
^bLam. 2:6

¹⁵ ^aProv. 1:28
^bPs. 66:18; Is.
 59:1-3; Mic.
 3:4 ¹Pray
²bloodshed

¹⁶ ^aJer. 4:14
^bRom. 12:9

¹⁷ ¹Some an-
 cient vss. *the*
oppressed
²*Vindicate*

¹⁸ ^aIs. 43:26;
 Mic. 6:2 ^bPs.
 51:7; [Is.
 43:25]; Rev.
 7:14

²⁰ ^aIs. 40:5;
 58:14; Mic.
 4:4; [Titus 1:2]

²¹ ^aIs. 57:3-9;
 Jer. 2:20 ^bMic.
 3:1-3 ¹Un-
 faithful

²² ^aJer. 6:28

²³ ^aHos. 9:15
^bProv. 29:24
^cJer. 22:17 ^dIs.
 10:2; Jer. 5:28;
 Ezek. 22:7;
 Zech. 7:10

²⁴ ^aDeut. 28:63
¹*be relieved of*
²*avenge My-*
self

²⁵ ^aIs. 48:10;
 Ezek.
 22:19-22; Mal.
 3:3 ¹*refine*
with lye

²⁶ ^aJer.
 33:7-11 ^bIs.
 33:5; Zech. 8:3

²⁷ ¹*Lit. return-*
ers

²⁸ ^aJob 31:3;
 Ps. 9:5; [Is.
 66:24;
 2 Thess. 1:8,
 9]

²⁹ ¹So with
 MT, LXX, Vg.;
 some Heb.
 mss., Tg. *you*
²Sites of pa-
 gan worship

³¹ ^aEzek.
 32:21 ^bIs.
 66:24; Matt.
 3:12; Mark
 9:43

CHAPTER 2

² ^aMic. 4:1
^bGen. 49:1

^aFor the mouth of the LORD has
 spoken.

The Degenerate City

- 21 ^aHow the faithful city has
 become a ¹harlot!
 It was full of justice;
 Righteousness lodged in it,
 But now ^bmurderers.
- 22 ^aYour silver has become dross,
 Your wine mixed with water.
- 23 ^aYour princes *are* rebellious,
 And ^bcompanions of thieves;
^cEveryone loves bribes,
 And follows after rewards.
 They ^ddo not defend the
 fatherless,
 Nor does the cause of the
 widow come before them.
- 24 Therefore the Lord says,
 The LORD of hosts, the Mighty
 One of Israel,
 "Ah, ^eI will ¹rid Myself of My
 adversaries,
 And ²take vengeance on My
 enemies.
- 25 I will turn My hand against
 you,
 And ^athoroughly¹ purge away
 your dross,
 And take away all your alloy.
- 26 I will restore your judges ^aas at
 the first,
 And your counselors as at the
 beginning.
 Afterward ^byou shall be called
 the city of righteousness, the
 faithful city."
- 27 Zion shall be redeemed with
 justice,
 And her ¹penitents with
 righteousness.
- 28 The ^adestruction of
 transgressors and of sinners
shall be together,
 And those who forsake the
 LORD shall be consumed.
- 29 For ¹they shall be ashamed of
 the ²terebinth trees
 Which you have desired;
 And you shall be embarrassed
 because of the gardens
 Which you have chosen.
- 30 For you shall be as a terebinth
 whose leaf fades,
 And as a garden that has no
 water.
- 31 ^aThe strong shall be as tinder,
 And the work of it as a spark;
 Both will burn together,
 And no one shall ^bquench *them*.

The Future House of God

2 The word that Isaiah the son of
 Amoz saw concerning Judah
 and Jerusalem.

2 Now ^ait shall come to pass ^bin
 the latter days

- ^cThat the mountain of the LORD's house
Shall be established on the top
of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the
hills;
And all nations shall flow to it.
- 3 Many people shall come and
say,
^a"Come, and let us go up to the
mountain of the LORD,
To the house of the God of
Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His
paths."
^bFor out of Zion shall go forth
the law,
And the word of the LORD from
Jerusalem.
- 4 He shall judge between the
nations,
And rebuke many people;
They shall beat their swords
into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning
¹hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword
against nation,
Neither shall they learn war
anymore.

The Day of the LORD

- 5 O house of Jacob, come and let
us ^awalk
In the light of the LORD.
- 6 For You have forsaken Your
people, the house of Jacob,
Because they are filled ^awith
eastern ways;
They are ^bsoothsayers like the
Philistines,
^cAnd they ¹are pleased with the
children of foreigners.
- 7 ^aTheir land is also full of silver
and gold,
And there is no end to their
treasures;
Their land is also full of horses,
And there is no end to their
chariots.
- 8 ^aTheir land is also full of idols;
They worship the work of their
own hands,
That which their own fingers
have made.
- 9 People bow down,
And each man humbles
himself;
Therefore do not forgive them.
- 10 ^aEnter into the rock, and hide in
the dust,
From the terror of the LORD
And the glory of His majesty.
- 11 The ¹lofty looks of man shall be
^ahumbled,
The haughtiness of men shall
be bowed down,
And the LORD alone shall be
exalted ^bin that day.

2 ^cPs. 68:15

3 ^aJer. 50:5;
[Zech.
8:21-23;
14:16-21]
^bLuke 24:47

4 ¹knives

5 ^aEph. 5:8

6 ^aNum. 23:7
^bDeut. 18:14
^cPs. 106:35
¹Or *clap,
shake hands
to make bar-
gains with
the children*

7 ^aDeut. 17:16;
Is. 30:16; 31:1;
Mic. 5:10

8 ^aIs. 40:19, 20;
Jer. 2:28

10 ^aIs. 2:19, 21;
Rev. 6:15, 16

11 ^aProv. 16:5;
Is. 5:15 ^bHos.
2:16 ¹proud

13 ^aIs. 14:8;
Zech. 11:1, 2

14 ^aIs. 30:25

16 ^a1 Kin.
10:22; Is. 23:1,
14; 60:9

17 ¹pride

18 ¹Or *shall
utterly vanish*

19 ^aHos. 10:8;
[Rev. 9:6]
^b[2 Thess. 1:9]
^cPs. 18:7; Is.
2:21; 13:13;
24:1, 19, 20;
Hag. 2:6, 7;
Heb. 12:26
¹Lit. *dust*

22 ^aPs. 146:3;
Jer. 17:5 ^bJob
27:3 ¹Lit.
*Cease your-
selves from
the man* ²Lit.
*in what is he
to be es-
teemed*

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a2 Kin. 25:3;
Is. 5:13; Jer.
37:21 ^bLev.
26:26 ¹Every
support

2 ^a2 Kin.
24:14; Is. 9:14,
15; Ezek.
17:12, 13

3 ¹Eminent
looking men

- 12 For the day of the LORD of
hosts
*Shall come upon everything
proud and lofty,
Upon everything lifted up—
And it shall be brought low—*
- 13 Upon all ^athe cedars of
Lebanon *that are* high and
lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of
Bashan;
- 14 ^aUpon all the high mountains,
And upon all the hills *that are*
lifted up;
- 15 Upon every high tower,
And upon every fortified wall;
- 16 ^aUpon all the ships of Tarshish,
And upon all the beautiful
sloops.
- 17 The ¹loftiness of man shall be
bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men
shall be brought low;
The LORD alone will be exalted
in that day,
- 18 But the idols ¹He shall utterly
abolish.
- 19 They shall go into the ^aholes of
the rocks,
And into the caves of the ^aearth,
^bFrom the terror of the LORD
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises ^ato shake the
earth mightily.
- 20 In that day a man will cast
away his idols of silver
And his idols of gold,
Which they made, *each* for
himself to worship,
To the moles and bats,
- 21 To go into the clefts of the rocks,
And into the crags of the
rugged rocks,
From the terror of the LORD
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the
earth mightily.
- 22 ^aSever! yourselves from such a
man,
Whose ^bbreath is in his nostrils;
For ²of what account is he?

Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

- 3 For behold, the Lord,
the LORD of hosts,
^aTakes away from Jerusalem
and from Judah
^bThe ¹stock and the store,
The whole supply of bread and
the whole supply of water;
- 2 ^aThe mighty man and the man
of war,
The judge and the prophet,
And the diviner and the elder;
- 3 The captain of fifty and the
¹honorable man,
The counselor and the skillful
artisan,
And the expert enchanter.

- 4 "I will give ^achildren¹ to be their princes,
And ^ababes shall rule over them.
- 5 The people will be oppressed,
Every one by another and every one by his neighbor;
The child will be insolent toward the ¹elder,
And the ²base toward the honorable."
- 6 When a man takes hold of his brother
In the house of his father,
saying,
"You have clothing;
You be our ruler,
And let these ruins be under your ¹power,"
- 7 In that day he will protest, saying,
"I cannot cure your ills,
For in my house is neither food nor clothing;
Do not make me a ruler of the people."
- 8 For ^aJerusalem stumbled,
And Judah is fallen,
Because their tongue and their doings
Are against the LORD,
To provoke the eyes of His glory.
- 9 The look on their countenance witnesses against them,
And they declare their sin as ^aSodom;
They do not hide it.
Woe to their soul!
For they have brought evil upon themselves.
- 10 "Say to the righteous ^athat it shall be well with them,
^bFor they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
- 11 Woe to the wicked! ^aIt shall be ill with him,
For the reward of his hands shall be ¹given him.
- 12 As for My people, children are their oppressors,
And women rule over them.
O My people! ^aThose who lead you ¹cause you to err,
And destroy the way of your paths."
- Oppression and Luxury
Condemned*
- 13 The LORD stands up ^ato ¹plead,
And stands to judge the people.
- 14 The LORD will enter into judgment
With the elders of His people
And His princes:
"For you have ¹eaten up ^athe vineyard;

4 ^aEcc1. 10:16
¹boys ²Or capricious ones

5 ¹aged ²despised, lightly esteemed

6 ¹Lit. hand

8 ^a2 Chr. 36:16, 17; Mic. 3:12

9 ^aGen. 13:13; Is. 1:10-15

10 ^a[Deut. 28:1-14; Ecc1. 8:12; Is. 54:17] ^bPs. 128:2

11 ^a[Ps. 11:6; Ecc1. 8:12, 13] ¹done to him

12 ^aIs. 9:16
¹lead you astray

13 ^aIs. 66:16; Hos. 4:1; Mic. 6:2 ¹contend, plead His case

14 ^aMatt. 21:33
¹burned

15 ^aMic. 3:2, 3

16 ¹Head held high ²seductive, ogling ³tripping or skipping

17 ^aDeut. 28:27
^bJer. 13:22

18 ^aJudg. 8:21, 26 ¹headbands

24 ^aIs. 22:12; Ezek. 27:31; Amos 8:10
¹burning scar

25 ¹Lit. strength

26 ^aJer. 14:2; Lam. 1:4
^bLam. 2:10

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aIs. 2:11, 17
^b2 Thess. 3:12
^cLuke 1:25

The plunder of the poor is in your houses.

- 15 What do you mean by ^acrushing My people
And grinding the faces of the poor?"
Says the Lord GOD of hosts.

- 16 Moreover the LORD says:

"Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
And walk with ¹outstretched necks
And ²wanton eyes,
Walking and ³mincing as they go,
Making a jingling with their feet,

- 17 Therefore the Lord will strike with ^aa scab
The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion,
And the LORD will ^buncover their secret parts."

- 18 In that day the Lord will take away the finery:
The jingling anklets, the ¹scarves, and the ^acrescents;

- 19 The pendants, the bracelets, and the veils;

- 20 The headdresses, the leg ornaments, and the headbands;

The perfume boxes, the charms,

- 21 and the rings;

- 22 The nose jewels,

- the festal apparel, and the mantles;

- 23 The outer garments, the purses, and the mirrors;

The fine linen, the turbans, and the robes.

- 24 And so it shall be:

Instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench;

Instead of a sash, a rope;

Instead of well-set hair,

^abaldness;

Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth;

And ¹branding instead of beauty.

- 25 Your men shall fall by the sword,
And your ¹mighty in the war.

- 26 ^aHer gates shall lament and mourn,
And she ^bbeing desolate ^bshall sit on the ground.

- 4 And ^ain that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying,
"We will ^beat our own food and wear our own apparel;
Only let us be called by your name,
To take away ^cour reproach."

The Renewal of Zion

- 2 In that day ^athe Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious;
And the fruit of the earth *shall* be excellent and appealing
For those of Israel who have escaped.

3 And it shall come to pass that *he* who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem ^awill be called holy—everyone who is ^brecorded among the living in Jerusalem.

4 When ^athe Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the ¹blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning,

5 then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, ^aa cloud and smoke by day and ^bthe shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there *will be* a ¹covering.

6 And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, ^afor a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

God's Disappointing Vineyard

- 5 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved
A song of my Beloved
^aregarding His vineyard:

My Well-beloved has a vineyard

¹On a very fruitful hill.

- 2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones,
And planted it with the choicest vine.
He built a tower in its midst,
And also ¹made a winepress in it;
^aSo He expected it to bring forth good grapes,
But it brought forth wild grapes.

- 3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
^aJudge, please, between Me and My vineyard.

- 4 What more could have been done to My vineyard
That I have not done in ^ait?
Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes,
Did it bring forth wild grapes?
5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard:

^aI will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned;
And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

- 6 I will lay it ^awaste;
It shall not be pruned or ¹dug,

² ^aIs. 12:1–6;
[Jer. 23:5];
Zech. 3:8

³ ^aIs. 60:21
^bPhil. 4:3

⁴ ^aMal. 3:2, 3
¹*bloodshed*

⁵ ^aEx. 13:21, 22; Num. 9:15–23
^bZech. 2:5
¹*canopy*

⁶ ^aPs. 27:5; Is. 25:4

CHAPTER 5

¹ ^aPs. 80:8;
Jer. 2:21;
Matt. 21:33;
Mark 12:1;
Luke 20:9
¹Lit. *In a horn, the son of fatness*

² ^aDeut. 32:6
¹Lit. *hewed out*

³ ^a[Rom. 3:4]

⁴ ^{a2} Chr. 36:15, 16; Jer. 2:5; 7:25, 26;
Mic. 6:3; Matt. 23:37

⁵ ^{a2} Chr. 36:19; Ps. 80:12; 89:40, 41

⁶ ^{a2} Chr. 36:19–21 ^bIs. 7:19–25; Jer. 25:11 ¹*hoed*

⁷ ¹*wailing*

⁸ ^aJer. 22:13–17; Mic. 2:2; Hab. 2:9–12 ¹*Accumulate houses*

⁹ ^aIs. 22:14

¹⁰ ^aEzek. 45:11 ¹ bath = $\frac{3}{4}$ homer
²¹ homer = $\frac{1}{10}$ ephah

¹¹ ^aProv. 23:29, 30; Eccl. 10:16, 17; Is. 5:22
¹*pursue*

¹² ^aAmos 6:5
^bJob 34:27; Ps. 28:5

¹³ ^{a2} Kin. 24:14–16 ^bIs. 1:3; 27:11; Hos. 4:6

¹⁵ ^aIs. 2:9, 11

¹⁶ ^aIs. 2:11

But there shall come up briers and ^bthorns.
I will also command the clouds
That they rain no rain on it."

- 7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel.
And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant.
He looked for justice, but behold, oppression;
For righteousness, but behold, ^{1a} a cry for help.

Impending Judgment on Excesses

- 8 Woe to those who ¹join ^ahouse to house;
They add field to field,
Till *there is* no place
Where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land!
9 ^aIn my hearing the LORD of hosts *said*,
"Truly, many houses shall be desolate,
Great and beautiful ones,
without inhabitant.
10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one ^abath,¹
And a ²homer of seed shall yield one ephah."

- 11 ^aWoe to those who rise early in the morning,
That they may ¹follow intoxicating drink;
Who continue until night, *till* wine inflames them!
12 ^aThe harp and the strings,
The tambourine and flute,
And wine are in their feasts;
But ^bthey do not regard the work of the LORD,
Nor consider the operation of His hands.

- 13 ^aTherefore my people have gone into captivity,
Because *they have* no ^bknowledge;
Their honorable men *are* famished,
And their multitude dried up with thirst.

- 14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself
And opened its mouth beyond measure;
Their glory and their multitude and their pomp,
And he who is jubilant, shall descend into it.

- 15 People shall be brought down,
^aEach man shall be humbled,
And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.

- 16 But the LORD of hosts shall be ^aexalted in judgment,
And God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness.

- 17 Then the lambs shall feed in their pasture,

- And in the waste places of ^athe
fat ones strangers shall eat.
- 18 Woe to those who ¹draw
iniquity with cords of ²vanity,
And sin as if with a cart rope;
- 19 ^aThat say, "Let Him make speed
and hasten His work,
That we may see it;
And let the counsel of the Holy
One of Israel draw near and
come,
That we may know it."
- 20 Woe to those who call evil
good, and good evil;
Who put darkness for light, and
light for darkness;
Who put bitter for sweet, and
sweet for bitter!
- 21 Woe to *those who are* ^awise in
their own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight!
- 22 Woe to men mighty at drinking
wine,
Woe to men valiant for mixing
intoxicating drink,
- 23 Who ^ajustify the wicked for a
bribe,
And take away justice from the
righteous man!
- 24 Therefore, ^aas the ¹fire devours
the stubble,
And the flame consumes the
chaff,
So ^btheir root will be as
rottenness,
And their blossom will ascend
like dust;
Because they have rejected the
law of the LORD of hosts,
And despised the word of the
Holy One of Israel.
- 25 ^aTherefore the anger of the LORD
is aroused against His people;
He has stretched out His hand
against them
And stricken them,
And ^bthe hills trembled.
Their carcasses *were* as refuse
in the midst of the streets.
- ^aFor all this His anger is not
turned away,
But His hand is stretched out
still.
- 26 ^aHe will lift up a banner to the
nations from afar,
And will ^bwhistle to them from
^athe end of the earth;
Surely ^athey shall come with
speed, swiftly.
- 27 No one will be weary or
stumble among them,
No one will slumber or sleep;
Nor ^awill the belt on their loins
be loosed,
Nor the strap of their sandals
be broken;
- 28 ^aWhose arrows *are* sharp,

17 ^aIs. 10:16
¹Lit. *fatlings*,
rich ones

18 ¹drag
²emptiness or
falsehood

19 ^aJer. 17:15;
Amos 5:18

21 ^aProv. 3:7;
Rom. 1:22;
12:16; [1 Cor.
3:18-20]

23 ^aEx. 23:8;
Prov. 17:15; Is.
1:23; Mic.
3:11; 7:3

24 ^aEx. 15:7
^bJob 18:16
¹Lit. *tongue of
fire*

25 ^a2 Kin.
22:13, 17; Is.
66:15 ^bPs.
18:7; Is. 64:3;
Jer. 4:24; Nah.
1:5 ^cIs. 9:12;
17; Jer. 4:8;
Dan. 9:16

26 ^aIs. 11:10;
12 ^bIs. 7:18;
Zech. 10:8
^cMal. 1:11
^dJoel 2:7

27 ^aDan. 5:6

28 ^aJer. 5:16
¹Lit. *be re-
garded as*

30 ^aIs. 8:22;
Jer. 4:23-28;
Joel 2:10;
Luke 21:25, 26
¹distress

CHAPTER 6

1 ^a2 Kin. 15:7;
2 Chr. 26:23;
Is. 1:1 ^bJohn
12:41; Rev.
4:2, 3; 20:11

2 ^aEzek. 1:11

3 ^aRev. 4:8
^bNum. 14:21;
Ps. 72:19

5 ^aEx. 6:12, 30
¹destroyed,
cut off

6 ^aRev. 8:3

7 ^aJer. 1:9;
Dan. 10:16
¹atoned for

8 ^aGen. 1:26

9 ^aIs. 43:8;
Matt. 13:14;
Mark 4:12;
Luke 8:10;
John 12:40;
Acts 28:26;
Rom. 11:8

- And all their bows bent;
Their horses' hooves will ¹seem
like flint,
And their wheels like a
whirlwind.
- 29 Their roaring *will be* like a lion,
They will roar like young lions;
Yes, they will roar
And lay hold of the prey;
They will carry it away safely,
And no one will deliver.
- 30 In that day they will roar
against them
Like the roaring of the sea.
And if *one* ^alooks to the land,
Behold, darkness and ¹sorrow;
And the light is darkened by
the clouds.
- Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet*
- 6 In the year that ^aKing Uzziah
died, I ^bsaw the Lord sitting on a
throne, high and lifted up, and the
train of His *robe* filled the temple.
2 Above it stood seraphim; each
one had six wings: with two he cov-
ered his face, ^awith two he covered
his feet, and with two he flew.
3 And one cried to another and
said:

^a"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of
hosts;
^bThe whole earth is full of His
glory!"
- 4 And the posts of the door were
shaken by the voice of him who
cried out, and the house was filled
with smoke.
- 5 So I said:

"Woe is me, for I am ¹undone!
Because I *am* a man of
^aunclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a
people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the
King,
The LORD of hosts."
- 6 Then one of the seraphim flew
to me, having in his hand a live coal
which he had taken with the tongs
from ^athe altar.
- 7 And he ^atouched my mouth *with*
it, and said:

"Behold, this has touched your
lips;
Your iniquity is taken away,
And your sin ¹purged."
- 8 Also I heard the voice of the
Lord, saying:

"Whom shall I send,
And who will go for ^aUs?"
- Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me."
9 And He said, "Go, and ^atell this
people:

'Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

- 10 "Make ^athe heart of this people dull,
And their ears heavy,
And shut their eyes;
^bLest they see with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And return and be healed."

11 Then I said, "Lord, how long?"
And He answered:

^a"Until the cities are laid waste
and without inhabitant,
The houses are without a man,
The land is utterly desolate,

- 12 ^aThe LORD has removed men far away,
And the forsaken places *are*
many in the midst of the land.
13 But yet a tenth *will be* in it,
And will return and be for
consuming,
As a terebinth tree or as an oak,
Whose stump *remains* when it
is cut down.
So ^a"the holy seed *shall be* its
stump."

Isaiah Sent to King Ahaz

7 Now it came to pass in the days
of ^aAhaz the son of Jotham, the
son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that*
Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the
son of Remaliah, king of Israel,
went up to Jerusalem *to make* war
against ^bit, but could not ^bprevail
against it.

2 And it was told to the house of
David, saying, "Syria's forces are
¹deployed in Ephraim." So his heart
and the heart of his people were
moved as the trees of the woods are
moved with the wind.

3 Then the LORD said to Isaiah,
"Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and
¹Shear-Jashub your son, at the end
of the aqueduct from the upper pool,
on the highway to the Fuller's Field,
4 "and say to him: ¹'Take heed,
and ²be ^aquiet; do not fear or be
fainthearted for these two stubs of
smoking firebrands, for the fierce
anger of Rezin and Syria, and the
son of Remaliah.

5 ^a'Because Syria, Ephraim, and
the son of Remaliah have plotted
evil against you, saying,

6 "Let us go up against Judah and
¹trouble it, and let us make a gap in
its wall for ourselves, and set a king
over them, the son of Tabe!"

7 "thus says the Lord GOD:

^a"It shall not stand,
Nor shall it come to pass.

¹⁰ ^aPs. 119:70;
Mark 6:1-6;
Acts 7:51;
Rom. 10:1-4
^bJer. 5:21

11 ^aMic. 3:12

12 ^a2 Kin.
25:21; Is. 5:9

13 ^aDeut. 7:6;
Ezra 9:2

CHAPTER 7

1 ^a2 Chr. 28
^b2 Kin. 16:5, 9
¹conquer it

2 ¹Lit. *settled
upon*

3 ¹Lit. *A Rem-
nant Shall
Return*

4 ^aEx. 14:13;
Is. 30:15; Lam.
3:26 ¹Be care-
ful ²be calm

6 ¹cause a
sickening
dread

7 ^a2 Kin. 16:5;
Is. 8:10; Acts
4:25, 26

8 ^a2 Sam. 8:6;
2 Kin. 17:6
¹Lit. *shat-
tered*

9 ^a2 Chr.
20:20; Is. 5:24

11 ^aMatt. 12:38
¹Lit. *make the
request deep
or make it
high above*

14 ^aMatt. 1:23;
Luke 1:31;
John 1:45;
Rev. 12:5 ^b[Is.
9:6] ^cIs. 8:8, 10
¹Lit. *God-
With-Us*

16 ^aIs. 8:4
^b2 Kin. 15:30

17 ^a2 Chr.
28:19, 20; Is.
8:7, 8; 10:5, 6
^b1 Kin. 12:16

18 ^aIs. 5:26

19 ^aIs. 2:19;
Jer. 16:16

20 ^aIs. 10:5, 15
^b2 Kin. 16:7;
2 Chr. 28:20
¹The Eu-
phrates

- 8 ^aFor the head of Syria is
Damascus,
And the head of Damascus is
Rezin.
Within sixty-five years Ephraim
will be ¹broken,
So that it will not be a people.
9 The head of Ephraim is
Samaria,
And the head of Samaria is
Remaliah's son.
^aIf you will not believe,
Surely you shall not be
established." ' "

The Immanuel Prophecy

10 Moreover the LORD spoke again
to Ahaz, saying,

11 ^a"Ask a sign for yourself from
the LORD your God; ¹ask it either in
the depth or in the height above."

12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask,
nor will I test the LORD!"

13 Then he said, "Hear now, O
house of David! *Is it* a small thing
for you to weary men, but will you
weary my God also?

14 "Therefore the Lord Himself
will give you a sign: ^aBehold, the vir-
gin shall conceive and bear ^aa Son,
and shall call His name ^aImmanuel.¹

15 "Curds and honey He shall eat,
that He may know to refuse the evil
and choose the good.

16 ^a"For before the Child shall
know to refuse the evil and choose
the good, the land that you dread
will be forsaken by ^bboth her kings.

17 ^a"The LORD will bring the king
of Assyria upon you and your peo-
ple and your father's house—days
that have not come since the day
that ^bEphraim departed from
Judah."

18 And it shall come to pass in
that day
That the LORD ^awill whistle for
the fly

That is in the farthest part of
the rivers of Egypt,
And for the bee *that is* in the
land of Assyria.

19 They will come, and all of them
will rest
In the desolate valleys and in
^athe clefts of the rocks,
And on all thorns and in all
pastures.

20 In the same day the Lord will
shave with a ^ahired ^brazor,
With those from beyond ¹the
River, with the king of
Assyria,
The head and the hair of the
legs,
And will also remove the beard.

21 It shall be in that day
That a man will keep alive a
young cow and two sheep;

22 So it shall be, from the abundance of milk they give, That he will eat curds; For curds and honey everyone will eat who is left in the land.

23 It shall happen in that day, That wherever there could be a thousand vines Worth a thousand *shekels* of silver,

24 With arrows and bows *men* will come there, Because all the land will become briers and thorns.

25 And to any hill which could be dug with the hoe, You will not go there for fear of briers and thorns; But it will become a range for oxen And a place for sheep to roam.

Assyria Will Invade the Land

8 Moreover the LORD said to me, "Take a large scroll, and write on it with a man's pen concerning ¹Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.

2 "And I will take for Myself faithful witnesses to record, ^aUriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."

3 Then I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Call his name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz;

4 "^afor before the child ¹shall have knowledge to cry 'My father' and 'My mother,' ^bthe riches of Damascus and the ²spoils of Samaria will be taken away before the king of Assyria."

5 The LORD also spoke to me again, saying:

6 "Inasmuch as these people refused The waters of ^aShiloah that flow softly, And rejoice ^bin Rezin and in Remaliah's son;

7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them The waters of ¹the River, strong and mighty— The king of Assyria and all his glory;

He will ²go up over all his channels And go over all his banks.

8 He will pass through Judah, He will overflow and pass over, ^aHe will reach up to the neck; And the stretching out of his wings Will ¹fill the breadth of Your land, O ^bImmanuel.²

9 "Be^a shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces!

23 ^aIs. 5:6

CHAPTER 8

¹Is. 30:8; Hab. 2:2 ¹Lit. *Speed the Spoil, Hasten the Booty*

²2 Kin. 16:10

⁴2 Kin. 17:6; Is. 7:16 ^b2 Kin. 15:29 ¹knows how ²plunder

⁶aJohn 9:7 ^bIs. 7:1, 2

⁷1The Euphrates ²Overflow

⁸aIs. 30:28 ^bIs. 7:14; Matt. 1:23 ¹Lit. *be the fullness of* ²Lit. *God-With-Us*

⁹aJoel 3:9

¹⁰aIs. 7:7; Acts 5:38 ^bIs. 7:14 ^cRom. 8:31 ¹Heb. *Immanuel*

¹¹1Mighty power

¹²1Lit. *fear or terror* ²Lit. *in dread*

¹⁴aIs. 4:6; 25:4; Ezek. 11:16 ^bLuke 2:34; 20:17; Rom. 9:33; 1 Pet. 2:8 ¹holy abode ²stumbling over

¹⁵aMatt. 21:44 ¹captured

¹⁷aDeut. 31:17; Is. 54:8 ^bHab. 2:3

¹⁸aHeb. 2:13 ^bPs. 71:7

¹⁹a1 Sam. 28:8 ^bIs. 29:4 ^cPs. 106:28

²⁰aIs. 1:10; 8:16; Luke 16:29 ^bIs. 8:22; Mic. 3:6 ¹Or *they have no dawn*

²¹aRev. 16:11 ¹Or *by their king and by their God*

Give ear, all you from far countries. Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces; Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces.

10 ^aTake counsel together, but it will come to nothing; Speak the word, ^bbut it will not stand, ^cFor ¹God is with us."

Fear God, Heed His Word

11 For the LORD spoke thus to me with ¹a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:

12 "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, Nor be afraid of their ¹threats, nor be ²troubled.

13 The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread.

14 ^aHe will be as a ¹sanctuary, But ^ba stone of stumbling and a rock of ²offense

To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall ^astumble; They shall fall and be broken, Be snared and ¹taken."

16 Bind up the testimony, Seal the law among my disciples.

17 And I will wait on the LORD, Who ^ahides His face from the house of Jacob; And I ^bwill hope in Him.

18 ^aHere am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We ^bare for signs and wonders in Israel From the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.

19 And when they say to you, ^a"Seek those who are mediums and wizards, ^bwho whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they ^cseek the dead on behalf of the living?

20 ^aTo the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because ^bthere¹ is no light in them.

21 They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and ^ccurse ¹their king and their God, and look upward.

22 Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.

The Government of the Promised Son

- 9 Nevertheless ^athe gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at ^bfirst He lightly esteemed
The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
And ^cafterward more heavily oppressed her,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
In Galilee of the Gentiles.
2 ^aThe people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

- 3 You have multiplied the nation
And ¹increased its joy;
They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest,
As *men* rejoice ^awhen they divide the spoil.

- 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden
And the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor,
As in the day of ^aMidian.

- 5 For every warrior's ¹sandal from the noisy battle,
And garments rolled in blood,
^aWill be used for burning and fuel ²of fire.

- 6 ^aFor unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a ^bSon is given;
And ^cthe government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
^aWonderful, Counselor, ^aMighty God,
Everlasting Father, ^aPrince of Peace.

- 7 Of the increase of His government and peace
^aThere will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The ^bzeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The Punishment of Samaria

- 8 The Lord sent a word against ^aJacob,
And it has fallen on Israel.
9 All the people will know—
Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria—
Who say in pride and arrogance of heart:
10 "The bricks have fallen down,
But we will rebuild with hewn stones;
The sycamores are cut down,

CHAPTER 9

¹ ^aIs. 8:22
^b2 Kin. 15:29;
2 Chr. 16:4
^cMatt. 4:13–16

2 ^aMatt. 4:16;
Luke 1:79;
2 Cor. 4:6;
Eph. 5:8

3 ^aJudg. 5:30
¹So with Or.
Tg.; Kt., Vg.
not increased
joy; LXX
Most of the
people You
brought down
in Your joy

4 ^aJudg. 7:22

5 ^aIs. 66:15
¹boot ²for the
fire

6 ^a[Is. 7:14;
Luke 2:11];
John 1:45
^bLuke 2:7;
[John 3:16;
1 John 4:9]
^c[Matt. 28:18;
1 Cor. 15:25];
Rev. 12:5
^dJudg. 13:18
^eTitus 2:13
^fEph. 2:14

7 ^aDan. 2:44;
Matt. 1:1, 6;
Luke 1:32, 33;
John 7:42 ^bIs.
37:32

8 ^aGen. 32:28

12 ¹In judg-
ment

14 ^aRev. 18:8

16 ^aIs. 3:12;
Mic. 3:1, 5, 9;
Matt. 15:14

17 ^aPs. 147:10
^bIs. 5:25 ¹fool-
ishness

18 ^aPs. 83:14;
[Is. 1:7; 10:17];
Nah. 1:10;
Mal. 4:1

19 ^aIs. 8:22
^bMic. 7:2, 6

20 ^aLev. 26:26
^bJer. 19:9
¹slice off or
tear

21 ^a2 Chr. 28:6,
8; Is. 11:13

But we will replace *them* with cedars."

- 11 Therefore the LORD shall set up
The adversaries of Rezin
against him,
And spur his enemies on,
12 The Syrians before and the
Philistines behind;
And they shall devour Israel
with an open mouth.

For all this His anger is not
turned away,
But His hand is ¹stretched out
still.

- 13 For the people do not turn to
Him who strikes them,
Nor do they seek the LORD of
hosts.
14 Therefore the LORD will cut off
head and tail from Israel,
Palm branch and bulrush ^ain
one day.
15 The elder and honorable, he is
the head;
The prophet who teaches lies,
he is the tail.
16 For ^athe leaders of this people
cause *them* to err,
And *those who are* led by them
are destroyed.
17 Therefore the Lord ^awill have
no joy in their young men,
Nor have mercy on their
fatherless and widows;
For everyone is a hypocrite and
an evildoer,
And every mouth speaks ¹folly.

^bFor all this His anger is not
turned away,
But His hand is stretched out
still.

- 18 For wickedness ^aburns as the
fire;
It shall devour the briars and
thorns,
And kindle in the thickets of
the forest;
They shall mount up *like* rising
smoke.
19 Through the wrath of the LORD
of hosts
^aThe land is burned up,
And the people shall be as fuel
for the fire;
^bNo man shall spare his brother.
20 And he shall ¹snatch on the
right hand
And be hungry;
He shall devour on the left
hand
^aAnd not be satisfied;
^bEvery man shall eat the flesh of
his own arm.
21 Manasseh *shall devour*
Ephraim, and Ephraim
Manasseh;
Together they *shall be* ^aagainst
Judah.

^bFor all this His anger is not
turned away,
But His hand is stretched out
still.

- 10** "Woe to those who ^adecree
unrighteous decrees,
Who write misfortune,
Which they have prescribed
2 To rob the needy of justice,
And to take what is right from
the poor of My people,
That widows may be their prey,
And *that* they may rob the
fatherless.
3 ^aWhat will you do in ^bthe day of
punishment,
And in the desolation *which*
will come from ^aafar?
To whom will you flee for help?
And where will you leave your
glory?
4 Without Me they shall bow
down among the ^aprisoners,
And they shall fall ¹among the
slain."

^bFor all this His anger is not
turned away,
But His hand is stretched out
still.

Arrogant Assyria Also Judged

- 5** "Woe to Assyria, ^athe rod of My
anger
And the staff in whose hand is
My indignation.
6 I will send him against ^aan
ungodly nation,
And against the people of My
wrath
I will ^agive him charge,
To seize the spoil, to take the
prey,
And to tread them down like
the mire of the streets.
7 ^aYet he does not mean so,
Nor does his heart think so;
But *it is* in his heart to
destroy,
And cut off not a few nations.
8 ^aFor he says,
^a'Are not my princes altogether
kings?
9 Is not ^aCalno ^blike Carchemish?
Is not Hamath like Arpad?
Is not Samaria ^alike Damascus?
10 As my hand has found the
kingdoms of the idols,
Whose carved images excelled
those of Jerusalem and
Samaria,
11 As I have done to Samaria and
her idols,
Shall I not do also to Jerusalem
and her idols?" "

12 Therefore it shall come to pass,
when the Lord has ¹performed all
His work ^aon Mount Zion and on
Jerusalem, *that He will say*, ^b"I will
punish the fruit of the arrogant heart

²¹ ^bIs. 9:12, 17

CHAPTER 10

¹ ^aPs. 58:2

³ ^aJob 31:14
^bIs. 13:6; Jer.
9:9; Hos. 9:7;
Luke 19:44
^cIs. 5:26

⁴ ^aIs. 24:22 ^bIs.
5:25 ¹Lit.
under

⁵ ^aJer. 51:20

⁶ ^aIs. 9:17
² Kin. 17:6;
Jer. 34:22

⁷ ^aGen. 50:20;
Mic. 4:11, 12;
Acts 2:23, 24

⁸ ^a2 Kin. 19:10

⁹ ^aGen. 10:10;
Amos 6:2
² Chr. 35:20
^c2 Kin. 16:9

¹² ^a2 Kin.
19:31; Is.
28:21 ^b2 Kin.
19:35; 2 Chr.
32:21; Jer.
50:18 ¹*com-
pleted*

¹³ ^a[2 Kin.
19:22-24]; Is.
37:24-27;
Ezek. 28:4;
Dan. 4:30
¹*mighty*

¹⁴ ^aJob 31:25

¹⁵ ^aJer. 51:20

¹⁶ ¹So with
Bg.: MT, DSS
YHWH (*the
LORD*)

¹⁷ ^aIs. 9:18

¹⁸ ^a2 Kin.
19:23

²⁰ ^a2 Kin. 16:7
¹Lit. *struck*

²¹ ^a[Is. 9:6]

of the king of Assyria, and the glory
of his haughty looks."

13 ^aFor he says:

"By the strength of my hand I
have done *it*,
And by my wisdom, for I am
prudent;
Also I have removed the
boundaries of the people,
And have robbed their
treasuries;
So I have put down the
inhabitants like a ¹valiant
man.

14 ^aMy hand has found like a nest
the riches of the people,
And as one gathers eggs *that*
are left,
I have gathered all the earth;
And there was no one who
moved *his* wing,
Nor opened *his* mouth with
even a peep."

15 Shall ^athe ax boast itself
against him who chops with
it?
Or shall the saw exalt itself
against him who saws with *it*?
As if a rod could wield *itself*
against those who lift *it* up,
Or as if a staff could lift up, as
if it were not wood!
16 Therefore the Lord, the ¹Lord
of hosts,
Will send leanness among his
fat ones;
And under his glory
He will kindle a burning
Like the burning of a fire.
17 So the Light of Israel will be
for a fire,
And his Holy One for a flame;
^aIt will burn and devour
His thorns and his briars in one
day.

18 And it will consume the glory
of his forest and of ^ahis
fruitful field,
Both soul and body;
And they will be as when a sick
man wastes away.
19 Then the rest of the trees of his
forest
Will be so few in number
That a child may write them.

The Returning Remnant of Israel

- 20** And it shall come to pass in
that day
That the remnant of Israel,
And such as have escaped of
the house of Jacob,
^aWill never again depend on
him who ¹defeated them,
But will depend on the LORD,
the Holy One of Israel, in
truth.
21 The remnant will return, the
remnant of Jacob,
To the ^aMighty God.

22 ^aFor though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,
^bA remnant of them will return;
The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

23 ^aFor the Lord GOD of hosts
Will make a determined end
In the midst of all the land.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: "O My people, who dwell in Zion, ^ado not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of ^bEgypt.

25 "For yet a very little while ^aand the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction."

26 And the LORD of hosts will ¹stir up ^aa scourge for him like the slaughter of ^bMidian at the rock of Oreb; ^cas His rod was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt.

27 It shall come to pass in that day
That his burden will be taken
away from your shoulder,
And his yoke from your neck,
And the yoke will be destroyed
because of ^athe anointing oil.

28 He has come to Aiath,
He has passed Migron;
At Michmash he has attended
to his equipment.

29 They have gone ¹along ^athe
ridge,
They have taken up lodging at
Geba.

^bGibeath of Saul has fled.

30 ¹Lift up your voice,
O daughter ^aof Gallim!
Cause it to be heard as far as
^bLaish—

²O poor Anathoth!

31 ^aMadmenah has fled,
The inhabitants of Gebim seek
refuge.

32 As yet he will remain ^aat Nob
that day;
He will ^bshake his fist at the
mount of ^athe daughter of
Zion,
The hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord,
The LORD of hosts,
Will lop off the bough with
terror;
^aThose of high stature *will be*
hewn down,
And the haughty will be
humbled.

34 He will cut down the thickets of
the forest with iron,
And Lebanon will fall by the
Mighty One.

The Reign of Jesse's Offspring

11 There ^ashall come forth a ¹Rod
from the ²stem of ^bJesse,

22 ^aRom. 9:27,
28 ^bIs. 6:13

23 ^aIs. 28:22;
Dan. 9:27;
Rom. 9:28

24 ^aIs. 7:4; 12:2
^bEx. 14

25 ^aIs. 10:5;
26:20; Dan.
11:36

26 ^a2 Kin.
19:35 ^bJudg.
7:25; Is. 9:4
^cEx. 14:26, 27
¹arouse

27 ^aPs. 105:15;
[1 John 2:20]

29 ^a1 Sam.
13:23 ^b1 Sam.
11:4 ¹Or *over
the pass*

30 ^a1 Sam.
25:44 ^bJudg.
18:7 ¹Or *Cry
shrilly* ²So
with MT, Tg.,
Vg.; LXX,
Syr. *Listen to
her, O
Anathoth*

31 ^aJosh. 15:31

32 ^a1 Sam.
21:1; Neh.
11:32 ^bIs. 13:2
^cIs. 37:22

33 ^aIs. 37:24,
36-38; Ezek.
31:3; Amos
2:9

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aZech.
6:12; Rev. 5:5
^b[Is. 9:7;
11:10]; Matt.
1:5; [Acts
13:23] ^cIs. 4:2
¹Shoot ²stock
or trunk ³be
fruitful

2 ^a[Is. 42:1;
48:16; 61:1;
Matt. 3:16];
Mark 1:10;
Luke 3:22;
[John 1:32]

4 ^aRev. 19:11
^bJob 4:9; Is.
30:28, 33; Mal.
4:6; 2 Thess.
2:8

6 ^aHos. 2:18

9 ^aJob 5:23; Is.
65:25; Ezek.
34:25; Hos.
2:18 ^bPs. 98:2,
3; Is. 45:6;
Hab. 2:14

10 ^aIs. 2:11 ^bIs.
11:1; Rom.
15:12 ^cIs.
27:12, 13
^dRom. 15:10

11 ^aIs.
19:23-25; Hos.
11:11; Zech.
10:10 ¹Or
coastlands

And ^aa Branch shall ³grow out
of his roots.

2 ^aThe Spirit of the LORD shall
rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and
understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and
might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of
the fear of the LORD.

3 His delight *is* in the fear of the
LORD,
^aAnd He shall not judge by the
sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of
His ears;

4 But ^awith righteousness He
shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the
meek of the earth;
He shall ^bstrike the earth with
the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips
He shall slay the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt
of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His
waist.

6 ^aThe ^awolf also shall dwell with
the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with
the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and
the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead
them.

7 The cow and the bear shall
graze;
Their young ones shall lie
down together;
And the lion shall eat straw
like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play by
the cobra's hole,
And the weaned child shall put
his hand in the viper's den.

9 ^aThey shall not hurt nor destroy
in all My holy mountain,
For ^bthe earth shall be full of
the knowledge of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.

10 ^aAnd ^ain that day ^bthere shall be
a Root of Jesse,
Who shall stand as a ^cbanner to
the people;
For the ^aGentiles shall seek
Him,
And His resting place shall be
glorious."

11 It shall come to pass in that day
That the Lord shall set His
hand again the second time
To recover the remnant of His
people who are left,
^aFrom Assyria and Egypt,
From Pathros and Cush,
From Elam and Shinar,
From Hamath and the ¹islands
of the sea.

- 12 He will set up a banner for the nations,
And will ¹assemble the outcasts of Israel,
And gather together ^athe dispersed of Judah
From the four ²corners of the earth.
- 13 Also ^athe envy of Ephraim shall depart,
And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off;
Ephraim shall not envy Judah,
And Judah shall not harass Ephraim.
- 14 But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west;
Together they shall plunder the ¹people of the East;
^aThey shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab;
And the people of Ammon shall obey them.
- 15 The LORD ^awill utterly ¹destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt;
With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over ²the River,
And strike it in the seven streams,
And make *men* cross over ³dry-shod.
- 16 ^aThere will be a highway for the remnant of His people
Who will be left from Assyria,
^bAs it was for Israel
In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

A Hymn of Praise

- 12** And ^ain that day you will say:
^a"O LORD, I will praise You;
Though You were angry with me,
Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.
- 2 Behold, God *is* my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
^a"For ^bYAH, the LORD, *is* my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation."
- 3 Therefore with joy you will draw ^awater
From the wells of salvation.
- 4 And in that day you will say:
^a"Praise the LORD, call upon His name;
^bDeclare His deeds among the peoples,
Make mention that His ^aname is exalted.
- 5 ^aSing to the LORD,
For He has done excellent things;
This is known in all the earth.
- 6 ^aCry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,

12 ^aJohn 7:35
¹gather ²Lit. wings
13 ^aIs. 9:21;
Jer. 3:18;
Ezek. 37:16,
17, 22; Hos. 1:11
14 ^aIs. 63:1;
Dan. 11:41;
Joel 3:19;
Amos 9:12
¹Lit. sons
15 ^aIs. 50:2;
51:10, 11;
Zech. 10:10,
11 ¹So with
MT, Vg.; LXX,
Syr., Tg. dry
up ²The Euphrates ³Lit. in sandals
16 ^aIs. 19:23
^bEx. 14:29

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aIs. 2:11
2 ^aPs. 83:18
^bEx. 15:2; Ps. 118:14
3 ^a[John 4:10,
14; 7:37, 38]
4 ^a1 Chr. 16:8;
Ps. 105:1 ^bPs. 145:4-6 ^cPs. 34:3
5 ^aEx. 15:1; Ps. 98:1; Is. 24:14;
42:10, 11;
44:23
6 ^aIs. 52:9;
54:1; Zeph. 3:14, 15 ^bPs. 89:18

CHAPTER 13

1 ^aJer. 50: 51;
Matt. 1:11;
Rev. 14:8 ¹oracle, prophecy
2 ^aIs. 18:3 ^bJer. 51:25 ^cIs. 10:32
3 ^aJoel 3:11
^bPs. 149:2
¹consecrated or set apart
4 ^aIs. 17:12;
Joel 3:14
5 ^aIs. 42:13 ^bIs. 24:1; 34:2 ¹Or instruments
6 ^aIs. 2:12;
Ezek. 30:3;
Amos 5:18;
Zeph. 1:7;
Rev. 6:17 ^bIs. 10:25; Job 31:23; Joel 1:15
8 ^aPs. 48:6
¹Sharp pains
9 ^aMal. 4:1
^bPs. 104:35;
Prov. 2:22
10 ^aIs. 24:21-23;
Ezek. 32:7;
Joel 2:31;
Matt. 24:29;
Mark 13:24;
Luke 21:25
11 ^aIs. 26:21
^b[Is. 2:17] ¹Or tyrants

For great *is* ^bthe Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

Proclamation Against Babylon

13 The ^aburden¹ against Babylon
which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

- 2 "Lift^a up a banner ^bon the high mountain,
Raise your voice to them;
^cWave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles.
- 3 I have commanded My ¹sanctified ones;
I have also called ^aMy mighty ones for My anger—
Those who ^brejoice in My exaltation."
- 4 The ^anoise of a multitude in the mountains,
Like that of many people!
A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts musters The army for battle.
- 5 They come from a far country,
From the end of heaven—
The ^aLORD and His ¹weapons of indignation,
To destroy the whole ^bland.
- 6 Wail, ^afor the day of the LORD *is* at hand!
^bIt will come as destruction from the Almighty.
- 7 Therefore all hands will be limp,
Every man's heart will melt,
And they will be afraid.
^aPangs¹ and sorrows will take hold of them;
They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth;
They will be amazed at one another;
Their faces *will be like* flames.
- 9 Behold, ^athe day of the LORD comes,
Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate;
And He will destroy ^bits sinners from it.
- 10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations
Will not give their light;
The sun will be ^adarkened in its going forth,
And the moon will not cause its light to shine.
- 11 "I will ^apunish the world for *its* evil,
And the wicked for their iniquity;
^bI will halt the arrogance of the proud,
And will lay low the haughtiness of the ¹terrible.

- 12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold,
A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.
- 13 ^aTherefore I will shake the heavens,
And the earth will move out of her place,
In the wrath of the LORD of hosts
And in ^bthe day of His fierce anger.
- 14 It shall be as the hunted gazelle,
And as a sheep that no man ¹takes up;
^aEvery man will turn to his own people,
And everyone will flee to his own land.
- 15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through,
And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.
- 16 Their children also will be ^adashed to pieces before their eyes;
Their houses will be plundered
And their wives ^bravished.
- 17 "Behold, ^aI will stir up the Medes against them,
Who will not ¹regard silver;
And as for gold, they will not delight in it.
- 18 Also ^atheir bows will dash the young men to pieces,
And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb;
Their eye will not spare children.
- 19 ^aAnd Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride,
Will be as when God overthrew ^bSodom and Gomorrah.
- 20 ^aIt will never be inhabited,
Nor will it be settled from generation to generation;
Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there,
Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.
- 21 ^aBut wild beasts of the desert will lie there,
And their houses will be full of ¹owls;
Ostriches will dwell there,
And wild goats will caper there.
- 22 The hyenas will howl in their citadels,
And jackals in their pleasant palaces.
^aHer time is near to come,
And her days will not be prolonged."

Mercy on Jacob

- 14** For the LORD ^awill have mercy on Jacob, and ^bwill still

¹³ ^aIs. 34:4;
51:6; Hag. 2:6
^bPs. 110:5;
Lam. 1:12

¹⁴ ^aJer. 50:16;
51:9 ¹*gathers*

¹⁶ ^aPs. 137:8;
9; Is. 13:18;
14:21; Hos.
10:14; Nah.
3:10 ^bZech.
14:2

¹⁷ ^aIs. 21:2;
Jer. 51:11, 28;
Dan. 5:28, 31
¹*esteem*

¹⁹ ^aIs. 14:4;
Dan. 4:30;
Rev. 18:11–16.
19, 21 ^bGen.
19:24; Deut.
29:23; Jer.
50:40; Amos
4:11

²⁰ ^aJer. 50:3

²¹ ^aIs.
34:11–15;
Zeph. 2:14;
Rev. 18:2 ¹*Or howling creatures*

²² ^aJer. 51:33

CHAPTER 14

¹ ^aPs. 102:13;
Is. 49:13, 15;
54:7, 8 ^bIs.
41:8, 9; Zech.
1:17; 2:12 ^cIs.
60:4, 5, 10

² ^aIs. 49:22;
60:9; 66:20 ^bIs.
60:14

⁴ ^aIs. 13:19;
Hab. 2:6 ^bRev.
18:16 ¹*Or insolent*

⁵ ^aPs. 125:3

⁸ ^aIs. 55:12;
Ezek. 31:16
¹*have lain down*

⁹ ^aEzek. 32:21
¹*Or Sheol*

¹⁰ ^aEzek.
32:21

¹² ^aIs. 34:4;
Luke 10:18;
[Rev. 12:7–9]
¹*Lit. Day Star*

choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. ^cThe strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob.

2 Then people will take them ^aand bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the LORD; they will take them captive whose captives they were, ^band rule over their oppressors.

Fall of the King of Babylon

3 It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve,

4 that you ^awill take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

"How the oppressor has ceased,
The ^bgolden¹ city ceased!

5 The LORD has broken ^athe staff of the wicked,

6 He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke,

He who ruled the nations in anger,

Is persecuted *and* no one hinders.

7 The whole earth is at rest *and* quiet;

They break forth into singing.

8 ^aIndeed the cypress trees rejoice over you,

And the cedars of Lebanon,
Saying, 'Since you ¹were cut down,

No woodsman has come up against us.'

9 "Hell^{a1} from beneath is excited about you,

To meet you at your coming;
It stirs up the dead for you,

All the chief ones of the earth;
It has raised up from their thrones

All the kings of the nations.

10 They all shall ^aspeak and say to you:

'Have you also become as weak as we?

Have you become like us?

11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,

And the sound of your stringed instruments;

The maggot is spread under you,
And worms cover you.'

The Fall of Lucifer

12 "How^a you are fallen from heaven,

O ¹Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground,

You who weakened the nations!

- 13 For you have said in your heart:
 "I will ascend into heaven,
 I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
 I will also sit on the mount of the congregation
 On the farthest sides of the north;
 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
 I will be like the Most High."
 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
 To the lowest depths of the Pit.

- 16 "Those who see you will gaze at you,
 And consider you, saying:
 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,
 Who shook kingdoms,
 Who made the world as a wilderness
 And destroyed its cities,
 Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'"

- 18 "All the kings of the nations,
 All of them, sleep in glory,
 Everyone in his own house;
 19 But you are cast out of your grave
 Like an abominable branch,
 Like the garment of those who are slain,
 Thrust through with a sword,
 Who go down to the stones of the pit,
 Like a corpse trodden underfoot.

- 20 You will not be joined with them in burial,
 Because you have destroyed your land
 And slain your people.
 "The brood of evildoers shall never be named."
 21 Prepare slaughter for his children
 "Because of the iniquity of their fathers,
 Lest they rise up and possess the land,
 And fill the face of the world with cities."

Babylon Destroyed

- 22 "For I will rise up against them," says the LORD of hosts,
 "And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant,
 "And offspring and posterity," says the LORD.
 23 "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine,
 And marshes of muddy water;
 I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the LORD of hosts.

13 ^aEzek. 28:2; Matt. 11:23
^bDan. 8:10; 2 Thess. 2:4
^cEzek. 28:14
^dPs. 48:2

14 ^aIs. 47:8; 2 Thess. 2:4

15 ^aEzek. 28:8; Matt. 11:23; Luke 10:15
¹Lit. recesses

17 ¹Would not release

19 ¹despised
²Pierced

20 ^aJob 18:19; Ps. 21:10; 109:13; Is. 1:4; 31:2

21 ^aEx. 20:5; Lev. 26:39; Is. 13:16; Matt. 23:35

22 ^aProv. 10:7; Is. 26:14; Jer. 51:62 ^b1 Kin. 14:10 ^cJob 18:19; Is. 47:9

23 ^aIs. 34:11; Zeph. 2:14

24 ^aIs. 43:13

25 ^aMic. 5:5, 6; Zeph. 2:13 ^bIs. 10:27; Nah. 1:13

26 ^aIs. 23:9; Zeph. 3:6, 8

27 ^a2 Chr. 20:6; Job 9:12; 23:13; Ps. 33:11; Prov. 19:21; 21:30; Is. 43:13; Dan. 4:31, 35

28 ^a2 Kin. 16:20; 2 Chr. 28:27 ¹oracle, prophecy

29 ^a2 Chr. 26:6 ^b2 Kin. 18:8

31 ¹Or ranks

32 ^aPs. 87:1, 5
^bZech. 11:11

CHAPTER 15

1 ^a2 Kin. 3:4
^bDeut. 2:9; Num. 21:28
^cIs. 15:1—16:14; Jer. 25:21; 48:1—47; Amos 2:1—3; Zeph. 2:8—11
¹oracle, prophecy

Assyria Destroyed

- 24 The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying,
 "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass,
 And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:
 25 That I will break the Assyrian in My land,
 And on My mountains tread him underfoot.
 Then his yoke shall be removed from them,
 And his burden removed from their shoulders.
 26 This is the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth,
 And this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.
 27 For the LORD of hosts has purposed,
 And who will annul it?
 His hand is stretched out,
 And who will turn it back?"

Philistia Destroyed

- 28 This is the burden which came in the year that King Ahaz died.
 29 "Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia,
 "Because the rod that struck you is broken;
 For out of the serpent's roots will come forth a viper,
 And its offspring will be a fiery flying serpent.
 30 The firstborn of the poor will feed,
 And the needy will lie down in safety;
 I will kill your roots with famine,
 And it will slay your remnant.
 31 Wail, O gate! Cry, O city!
 All you of Philistia are dissolved;
 For smoke will come from the north,
 And no one will be alone in his appointed times."
 32 What will they answer the messengers of the nation?
 That the LORD has founded Zion,
 And the poor of His people shall take refuge in it.

Proclamation Against Moab

- 15 The burden¹ against Moab.
 Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste
 And destroyed,
 Because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste
 And destroyed,

- 2 He has gone up to the ¹temple and Dibon,
To the high places to weep.
Moab will wail over Nebo and over Medeba;
^aOn all their heads *will be* baldness,
And every beard cut off.
- 3 In their streets they will clothe themselves with sackcloth;
On the tops of their houses And in their streets
Everyone will wail, ^aweeping bitterly.
- 4 Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out,
Their voice shall be heard as far as ^aJahaz;
Therefore the ¹armed soldiers of Moab will cry out;
His life will be burdensome to him.
- 5 “My ^aheart will cry out for Moab;
His fugitives *shall flee* to Zoar,
Like ^{1a} a three-year-old heifer.
For ^bby the Ascent of Luhith They will go up with weeping;
For in the way of Horonaim They will raise up a cry of destruction,
- 6 For the waters ^aof Nimrim will be desolate,
For the green grass has withered away;
The grass fails, there is nothing green.
- 7 Therefore the abundance they have gained,
And what they have laid up, They will carry away to the Brook of the Willows.
- 8 For the cry has gone all around the borders of Moab,
Its wailing to Eglaim
And its wailing to Beer Elim.
- 9 For the waters of ¹Dimon will be full of blood;
Because I will bring more upon ²Dimon,
^aLions upon him who escapes from Moab,
And on the remnant of the land.”

Moab Destroyed

- 16** Send ^athe lamb to the ruler of the land,
^bFrom ¹Sela to the wilderness,
To the mount of the daughter of Zion.
- 2 For it shall be as a ^awandering bird thrown out of the nest;
So shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of the ^bArnon.
- 3 “Take counsel, execute judgment;
Make your shadow like the

² ^aLev. 21:5;
Jer. 48:37
¹Heb. *bayith*,
(house)

³ ^aJer. 48:38

⁴ ^aNum. 21:28;
32:3; Jer.
48:34 ¹So with
MT, Tg., Vg.;
LXX, Syr.
loins

⁵ ^aIs. 16:11;
Jer. 48:31 ^bJer.
48:5 ¹Or *The
Third Eglath*,
an unknown
city, Jer. 48:34

⁶ ^aNum. 32:36

⁹ ^{a2} Kin.
17:25; Jer.
50:17 ¹So with
MT, Tg.; DSS,
Vg. *Dibon*;
LXX *Rimon*
²See preced-
ing note

CHAPTER 16

¹ ^{a2} Kin. 3:4;
Ezra 7:17
^{b2} Kin. 14:7;
Is. 42:11 ¹Lit.
Rock

² ^aProv. 27:8
^bNum. 21:13

⁴ ¹devastator

⁵ ^a[Is. 9:6, 7;
32:1; 55:4;
Dan. 7:14;
Mic. 4:7; Luke
1:33; Rev.
11:15] ^bPs.
72:2 ^cIs. 9:7

⁶ ^aJer. 48:29;
Amos 2:1;
Obad. 3, 4;
Zeph. 2:8, 10
^bIs. 28:15 ¹Lit.
vain talk

⁷ ^aJer. 48:20
^{b2} Kin. 3:25;
Jer. 48:31

⁸ ^aIs. 24:7 ^bIs.
16:9 ^cJer.
48:32

⁹ ^aIs. 15:4 ¹Or
shouting has

¹⁰ ^aIs. 24:8;
Jer. 48:33

¹¹ ^aIs. 15:5;
63:15; Jer.
48:36; Hos.
11:8; Phil. 2:1
¹Lit. *belly* ²Kir
Hareseth, v. 7

¹² ^aIs. 15:2

- night in the middle of the day;
Hide the outcasts,
Do not betray him who escapes.
4 Let My outcasts dwell with you,
O Moab;
Be a shelter to them from the face of the ¹spoiler.
For the extortioner is at an end,
Devastation ceases,
The oppressors are consumed out of the land.
- 5 In mercy ^athe throne will be established;
And One will sit on it in truth,
in the tabernacle of David,
^bJudging and seeking justice and hastening
^c“righteousness.”
- 6 We have heard of the ^a“pride of Moab—
He is very proud—
Of his haughtiness and his pride and his wrath;
^b*But his ‘lies shall not be so.*
7 Therefore Moab shall ^awail for Moab;
Everyone shall wail.
For the foundations ^bof Kir Hareseth you shall mourn;
Surely *they are* stricken.
- 8 For ^athe fields of Heshbon languish,
And ^bthe vine of Sibmah;
The lords of the nations have broken down its choice plants,
Which have reached to Jazer And wandered through the wilderness.
Her branches are stretched out, They are gone over the ^asea.
- 9 Therefore I will bewail the vine of Sibmah,
With the weeping of Jazer;
I will drench you with my tears,
^aO Heshbon and Elealeh;
For ¹“battle cries have fallen Over your summer fruits and your harvest.
- 10 ^a“Gladness is taken away,
And joy from the plentiful field;
In the vineyards there will be no singing,
Nor will there be shouting;
No treaders will tread out wine in the presses;
I have made their shouting cease.
- 11 Therefore ^amy ¹heart shall resound like a harp for Moab,
And my inner being for ²Kir Heres.
- 12 And it shall come to pass,
When it is seen that Moab is weary on ^athe high place,
That he will come to his sanctuary to pray;
But he will not prevail.

13 This is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14 But now the LORD has spoken, saying, "Within three years, ^aas the years of a hired man, the glory of Moab will be despised with all that great multitude, and the remnant will be very small and feeble."

Proclamation Against Syria and Israel

17 The ^aburden¹ against Damascus.

"Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city,
And it will be a ruinous heap.

2 ¹The cities of ^aAroer are forsaken;

They will be for flocks
Which lie down, and ^bno one will make them afraid.

3 ^aThe fortress also will cease from Ephraim,
The kingdom from Damascus,
And the remnant of Syria;
They will be as the glory of the children of Israel."
Says the LORD of hosts.

4 "In that day it shall come to pass
That the glory of Jacob will ¹wane,
And ^athe fatness of his flesh grow lean.

5 ^aIt shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain,
And reaps the heads with his arm;
It shall be as he who gathers heads of grain
In the Valley of Rephaim.

6 ^aYet gleaning grapes will be left in it,
Like the shaking of an olive tree,
Two or three olives at the top of the uppermost bough,
Four or five in its most fruitful branches."
Says the LORD God of Israel.

7 In that day a man will ^alook to his Maker,
And his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.

8 He will not look to the altars,
The work of his hands;
He will not respect what his ^afingers have made,
Nor the ¹wooden images nor the incense altars.

9 In that day his strong cities will be as a forsaken ¹bough
And ²an uppermost branch,
Which they left because of the children of Israel;
And there will be desolation.

14 ^aJob 7:1;
14:6; Is. 21:16

CHAPTER 17

1 ^aGen. 14:15;
15:2; 2 Kin. 16:9; Jer. 49:23; Amos 1:3-5; Zech. 9:1; Acts 9:2
¹oracle, prophecy

2 ^aNum. 32:34
^bJer. 7:33 ¹So with MT. Vg.: LXX *It shall be forsaken forever*; Tg. *Its cities shall be forsaken and desolate*

3 ^aIs. 7:16; 8:4

4 ^aIs. 10:16
¹fade

5 ^aIs. 17:11; Jer. 51:33; Joel 3:13; Matt. 13:30

6 ^aDeut. 4:27; Is. 24:13; Obad. 5

7 ^aIs. 10:20; Hos. 3:5; Mic. 7:7

8 ^aIs. 2:8; 31:7
¹Or *Asherim*, Canaanite deities

9 ¹LXX *Hivites*; Tg. *laid waste*; Vg. *as the ploughs* ²LXX *Amorites*; Tg. *in ruins*; Vg. *corn*

10 ^aPs. 68:19; Is. 51:13
¹refuge

12 ^aIs. 5:30; Jer. 6:23; Ezek. 43:2; Luke 21:25

13 ^aPs. 9:5; Is. 41:11 ^bPs. 83:13; Hos. 13:3

CHAPTER 18

1 ^a2 Kin. 19:9; Is. 20:4, 5; Ezek. 30:4, 5; 9; Zeph. 2:12; 3:10 ¹Heb. *Cush*

3 ^aIs. 5:26

4 ¹watch

10 Because you have forgotten
^athe God of your salvation,
And have not been mindful of
the Rock of your ¹stronghold,
Therefore you will plant
pleasant plants

And set out foreign seedlings;
11 In the day you will make your
plant to grow,
And in the morning you will
make your seed to flourish;
But the harvest will be a heap
of ruins
In the day of grief and
desperate sorrow.

12 Woe to the multitude of many
people
Who make a noise ^alike the
roar of the seas,
And to the rushing of nations
That make a rushing like the
rushing of mighty waters!

13 The nations will rush like the
rushing of many waters;
But God will ^arebuke them and
they will flee far away,
And ^bbe chased like the chaff
of the mountains before the
wind,
Like a rolling thing before the
whirlwind.

14 Then behold, at eventide,
trouble!
And before the morning, he is
no more.
This is the portion of those who
plunder us,
And the lot of those who rob
us.

Proclamation Against Ethiopia

18 Woe ^ato the land shadowed
with buzzing wings,
Which is beyond the rivers of
¹Ethiopia,

2 Which sends ambassadors by
sea,
Even in vessels of reed on the
waters, saying,
"Go, swift messengers, to a
nation tall and smooth of
skin,
To a people terrible from their
beginning onward,
A nation powerful and treading
down,
Whose land the rivers divide."

3 All inhabitants of the world
and dwellers on the earth:
^aWhen he lifts up a banner on
the mountains, you see it;
And when he blows a trumpet,
you hear it.

4 For so the LORD said to me,
"I will take My rest,
And I will ¹look from My
dwelling place
Like clear heat in sunshine,
Like a cloud of dew in the heat
of harvest."

- 5 For before the harvest, when
the bud is perfect
And the sour grape is ripening
in the flower,
He will both cut off the sprigs
with pruning hooks
And take away *and* cut down
the branches.
- 6 They will be left together for
the mountain birds of prey
And for the beasts of the earth;
The birds of prey will summer
on them,
And all the beasts of the earth
will winter on them.

- 7 In that time ^aa present will be
brought to the LORD of hosts
¹From a people tall and smooth
of skin,
And from a people terrible
from their beginning onward,
A nation powerful and treading
down,
Whose land the rivers divide—
To the place of the name of the
LORD of hosts,
To Mount Zion.

Proclamation Against Egypt

19 The ^aburden¹ against Egypt.

- Behold, the LORD ^brides on a
swift cloud,
And will come into Egypt;
^cThe idols of Egypt will ²totter at
His presence,
And the heart of Egypt will
melt in its midst.
- 2 "I will ^aset Egyptians against
Egyptians;
Everyone will fight against his
brother,
And everyone against his
neighbor,
City against city, kingdom
against kingdom.
- 3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in
its midst;
I will destroy their counsel,
And they will ^cconsult the idols
and the charmers,
The mediums and the sorcerers.
- 4 And the Egyptians I will give
^aInto the hand of a cruel master,
And a fierce king will rule over
them,"
Says the Lord, the LORD of
hosts.
- 5 ^aThe waters will fail from the sea,
And the river will be wasted
and dried up.
- 6 The rivers will turn foul;
The brooks ^aof defense will be
emptied and dried up;
The reeds and rushes will
wither.
- 7 The papyrus reeds by ¹the
River, by the mouth of the
River,

7 ^aPs. 68:31;
72:10; Is. 16:1;
Zeph. 3:10;
Mal. 1:11;
Acts 8:27–38.
¹So with DSS,
LXX, Vg.; MT
omits *From*;
Tg. to

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aJer. 9:25, 26;
Ezek.
29:1—30:19;
Joel 3:19 ^bPs.
18:10; 104:3;
Matt. 26:64;
Rev. 1:7 ^cEx.
12:12; Jer.
43:12 ¹oracle,
prophecy ²Lit.
shake

2 ^aJudg. 7:22;
1 Sam. 14:16,
20; 2 Chr.
20:23; Matt.
10:21, 36

3 ^a1 Chr.
10:13; Is. 8:19;
47:12; Dan.
2:2

4 ^aIs. 20:4; Jer.
46:26; Ezek.
29:19

5 ^aIs. 50:2; Jer.
51:36; Ezek.
30:12

6 ^a2 Kin. 19:24
7 ¹The Nile

9 ^a1 Kin.
10:28; Prov.
7:16; Ezek.
27:7

11 ^aNum.
13:22; Ps.
78:12, 43; Is.
30:4 ^bGen.
41:38, 39;
1 Kin. 4:29,
30; Acts 7:22

12 ^a1 Cor. 1:20
^bPs. 33:11

13 ^aJer. 2:16;
Ezek. 30:13
¹Ancient
Memphis ²Lit.
caused to
stagger ³cor-
nerstone

14 ^a1 Kin.
22:22; Is.
29:10

15 ^aIs. 9:14–16

16 ^aJer. 51:30;
Nah. 3:13 ^bIs.
11:15

17 ^aIs. 14:24;
Dan. 4:35

18 ^aZeph. 3:9
^bIs. 45:23

¹Some Heb.
mss., Arab.,
DSS, Tg., Vg.
Sun; LXX
Asedek, lit.
Righteous-
ness

19 ^aGen. 28:18;
Ex. 24:4; Josh.
22:10, 26, 27;
Is. 56:7; 60:7

- And everything sown by the
River,
Will wither, be driven away,
and be no more.
- 8 The fishermen also will
mourn;
All those will lament who cast
hooks into the River,
And they will languish who
spread nets on the waters.
- 9 Moreover those who work in
^afine flax
And those who weave fine
fabric will be ashamed;
10 And its foundations will be
broken.
All who make wages will be
troubled of soul.
- 11 Surely the princes of ^aZoan are
fools;
Pharaoh's wise counselors give
foolish counsel.
^bHow do you say to Pharaoh,
"I am the son of the wise,
The son of ancient kings?"
- 12 ^aWhere are they?
Where are your wise men?
Let them tell you now,
And let them know what the
LORD of hosts has ^bpurposed
against Egypt.
- 13 The princes of Zoan have
become fools;
^cThe princes of ¹Noph are
deceived;
They have also ²deluded
Egypt,
Those who are the ³mainstay of
its tribes.
- 14 The LORD has mingled ^aa
perverse spirit in her midst;
And they have caused Egypt to
err in all her work,
As a drunken man staggers in
his vomit.
- 15 Neither will there be *any* work
for Egypt,
Which ^athe head or tail,
Palm branch or bulrush, may
do.

16 In that day Egypt will ^abe like
women, and will be afraid and fear
because of the waving of the hand
of the LORD of hosts, ^bwhich He
waves over it.

17 And the land of Judah will be a
terror to Egypt; everyone who
makes mention of it will be afraid in
himself, because of the counsel of
the LORD of hosts which He has ^ade-
termined against it.

Egypt, Assyria, and Israel Blessed

- 18 In that day five cities in the land
of Egypt will ^aspeak the language of
Canaan and ^bswear by the LORD
of hosts; one will be called the City
of ¹Destruction.
- 19 In that day ^athere will be an altar
to the LORD in the midst of the land

of Egypt, and a pillar to the ^bLORD at its border.

20 And ^ait will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He will send them a ^bSavior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them.

21 Then the LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will ^aknow the LORD in that day, and ^bwill make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the LORD and perform it.

22 And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and ^aheal it; they will return to the LORD, and He will be entreated by them and heal them.

23 In that day ^athere will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will ^bserve with the Assyrians.

24 In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land,

25 whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria ^athe work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.”

The Sign Against Egypt and Ethiopia

20 In the year that ^aTartan¹ came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it, 2 ^aat the same time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go, and remove ^athe sackcloth from your ^bbody, and take your sandals off your feet.” And he did so, ^bwalking naked and barefoot.

3 Then the LORD said, “Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years ^afor a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia,

4 “so shall the ^aking of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, ^bwith their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 ^a“Then they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory.

6 “And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day, ‘Surely such is our expectation, wherever we flee for ^ahelp to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?’ ”

The Fall of Babylon Proclaimed

21 The ^bburden against the Wilderness of the Sea.

As ^awhirlwinds in the South pass through,

19 ^bPs. 68:31

20 ^aJosh. 4:20; 22:27 ^bIs. 43:11

21 ^aIs. 2:3, 4; 11:9 ^bIs. 56:7; 60:7; Zech. 14:16–18; Mal. 1:11

22 ^aDeut. 32:39; Is. 30:26; 57:18; [Heb. 12:11]

23 ^aIs. 11:16; 35:8; 49:11; 62:10 ^bIs. 27:13

25 ^aDeut. 14:2; Ps. 100:3; Is. 29:23; Hos. 2:23; [Eph. 2:10]

CHAPTER 20

1 ^a2 Kin. 18:17 ¹Or *the Commander in Chief*

2 ^aZech. 13:4; Matt. 3:4 ^b1 Sam. 19:24; Mic. 1:8 ¹Lit. *loins*

3 ^aIs. 8:18

4 ^aIs. 19:4 ^b2 Sam. 10:4; Is. 3:17; Jer. 13:22; Mic. 1:11

5 ^a2 Kin. 18:21; Is. 30:3–5; 31:1; Ezek. 29:6, 7 ^bIs. 30:5, 7

CHAPTER 21

1 ^aZech. 9:14 ¹oracle, *prophecy*

2 ^aIs. 33:1 ^bIs. 13:17; 22:6; Jer. 49:34

3 ^aIs. 15:5; 16:11 ^bIs. 13:8 ¹Lit. *bowed*

4 ^aDeut. 28:67

5 ^aJer. 51:39; Dan. 5:5

8 ^aHab. 2:1 ¹DSS *Then the observer cried, “My Lord!”*

9 ^aIs. 13:19; 47:5, 9; 48:14; Jer. 51:8; Dan. 5:28, 31; Rev. 14:8; 18:2 ^bIs. 46:1; Jer. 50:2; 51:44

10 ^aJer. 51:33; Mic. 4:13

11 ^aGen. 25:14; 1 Chr. 1:30; Josh. 15:52 ^bGen. 32:3; Jer. 49:7; Ezek. 35:2; Obad. 1 ¹oracle, *prophecy*

So it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

2 A distressing vision is declared to me;

^aThe treacherous dealer deals treacherously, And the plunderer plunders.

^bGo up, O Elam! Besiege, O Media! All its sighing I have made to cease.

3 Therefore ^amy loins are filled with pain;

^bPangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor.

I was ¹distressed when I heard it;

4 My heart wavered, fearfulness frightened me;

^aThe night for which I longed He turned into fear for me.

5 ^aPrepare the table, Set a watchman in the tower, Eat and drink. Arise, you princes, Anoint the shield!

6 For thus has the Lord said to me:

“Go, set a watchman, Let him declare what he sees.”

7 And he saw a chariot *with* a pair of horsemen, A chariot of donkeys, *and* a chariot of camels, And he listened earnestly with great care.

8 ¹Then he cried, “A lion, my Lord! I stand continually on the ^awatchtower in the daytime; I have sat at my post every night.

9 And look, here comes a chariot of men *with* a pair of horsemen!”

Then he answered and said, ^a“Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And ^ball the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground.”

10 ^aOh, my threshing and the grain of my floor!

That which I have heard from the LORD of hosts, The God of Israel, I have declared to you.

Proclamation Against Edom

11 ^aThe ^bburden against Dumah.

He calls to me out of ^bSeir, “Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?”

12 The watchman said, “The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire; Return! Come back!”

*Proclamation Against Arabia*13 ^aThe ^bburden against Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia you will lodge,
O you traveling companies ^bof Dedanites.

14 O inhabitants of the land of Tema,

Bring water to him who is thirsty;
With their bread they met him who fled.

15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the distress of war.

16 For thus the LORD has said to me: "Within a year, ^aaccording to the year of a hired man, all the glory of ^bKedar will fail;

17 "and the remainder of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Kedar, will be diminished; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken it."

*Proclamation Against Jerusalem*22 The ^bburden against the Valley of Vision.

What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops,

2 You who are full of noise, A ^btumultuous city, ^aa joyous city?

Your slain *men are* not slain with the sword,
Nor dead in battle.

3 All your rulers have fled together;

They are captured by the archers.

All who are found in you are bound together;

They have fled from afar.

4 Therefore I said, "Look away from me,

^aI will weep bitterly;
Do not labor to comfort me
Because of the plundering of the daughter of my people."

5 ^aFor *it is* a day of trouble and treading down and perplexity

^bBy the Lord GOD of hosts

In the Valley of Vision—

Breaking down the walls

And of crying to the mountain.

6 ^aElam bore the quiver

With chariots of men *and* horsemen,

And ^bKir uncovered the shield.

7 It shall come to pass *that* your choicest valleys

Shall be full of chariots,
And the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

13 ^aJer. 25:24; 49:28 ^bGen. 10:7; 1 Chr. 1:9, 32; Jer. 25:23; Ezek. 27:15 ¹oracle, prophecy

16 ^aIs. 16:14 ^bPs. 120:5; Song 1:5; Is. 42:11; 60:7; Ezek. 27:21

CHAPTER 22

1 ¹oracle, prophecy

2 ^aIs. 32:13 ¹boisterous

4 ^aJer. 4:19

5 ^aIs. 37:3 ^bLam. 1:5; 2:2

6 ^aJer. 49:35 ^bIs. 15:1

8 ^{a2} Kin. 18:15, 16 ^{b1} Kin. 7:2; 10:17 ¹Lit. covering

9 ^{a2} Kin. 20:20; 2 Chr. 32:4; Neh. 3:16 ¹Lit. breaches in the city walls

11 ^aNeh. 3:16 ^{b2} Kin. 20:20; 2 Chr. 32:3, 4

12 ^aIs. 32:11; Joel 1:13; 2:17 ^bEzra 9:3; Is. 15:2; Mic. 1:16

13 ^aIs. 5:11, 22; 28:7, 8; Luke 17:26–29 ^bIs. 56:12; 1 Cor. 15:32

14 ^aIs. 5:9 ^{b1} Sam. 3:14; Ezek. 24:13

15 ^{a2} Kin. 18:37; Is. 36:3

16 ^{a2} Sam. 18:18; 2 Chr. 16:14; Matt. 27:60

17 ^aEsth. 7:8

18 ^aIs. 2:7

8 ^aHe removed the ¹protection of Judah.

You looked in that day to the armor ^bof the House of the Forest;

9 ^aYou also saw the ¹damage to the city of David,

That it was great;

And you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 You numbered the houses of Jerusalem,

And the houses you broke down

To fortify the wall.

11 ^aYou also made a reservoir

between the two walls

For the water of the old ^bpool.

But you did not look to its

Maker,

Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.

12 And in that day the Lord GOD of hosts

^aCalled for weeping and for mourning,

^bFor baldness and for girding with sackcloth.

13 But instead, joy and gladness, Slaying oxen and killing sheep,

Eating meat and ^adrinking wine:

^b"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

14 ^aThen it was revealed in my

hearing by the LORD of hosts,

"Surely for this iniquity there

^bwill be no atonement for you,

Even to your death," says the Lord GOD of hosts.

The Judgment on Shebna

15 Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts:

"Go, proceed to this steward, To ^aShebna, who is over the house, *and say*:

16 'What have you here, and whom have you here,

That you have hewn a

sepulcher here,

As he ^awho hews himself a

sepulcher on high,

Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock?

17 Indeed, the LORD will throw you away violently,

O mighty man,

^aAnd will surely seize you.

18 He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball

Into a large country;

There you shall die, and there

^ayour glorious chariots

Shall be the shame of your master's house.

19 So I will drive you out of your office,

- And from your position ¹he will pull you down.
- 20 'Then it shall be in that day, That I will call My servant
^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah;
- 21 I will clothe him with your robe
 And strengthen him with your belt;
 I will commit your responsibility into his hand.
 He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 And to the house of Judah.
- 22 The key of the house of David
 I will lay on his ^ashoulder;
 So he shall ^bopen, and no one shall shut;
 And he shall shut, and no one shall open.
- 23 I will fasten him as ^aa peg in a secure place,
 And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house.
- 24 'They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the posterity, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers.
- 25 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'the peg that is fastened in the secure place will be removed and be cut down and fall, and the burden that was on it will be cut off; for the LORD has spoken.'

Proclamation Against Tyre

- 23** The ^aburden¹ against Tyre.
 Wail, you ships of Tarshish!
 For it is laid waste,
 So that there is no house, no harbor;
 From the land of ²Cyprus it is revealed to them.
- 2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coastland,
 You merchants of Sidon,
¹Whom those who cross the sea have filled.
- 3 And on great waters the grain of Shihor,
 The harvest of ¹the River, is her revenue;
 And ^ashe is a marketplace for the nations.
- 4 Be ashamed, O Sidon;
 For the sea has spoken,
 The strength of the sea, saying,
 "I do not labor, nor bring forth children;
 Neither do I rear young men,
 Nor bring up virgins."
- 5 ^aWhen the report *reaches* Egypt,
 They also will be in agony at the report of Tyre.
- 6 Cross over to Tarshish;
 Wail, you inhabitants of the coastland!

19 ¹LXX omits *he will pull you down*;
 Syr., Tg., Vg. *I will pull you down*

20 ^{a2} Kin. 18:18; Is. 36:3, 22; 37:2

22 ^aIs. 9:6 ^bJob 12:14; Rev. 3:7

23 ^aEzra 9:8; Zech. 10:4

CHAPTER 23

1 ^aJer. 25:22; 47:4; Ezek. 26—28; Amos 1:9; Zech. 9:2.
 4 ¹oracle, prophecy
¹Heb. Kittim, western lands, especially Cyprus

2 ¹So with MT, Vg.; LXX, Tg. *passing over the water*; DSS *your messengers passing over the sea*

3 ^aEzek. 27:3—23 ¹The Nile

5 ^aIs. 19:16

7 ^aIs. 22:2; 32:13

8 ^aEzek. 28:2, 12

9 ^aIs. 14:26
^bJob 40:11, 12; Is. 13:11; 24:4; Dan. 4:37
¹pollute

10 ¹The Nile
²restraint, lit. belt

11 ^aZech. 9:2—4

12 ^aEzek. 26:13, 14; Rev. 18:22

13 ^aIs. 47:1
^bPs. 72:9

14 ^aEzek. 27:25—30

17 ^aRev. 17:2

18 ^aEx. 28:36; Zech. 14:20,
 21 ¹choice

- 7 *Is this your ^ajoyous city*,
 Whose antiquity is from ancient days,
 Whose feet carried her far off to dwell?
- 8 Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, ^athe crowning city,
 Whose merchants *are* princes,
 Whose traders *are* the honorable of the earth?
- 9 The LORD of hosts has ^apurposed it,
 To ¹bring to dishonor the ^bpride of all glory.
 To bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.
- 10 Overflow through your land like ¹the River,
 O daughter of Tarshish;
There is no more ²strength.
- 11 He stretched out His hand over the sea,
 He shook the kingdoms;
 The LORD has given a commandment ^aagainst Canaan
 To destroy its strongholds.
- 12 And He said, "You will rejoice no more,
 O you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon.
 Arise, ^across over to Cyprus;
 There also you will have no rest."
- 13 Behold, the land of the ^aChaldeans,
 This people *which* was not; Assyria founded it for ^bwild beasts of the desert.
 They set up its towers,
 They raised up its palaces,
 And brought it to ruin.
- 14 ^aWail, you ships of Tarshish!
 For your strength is laid waste.
- 15 Now it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years it will happen to Tyre as *in* the song of the harlot:
- 16 "Take a harp, go about the city,
 You forgotten harlot;
 Make sweet melody, sing many songs,
 That you may be remembered."
- 17 And it shall be, at the end of seventy years, that the LORD will deal with Tyre. She will return to her hire, and ^acommit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth.
- 18 Her gain and her pay ^awill be set apart for the LORD; it will not be treasured nor laid up, for her gain will be for those who dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for ¹fine clothing.

Impending Judgment on the Earth

- 24** Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste,
Distorts its surface
And scatters abroad its inhabitants.
- 2** And it shall be:
As with the people, so with the priest;
As with the servant, so with his master;
As with the maid, so with her mistress;
^bAs with the buyer, so with the seller;
As with the lender, so with the borrower;
As with the creditor, so with the debtor.
- 3** The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered,
For the LORD has spoken this word.
- 4** The earth mourns *and* fades away,
The world languishes *and* fades away;
The ^ahaughty¹ people of the earth languish.
- 5** ^aThe earth is also defiled under its inhabitants,
Because they have ^btransgressed the laws,
Changed the ordinance,
Broken the ^ceverlasting covenant.
- 6** Therefore ^athe curse has devoured the earth,
And those who dwell in it are ¹desolate.
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are ^bburned,
And few men *are* left.
- 7** ^aThe new wine fails, the vine languishes,
All the merry-hearted sigh.
- 8** The mirth ^aof the tambourine ceases,
The noise of the jubilant ends,
The joy of the harp ceases.
- 9** They shall not drink wine with a song;
Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.
- 10** The city of confusion is broken down;
Every house is shut up, so that none may go in.
- 11** *There* is a cry for wine in the streets,
All joy is darkened,
The mirth of the land is gone.
- 12** In the city desolation is left,
And the gate is stricken with destruction.
- 13** When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people,

CHAPTER 24

² ^aHos. 4:9
^bEzek. 7:12, 13

⁴ ^aIs. 25:11
¹*proud*

⁵ ^aGen. 3:17; Num. 35:33; Is. 9:17; 10:6
^bIs. 59:12
^c1 Chr. 16:14-19; Ps. 105:7-12

⁶ ^aMal. 4:6 ^bIs. 9:19 ¹*Or held guilty*

⁷ ^aIs. 16:8-10; Joel 1:10, 12

⁸ ^aIs. 5:12, 14; Jer. 7:34; 16:9; 25:10; Ezek. 26:13; Hos. 2:11; Rev. 18:22

¹³ ^a[Is. 17:5, 6; 27:12]

¹⁵ ^aIs. 25:3
^bMal. 1:11

¹⁶ ^aIs. 21:2; 33:1; Jer. 3:20; 5:11 ¹*Lit. Leanness to me, leanness to me*

¹⁷ ^aJer. 48:43; Amos 5:19

¹⁸ ^aGen. 7:11
^bPs. 18:7; 46:2; Is. 2:19, 21; 13:13 ¹*Lit. taken*

¹⁹ ^aJer. 4:23

²⁰ ^aIs. 19:14; 24:1; 28:7
¹*stagger*

²¹ ^aPs. 76:12

²² ¹*dungeon*

²³ ^aIs. 13:10; 60:19; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:31; 3:15
^bRev. 19:4, 6
^c[Heb. 12:22]

^a*It shall be* like the shaking of an olive tree,
Like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.

- 14** They shall lift up their voice,
they shall sing;
For the majesty of the LORD
They shall cry aloud from the sea.

- 15** Therefore ^aglorify the LORD in the dawning light,
^bThe name of the LORD God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea.

- 16** From the ends of the earth we have heard songs:
"Glory to the righteous!"
But I said, ¹"I am ruined,
ruined!
Woe to me!
^aThe treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously,
Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."

- 17** ^aFear and the pit and the snare
Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.

- 18** And it shall be
That he who flees from the noise of the fear
Shall fall into the pit,
And he who comes up from the midst of the pit
Shall be ¹caught in the snare;
For ^athe windows from on high are open,
And ^bthe foundations of the earth are shaken.

- 19** ^aThe earth is violently broken,
The earth is split open,
The earth is shaken exceedingly.

- 20** The earth shall ^areel¹ to and fro like a drunkard,
And shall totter like a hut;
Its transgression shall be heavy upon it,
And it will fall, and not rise again.

- 21** It shall come to pass in that day
That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones,
And on the earth ^athe kings of the earth.

- 22** They will be gathered together,
As prisoners are gathered in the ¹pit,
And will be shut up in the prison;
After many days they will be punished.

- 23** Then the ^amoon will be disgraced
And the sun ashamed;
For the LORD of hosts will ^breign
On ^aMount Zion and in Jerusalem

And before His elders,
gloriously.

Praise to God

- 25** O LORD, You are my God.
^aI will exalt You,
 I will praise Your name,
^bFor You have done wonderful
things;
^cYour counsels of old are
 faithfulness and truth.
- 2 For You have made ^aa city a ruin,
 A fortified city a ruin,
 A palace of foreigners to be a
 city no more;
 It will never be rebuilt.
- 3 Therefore the strong people
 will ^aglorify You;
 The city of the ¹terrible nations
 will fear You.
- 4 For You have been a strength to
 the poor,
 A strength to the needy in his
 distress,
^aA refuge from the storm,
 A shade from the heat;
 For the blast of the terrible
 ones is as a storm *against* the
 wall.
- 5 You will reduce the noise of
 aliens,
 As heat in a dry place;
 As heat in the shadow of a
 cloud,
 The song of the terrible ones
 will be ¹diminished.
- 6 And in ^athis mountain
^bThe LORD of hosts will make
 for ^aall people
 A feast of ¹choice pieces,
 A feast of ²wines on the lees,
 Of fat things full of marrow,
 Of well-refined wines on the
 lees.
- 7 And He will destroy on this
 mountain
 The surface of the covering cast
 over all people,
 And ^athe veil that is spread
 over all nations.
- 8 He will ^aswallow up death
 forever,
 And the Lord GOD will ^bwipe
 away tears from all faces;
 The rebuke of His people
 He will take away from all the
 earth;
 For the LORD has spoken.
- 9 And it will be said in that day:
 "Behold, this is our God;
^aWe have waited for Him, and
 He will save us.
 This is the LORD;
 We have waited for Him;
^bWe will be glad and rejoice in
 His salvation."
- 10 For on this mountain the hand
 of the LORD will rest,
 And ^aMoab shall be trampled
 down under Him,

CHAPTER 25

- ¹^aEx. 15:2
^bPs. 98:1
^cNum. 23:19
- 2 ^aIs. 21:9;
 23:13; Jer.
 51:37
- 3 ^aIs. 24:15;
 Rev. 11:13
¹terrifying
- 4 ^aIs. 4:6
- 5 ¹humbled
- 6 ^a[Is. 2:2-4;
 56:7] ^bProv.
 9:2; Matt. 22:4
^c[Dan. 7:14;
 Matt. 8:11]
¹Lit. fat
 things ²wines
 matured on
 the sediment
- 7 ^a2 Cor. 3:15;
 [Eph. 4:18]
- 8 ^a[Hos. 13:14;
 1 Cor. 15:54;
 Rev. 20:14]
^bIs. 30:19;
 Rev. 7:17; 21:4
- 9 ^aGen. 49:18;
 Is. 8:17; 26:8;
 [Titus 2:13]
^bPs. 20:5
- 10 ^aIs. 16:14;
 Jer. 48:1-47;
 Ezek. 25:8-11;
 Amos 2:1-3;
 Zeph. 2:9
- 11 ^aIs. 24:4;
 26:5
- 12 ^aIs. 26:5
- CHAPTER 26
- 1 ^aIs. 2:11;
 12:1 ^bIs. 60:18
- 2 ^aPs. 118:19,
 20 ¹Or re-
 mains faithful
- 3 ^aIs. 57:19;
 [Phil. 4:6, 7]
- 4 ^aIs. 12:2;
 45:17 ¹Or
 Rock of Ages
- 5 ^aIs. 25:11, 12
¹low
- 6 ¹trample
- 7 ^aPs. 37:23
¹Or make
 level
- 8 ^aIs. 64:5 ^bIs.
 25:9; 33:2
- 9 ^aPs. 63:6;
 Song 3:1; Is.
 50:10; Luke
 6:12
- 10 ^aEccl. 8:12;
 [Rom. 2:4]
^bPs. 143:10

As straw is trampled down for
the refuse heap.

- 11 And He will spread out His
hands in their midst
As a swimmer reaches out to
swim,
And He will bring down their
^apride
Together with the trickery of
their hands.
- 12 The ^afortress of the high fort of
your walls
He will bring down, lay low,
And bring to the ground, down to
the dust.

A Song of Salvation

26 In ^athat day this song will be
sung in the land of Judah:

- ^a"We have a strong city;
^bGod will appoint salvation for
walls and bulwarks.
- 2 ^aOpen the gates,
That the righteous nation
which ¹keeps the truth may
enter in.
- 3 You will keep *him* in perfect
^apeace,
Whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.
- 4 Trust in the LORD forever,
^aFor in YAH, the LORD, is
¹everlasting strength.
- 5 For He brings ¹down those who
dwell on high,
^aThe lofty city;
He lays it low,
He lays it low to the ground,
He brings it down to the dust.
- 6 The foot shall ¹tread it down—
The feet of the poor
And the steps of the needy."
- 7 The way of the just is
uprightness;
^aO Most Upright,
You ¹weigh the path of the
just.
- 8 Yes, ^ain the way of Your
judgments,
O LORD, we have ^bwaited for
You;
The desire of *our* soul is for
Your name
And for the remembrance of
You.
- 9 ^aWith my soul I have desired You
in the night,
Yes, by my spirit within me I
will seek You early;
For when Your judgments are in
the earth,
The inhabitants of the world
will learn righteousness.
- 10 ^aLet grace be shown to the
wicked,
Yet he will not learn
righteousness;
In ^bthe land of uprightness he
will deal unjustly,

And will not behold the
majesty of the LORD.
11 LORD, *when* Your hand is lifted
up, ^athey will not see.
But they will see and be
ashamed
For ¹*their* envy of people;
Yes, the fire of Your enemies
shall devour them.

12 LORD, You will establish peace
for us,
For You have also done all our
works ¹in us.

13 O LORD our God, ^amasters
besides You
Have had dominion over us;
But by You only we make
mention of Your name.

14 *They are* dead, they will not
live;
They are deceased, they will
not rise.
Therefore You have punished
and destroyed them,
And made all their memory to
^aperish.

15 You have increased the nation,
O LORD,
You have ^aincreased the
nation;
You are glorified;
You have expanded all the
¹borders of the land.

16 LORD, ^ain trouble they have
visited You,
They poured out a prayer *when*
Your chastening was upon
them.

17 As ^aa woman with child
Is in pain and cries out in her
¹pangs,
When she draws near the time
of her delivery,
So have we been in Your sight,
O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we
have been in pain;
We have, as it were, ¹brought
forth wind;
We have not accomplished any
deliverance in the earth,
Nor have ^athe inhabitants of
the world fallen.

19 ^aYour dead shall live;
Together with ¹my dead body
they shall arise.
^bAwake and sing, you who dwell
in dust;
For your dew *is like* the dew of
herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the
dead.

*Take Refuge from the Coming
Judgment*

20 Come, my people, ^aenter your
chambers,
And shut your doors behind
you;

11 ^aIs. 5:12 ¹Or
*Your zeal for
the people*

12 ¹Or *for us*

13 ^{a2} Chr. 12:8

14 ^aEcc1. 9:5

15 ^aIs. 9:3 ¹Or
ends

16 ^aHos. 5:15

17 ^a[John
16:21] ¹*sharp
pains*

18 ^aPs. 17:14
¹*given birth
to*

19 ^a[Ezek.
37:1-14]
^b[Dan. 12:2]
¹So with MT,
Vg.; Syr., Tg.
*their dead
bodies; LXX
those in the
tombs*

20 ^aEx. 12:22,
23 ^b[Ps. 30:5]

21 ^aMic. 1:3
¹Or *bloodshed*

CHAPTER 27

1 ^aPs. 74:13,
14 ^bIs. 51:9

2 ^aIs. 5:1 ^bIs.
5:7 ¹So with
MT (Kittel's
*Biblia
Hebraica*),
Bg., Vg.; MT
(*Biblia
Hebraica
Stuttgarten-
sio*), some
Heb. mss.,
LXX *delight*;
Tg. *choice
vineyard*

3 ^aIs. 31:5

4 ^{a2} Sam. 23:6

5 ^aIs. 25:4
^bJob 22:21

6 ^aIs. 37:31

7 ^aIs. 10:12,
17; 30:30-33
¹Lit. *him*

8 ^aJob 23:6
^b[Ps. 78:38]

9 ¹Heb. *Ashe-
rim*, Canaan-
ite deities

10 ^aIs. 5:6, 17;
32:14

Hide yourself, as it were, ^bfor a
little moment,
Until the indignation is past.
21 For behold, the LORD ^acomes
out of His place
To punish the inhabitants of the
earth for their iniquity;
The earth will also disclose her
¹blood,
And will no more cover her
slain.

27 In that day the LORD with His
severe sword, great and
strong,
Will punish Leviathan the
fleeing serpent,
^aLeviathan that twisted serpent;
And He will slay ^bthe reptile
that is in the sea.

The Restoration of Israel

2 In that day ^asing to her,
^b"A vineyard of ¹red wine!
3 ^aI, the LORD, keep it,
I water it every moment;
Lest any hurt it,
I keep it night and day.
4 Fury is not in Me.
Who would set ^bbriers and
thorns
Against Me in battle?
I would go through them,
I would burn them together.
5 Or let him take hold ^aof My
strength,
That he may ^bmake peace with
Me;
And he shall make peace with
Me."

6 Those who come He shall
cause ^ato take root in Jacob;
Israel shall blossom and bud,
And fill the face of the world
with fruit.

7 ^aHas He struck ¹Israel as He
struck those who struck him?
Or has He been slain according
to the slaughter of those who
were slain by Him?

8 ^aIn measure, by sending it away,
You contended with it.
^bHe removes it by His rough
wind

In the day of the east wind.
9 Therefore by this the iniquity of
Jacob will be covered;
And this is all the fruit of
taking away his sin:
When he makes all the stones
of the altar
Like chalkstones that are
beaten to dust,
¹Wooden images and incense
altars shall not stand.

10 Yet the fortified city *will be*
^adesolate,
The habitation forsaken and
left like a wilderness;

- There the calf will feed, and there it will lie down And consume its branches.
- 11 When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off; The women come *and* set them on fire.
For ^cit is a people of no understanding;
Therefore He who made them will ^bnot have mercy on them, And ^aHe who formed them will show them no favor.
- 12 And it shall come to pass in that day
That the LORD will thresh, From the channel of ¹the River to the Brook of Egypt;
And you will be ^agathered one by one,
O you children of Israel.
- 13 ^aSo it shall be in that day:
^bThe great trumpet will be blown;
They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria,
And they who are outcasts in the land of ^cEgypt,
And shall ^aworship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Woe to Ephraim and Jerusalem

- 28** Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim,
Whose glorious beauty is a fading flower
Which is at the head of the ¹verdant valleys,
To those who are overcome with wine!
- 2 Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one,
^aLike a tempest of hail and a destroying storm,
Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing,
Who will bring *them* down to the earth with *His* hand.
- 3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim,
Will be trampled underfoot;
- 4 And the glorious beauty is a fading flower
Which is at the head of the ¹verdant valley,
Like the first fruit before the summer,
Which an observer sees;
He eats it up while it is still in his hand.
- 5 In that day the LORD of hosts will be
For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty
To the remnant of His people,
- 6 For a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment,

11 ^aDeut. 32:28; Is. 1:3
^bIs. 9:17
^cDeut. 32:18; Is. 43:1, 7; 44:2, 21, 24

12 ^a[Is. 11:11; 56:8] ¹The Euphrates

13 ^aIs. 2:11
^bLev. 25:9;
1 Chr. 15:24; Matt. 24:31;
Rev. 11:15 ^cIs. 19:21, 22 ^a[Is. 2:3]; Zech. 14:16; [Heb. 12:22]

CHAPTER 28

1 ¹Lit. valleys of fatness

2 ^aIs. 30:30; Ezek. 13:11

4 ¹Lit. valley of fatness

7 ^aProv. 20:1; Is. 5:11, 22; Hos. 4:11 ^bIs. 56:10, 12

9 ^aJer. 6:10

10 ^a[2 Chr. 36:15; Neh. 9:30; Jer. 25:3; 4; 35:15; 44:4]

11 ^aIs. 33:19; 1 Cor. 14:21

12 ^aIs. 30:15; Jer. 6:16; [Matt. 11:28, 29]

15 ^aIs. 9:15; Ezek. 13:22; Amos 2:4

And for strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

- 7 But they also ^ahave erred through wine,
And through intoxicating drink are out of the way;
^bThe priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink,
They are swallowed up by wine,
They are out of the way through intoxicating drink;
They err in vision, they stumble in judgment.
- 8 For all tables are full of vomit and filth;
No place is clean.
- 9 ^a“Whom^a will he teach knowledge?
And whom will he make to understand the message?
Those *just* weaned from milk?
Those *just* drawn from the breasts?”
- 10 ^aFor precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”
- 11 For with ^astammering lips and another tongue
He will speak to this people,
- 12 To whom He said, “This is the ^arest with which
You may cause the weary to rest.”
And, “This is the refreshing”;
Yet they would not hear.
- 13 But the word of the LORD was to them,
“Precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,”
That they might go and fall backward, and be broken
And snared and caught.
- 14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men,
Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,
- 15 Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death,
And with Sheol we are in agreement.
When the overflowing scourge passes through,
It will not come to us,
^aFor we have made lies our refuge,
And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.”

A Cornerstone in Zion

- 16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

- “Behold, I lay in Zion ^aa stone for a foundation,
A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation;
Whoever believes will not act hastily.
- 17 Also I will make justice the measuring line,
And righteousness the plummet;
The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,
And the waters will overflow the hiding place.
- 18 Your covenant with death will be annulled,
And your agreement with Sheol will not stand;
When the overflowing scourge passes through,
Then you will be trampled down by it.
- 19 As often as it goes out it will take you;
For morning by morning it will pass over,
And by day and by night;
It will be a terror just to understand the report.”
- 20 For the bed is too short to stretch out on,
And the covering so narrow that one cannot wrap himself in it.
- 21 For the LORD will rise up as at Mount ^aPerazim,
He will be angry as in the Valley of ^bGibeon—
That He may do His work, ^cHis awesome work,
And bring to pass His act, His ¹unusual act.
- 22 Now therefore, do not be mockers,
Lest your bonds be made strong;
For I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts,
^aA ¹destruction determined even upon the whole earth.
- Listen to the Teaching of God*
- 23 Give ear and hear my voice,
Listen and hear my speech.
- 24 Does the plowman keep plowing all day to sow?
Does he keep turning his soil and breaking the clods?
- 25 When he has leveled its surface,
Does he not sow the black cummin
And scatter the cummin,
Plant the wheat in rows,
The barley in the appointed place,
And the ¹spelt in its place?
- 26 For He instructs him in right judgment,
His God teaches him.

16 ^aGen. 49:24; Ps. 118:22; Is. 8:14, 15; Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Rom. 9:33; 10:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:6-8

21 ^a2 Sam. 5:20; 1 Chr. 14:11 ^bJosh. 10:10, 12; 2 Sam. 5:25; 1 Chr. 14:16 ^c[Lam. 3:33; Luke 19:41-44] ¹Lit. foreign

22 ^aIs. 10:22; Dan. 9:27 ¹Lit. complete end

25 ¹rye

29 ^aPs. 92:5; Is. 9:6; Jer. 32:19 ¹sound wisdom

CHAPTER 29

1 ^aEzek. 24:6; 9 ^b2 Sam. 5:9 ¹Jerusalem, lit. *Lion of God*

4 ^aIs. 8:19

5 ^aIs. 25:5 ^bJob 21:18; Is. 17:13 ^cIs. 30:13; 47:11; 1 Thess. 5:3

6 ^aIs. 28:2; 30:30 ^{b1} Sam. 2:10; Zech. 14:4; Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Rev. 16:18, 19

7 ^aIs. 37:36; Mic. 4:11, 12; Zech. 12:9 ^bJob 20:8 ¹Jerusalem

8 ^aPs. 73:20

- 27 For the black cummin is not threshed with a threshing sledge,
Nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cummin;
But the black cummin is beaten out with a stick,
And the cummin with a rod.
28 Bread *flour* must be ground;
Therefore he does not thresh it forever,
Break *it* with his cartwheel,
Or crush it *with* his horsemen.
- 29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts,
^aWho is wonderful in counsel and excellent in ¹guidance.

Woe to Jerusalem

- 29 “Woe ^ato ¹Ariel, to Ariel, the city ^bwhere David dwelt!
Add year to year;
Let feasts come around.
2 Yet I will distress Ariel;
There shall be heaviness and sorrow,
And it shall be to Me as Ariel.
- 3 I will encamp against you all around,
I will lay siege against you with a mound,
And I will raise siegeworks against you.
- 4 You shall be brought down,
You shall speak out of the ground;
Your speech shall be low, out of the dust;
Your voice shall be like a medium’s, ^aout of the ground;
And your speech shall whisper out of the dust.
- 5 “Moreover the multitude of your ^afoes
Shall be like fine dust,
And the multitude of the terrible ones
Like ^bchaff that passes away;
Yes, it shall be ^cin an instant, suddenly.
- 6 ^aYou will be punished by the LORD of hosts
With thunder and ^bearthquake and great noise,
With storm and tempest
And the flame of devouring fire.
- 7 ^aThe multitude of all the nations who fight against ¹Ariel,
Even all who fight against her and her fortress,
And distress her,
Shall be ^bas a dream of a night vision.
- 8 “It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams,
And look—he eats;
But he awakes, and his soul is still empty;
Or as when a thirsty man dreams,

And look—he drinks;
But he awakes, and indeed *he*
is faint,
And his soul still craves:
So the multitude of all the
nations shall be,
Who fight against Mount Zion.”

The Blindness of Disobedience

- 9 Pause and wonder!
Blind yourselves and be blind!
“They are drunk, ^bbut not with
wine;
They stagger, but not with
intoxicating drink.
10 For ^cthe LORD has poured out
on you
The spirit of deep sleep,
And has ^bclosed your eyes,
namely, the prophets;
And He has covered your
heads, *namely*, ^cthe seers.

11 The whole vision has become to
you like the words of a ^bbook “that is
sealed, which *men* deliver to one
who is literate, saying, “Read this,
please.” ^bAnd he says, “I cannot, for
it is sealed.”

12 Then the book is delivered to
one who ^bis illiterate, saying, “Read
this, please.” And he says, “I am not
literate.”

13 Therefore the Lord said:

“Inasmuch as these people draw
near with their mouths
And honor Me ^bwith their lips,
But have removed their hearts
far from Me,
And their fear toward Me is
taught by the commandment
of men,

- 14 “Therefore, behold, I will again
do a marvelous work
Among this people,
A marvelous work and a
wonder;

^bFor the wisdom of their wise
men shall perish,
And the understanding of their
prudent *men* shall be
hidden.”

- 15 “Woe to those who seek deep to
hide their counsel far from
the LORD,
And their works are in the
dark;

^bThey say, “Who sees us?” and,
“Who knows us?”

- 16 Surely you have things turned
around!
Shall the potter be esteemed as
the clay;
For shall the “thing made say of
him who made it,
“He did not make me?”
Or shall the thing formed say
of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding?”

9 ^aIs. 28:7, 8
^bIs. 51:21

10 ^aPs. 69:23;
Is. 6:9, 10;
Mic. 3:6; Rom.
11:8 ^bPs.
69:23; Is. 6:10
^c1 Sam. 9:9;
Is. 44:18; Mic.
3:6; [2 Thess.
2:9–12]

11 ^aIs. 8:16
^bDan. 12:4, 9;
[Matt.
13:11–16];
Rev. 5:1–5, 9
¹scroll

12 ¹Lit. *does
not know
books*

13 ^aPs. 78:36;
Ezek. 33:31;
Matt. 15:8, 9;
Mark 7:6, 7
^bCol. 2:22

14 ^aIs. 6:9, 10;
28:21; Hab.
1:5 ^bIs. 44:25;
Jer. 49:7;
Obad. 8;
1 Cor. 1:19

15 ^aIs. 30:1
^bPs. 10:11;
94:7; Is. 47:10;
Ezek. 8:12;
Mal. 2:17

16 ^aIs. 45:9;
Jer. 18:1–6;
[Rom.
9:19–21]

17 ^aIs. 32:15

18 ^aIs. 35:5;
Matt. 11:5;
Mark 7:37

19 ^a[Ps. 25:9;
37:11; Is. 11:4;
61:1; Matt.
5:5; 11:29] ^bIs.
14:30; [Matt.
5:3; 11:5;
James 2:5]

20 ^aIs. 28:14
^bIs. 59:4; Mic.
2:1 ¹terrifying

21 ^aAmos 5:10,
12 ^bProv.
28:21

22 ^aJosh. 24:3
^bIs. 45:17

23 ^a[Is. 45:11;
49:20–26; Eph.
2:10]

24 ^aIs. 28:7

CHAPTER 30

1 ^aIs. 29:15
^bDeut. 29:19
¹Lit. *weave a
web*

2 ^aIs. 31:1; Jer.
43:7 ^bNum.
27:21; Josh.
9:14; 1 Kin.
22:7; Jer. 21:2;
42:2, 20

3 ^aIs. 20:5; Jer.
37:5, 7

4 ^aIs. 19:11

Future Recovery of Wisdom

- 17 Is it not yet a very little while
Till ^aLebanon shall be turned
into a fruitful field,
And the fruitful field be
esteemed as a forest?

18 “In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of the book,
And the eyes of the blind shall
see out of obscurity and out
of darkness.

19 “The humble also shall increase
their joy in the LORD,
And ^bthe poor among men shall
rejoice
In the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the ^bterrible one is brought
to nothing,
^aThe scornful one is consumed,
And all who ^bwatch for iniquity
are cut off—

21 Who make a man an offender
by a word,
And ^alay a snare for him who
reproves in the gate,
And turn aside the just ^bby
empty words.

22 Therefore thus says the LORD,
^awho redeemed Abraham, concern-
ing the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall not now be
^bashamed,
Nor shall his face now grow
pale;

23 But when he sees his children,
^aThe work of My hands, in his
midst,
They will hallow My name,
And hallow the Holy One of
Jacob,

And fear the God of Israel.

24 These also ^awho erred in spirit
will come to understanding,
And those who complained will
learn doctrine.”

Futile Confidence in Egypt

30 “Woe to the rebellious
children,” says the LORD,
^a“Who take counsel, but not of
Me,

And who ¹devise plans, but not
of My Spirit,

^bThat they may add sin to sin;

2 “Who walk to go down to Egypt,
And ^bhave not asked My advice,
To strengthen themselves in the
strength of Pharaoh,
And to trust in the shadow of
Egypt!

3 “Therefore the strength of
Pharaoh

Shall be your shame,
And trust in the shadow of
Egypt

Shall be *your* humiliation.

4 For his princes were at ^aZoan,
And his ambassadors came to
Hanes.

5 “They were all ashamed of a people *who* could not benefit them,
Or be help or benefit,
But a shame and also a reproach.”

6 “The ¹burden against the beasts of the South.

Through a land of trouble and anguish,
From which *came* the lioness and lion,

^bThe viper and fiery flying serpent,
They will carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys,
And their treasures on the humps of camels,
To a people *who* shall not profit;

7 “For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose.
Therefore I have called her ¹Rahab-Hem-Shebeth.

A Rebellious People

8 Now go, “write it before them on a tablet,
And note it on a scroll,
That it may be for time to come,

9 That “this is a rebellious people,
Lying children,
Children *who* will not hear the law of the LORD;

10 “Who say to the seers, “Do not see,”
And to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us right things;
^bSpeak to us smooth things,
prophesy deceits.

11 Get out of the way,
Turn aside from the path,
Cause the Holy One of Israel To cease from before us.”

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:

“Because you “despise this word,
And trust in oppression and perversity,
And rely on them,

13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you

“Like a breach ready to fall,
A bulge in a high wall,
Whose breaking ^bcomes suddenly, in an instant.

14 And “He shall break it like the breaking of the potter’s vessel,

Which is broken in pieces;
He shall not spare.
So there shall not be found among its fragments

5 ^aJer. 2:36

6 ^aIs. 57:9;
Hos. 8:9; 12:1
^bDeut. 8:15;
Is. 14:29 ¹oracle, prophecy

7 ^aJer. 37:7
¹Lit. *Rahab Sits Idle*

8 ^aHab. 2:2

9 ^aDeut. 32:20;
Is. 1:2, 4; 65:2

10 ^aIs. 5:20;
Jer. 11:21;
Amos 2:12;
Mic. 2:6
^{b1} Kin. 22:8,
13; Jer. 6:14;
23:17, 26;
Ezek. 13:7;
Mic. 2:11;
Rom. 16:18;
2 Tim. 4:3, 4

12 ^aLev. 26:43;
Num. 15:31;
Prov. 1:30;
13:13; Is. 5:24;
Ezek. 20:13,
16, 24; Amos 2:4

13 ^{a1} Kin. 20:30; Ps. 62:3, 4; Is. 58:12 ^bIs. 29:5

14 ^aPs. 2:9; Jer. 19:11 ¹A piece of broken pottery

15 ^aPs. 116:7;
Is. 7:4; 28:12
^bMatt. 23:37

17 ^aLev. 26:36;
Deut. 28:25;
32:30; Josh. 23:10; [Prov. 28:1] ¹A tree stripped of branches

18 ^aIs. 33:2
^bPs. 2:12; 34:8;
Prov. 16:20;
Jer. 17:7 ^cIs. 26:8

19 ^aIs. 65:9;
[Ezek. 37:25, 28] ^bIs. 25:8
^cPs. 50:15; Is. 65:24; [Matt. 7:7–11]

20 ^{a1} Kin. 22:27; Ps. 127:2 ^bPs. 74:9; Amos 8:11 ¹oppression

21 ^aJosh. 1:7

22 ^{a2} Chr. 31:1;
Is. 2:20; 31:7
^bHos. 14:8

¹A shard to take fire from the hearth,
Or to take water from the cistern.”

15 For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

“In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.”

^bBut you would not,

16 And you said, “No, for we will flee on horses”—

Therefore you shall flee!

And, “We will ride on swift

horses”—

Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift!

17 “One thousand *shall* flee at the threat of one,

At the threat of five you shall flee,

Till you are left as a ¹pole on top of a mountain

And as a banner on a hill.

God Will Be Gracious

18 Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be “gracious to you;

And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you.

For the LORD is a God of justice;

^bBlessed are all those who “wait for Him.

19 For the people “shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem;

You shall ^bweep no more.

He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry;

When He hears it, He will “answer you.

20 And *though* the Lord gives you “The bread of adversity and the

water of “affliction,

Yet ^byour teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore,

But your eyes shall see your teachers.

21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,

“This is the way, walk in it.”

Whenever you “turn to the right hand

Or whenever you turn to the left.

22 “You will also defile the covering

of your images of silver,

And the ornament of your

molded images of gold.

You will throw them away as an unclean thing;

^bYou will say to them, “Get away!”

23 ^aThen He will give the rain for your seed
 With which you sow the ground,
 And bread of the increase of the earth;
 It will be ¹fat and plentiful.
 In that day your cattle will feed
 In large pastures.

24 Likewise the oxen and the young donkeys that work the ground

Will eat cured fodder,
 Which has been winnowed with the shovel and fan.

25 There will be ^aon every high mountain
 And on every high hill
 Rivers and streams of waters,
 In the day of the ^bgreat slaughter.

When the towers fall.
 26 Moreover ^athe light of the moon will be as the light of the sun,
 And the light of the sun will be sevenfold,
 As the light of seven days,
 In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people
 And heals the stroke of their wound.

Judgment on Assyria

27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar,
 Burning with His anger,
 And His burden is heavy;
 His lips are full of indignation,
 And His tongue like a devouring fire.

28 ^aHis breath is like an overflowing stream,
^bWhich reaches up to the neck,
 To sift the nations with the sieve of futility;
 And there shall be ^aa bridle in the jaws of the people,
 Causing them to err.

29 You shall have a song
 As in the night when a holy festival is kept,
 And gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute,
 To come into ^athe mountain of the LORD,
 To ¹the Mighty One of Israel.

30 ^aThe LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard,
 And show the descent of His arm,
 With the indignation of His anger
 And the flame of a devouring fire,
 With scattering, tempest, ^band hailstones.

31 For ^athrough the voice of the LORD
 Assyria will be ¹beaten down,
 As He strikes with the ^brod.
 32 And in every place where the

23 ^a[Matt. 6:33]; 1 Tim. 6:8 ¹rich

25 ^aIs. 2:14, 15
^bIs. 2:10-21; 34:2

26 ^a[Is. 60:19, 20; Rev. 21:23; 22:5]

28 ^aIs. 11:4;
 2 Thess. 2:8
^bIs. 8:8 ^c2 Kin. 19:28; Is. 37:29

29 ^a[Is. 2:3]
¹Lit. the Rock

30 ^aIs. 29:6 ^bIs. 28:2

31 ^aIs. 14:25;
 37:36 ^bIs. 10:5,
 24 ¹Lit. shat-tered

32 ^aIs. 11:15

33 ^a2 Kin. 23:10; Jer. 7:31

CHAPTER 31

1 ^aIs. 30:1, 2
^bDeut. 17:16;
 Ps. 20:7; Is. 2:7; 30:16 ^cIs. 9:13; Dan. 9:13; Amos 5:4-8

2 ^aNum. 23:19;
 Jer. 44:29
¹retract

3 ^aIs. 20:6

4 ^aNum. 24:9;
 Hos. 11:10;
 Amos 3:8

5 ^aDeut. 32:11;
 Ps. 91:4

6 ^aHos. 9:9

staff of punishment passes,
 Which the LORD lays on him,
 It will be with tambourines and harps;

And in battles of ^abrandishing
 He will fight with it.

33 ^aFor Tophet was established of old,

Yes, for the king it is prepared.
 He has made it deep and large;
 Its pyre is fire with much wood;
 The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone,
 Kindles it.

The Folly of Not Trusting God

31 Woe to those ^awho go down to
 Egypt for help,

And ^brely on horses,
 Who trust in chariots because they are many,

And in horsemen because they are very strong,
 But who do not look to the

Holy One of Israel,

^cNor seek the LORD!

2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster,

And ^awill not ¹call back His words,

But will arise against the house of evildoers,

And against the help of those who work iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God;
 And their horses are flesh, and not spirit.

When the LORD stretches out His hand,

Both he who helps will fall,
 And he who is helped will fall down;

They all will perish ^atogether.

God Will Deliver Jerusalem

4 For thus the LORD has spoken to me:

^a"As a lion roars,
 And a young lion over his prey
 (When a multitude of
 shepherds is summoned
 against him,

He will not be afraid of their voice

Nor be disturbed by their noise).
 So the LORD of hosts will come down

To fight for Mount Zion and for its hill.

5 ^aLike birds flying about,
 So will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem.
 Defending, He will also deliver it;

Passing over, He will preserve it."

6 Return to Him against whom the children of Israel have ^adeeply revolted.

7 For in that day every man shall
“throw away his idols of silver and
his idols of gold—^bsin, which your
own hands have made for your-
selves.

- 8 “Then Assyria shall “fall by a
sword not of man,
And a sword not of mankind
shall ^bdevour him.
But he shall flee from the sword,
And his young men shall
become forced labor.
9 “He shall cross over to his
stronghold for fear,
And his princes shall be afraid
of the banner,”
Says the LORD,
Whose fire is in Zion
And whose furnace is in
Jerusalem.

A Reign of Righteousness

- 32** Behold, ^aa king will reign in
righteousness,
And princes will rule with
justice.
2 A man will be as a hiding place
from the wind,
And ^aa cover from the tempest,
As rivers of water in a dry
place,
As the shadow of a great rock
in a weary land.
3 “The eyes of those who see will
not be dim,
And the ears of those who hear
will listen.
4 Also the heart of the ¹rash will
“understand knowledge,
And the tongue of the
stammerers will be ready to
speak plainly.
5 The foolish person will no
longer be called ¹generous,
Nor the miser said to be
bountiful;
6 For the foolish person will
speak foolishness,
And his heart will work
“iniquity:
To practice ungodliness,
To utter error against the LORD,
To keep the hungry unsatisfied,
And he will cause the drink of
the thirsty to fail.
7 Also the schemes of the
schemer are evil;
He devises wicked plans
To destroy the poor with “lying
words,
Even when the needy speaks
justice.
8 But a ¹generous man devises
generous things,
And by generosity he shall
stand.

Consequences of Complacency

- 9 Rise up, you women “who are
at ease,

7 ^aIs. 2:20;
30:22 ^{b1} Kin.
12:30

8 ^{a2} Kin.
19:35, 36 ^bIs.
37:36

9 ^aIs. 37:37

CHAPTER 32

1 ^aPs. 45:1

2 ^aIs. 4:6
¹shelter

3 ^aIs. 29:18;
35:5

4 ^aIs. 29:24
¹hasty

5 ¹noble

6 ^aProv. 24:7-9

7 ^aJer. 5:26-28;
Mic. 7:3

8 ¹noble

9 ^aIs. 47:8;
Amos 6:1;
Zeph. 2:15

13 ^aIs. 7:23-25;
Hos. 9:6 ^bIs.
22:2

14 ^aIs. 27:10

15 ^a[Is. 11:2];
Ezek. 39:29;
[Joel 2:28]
^bPs. 107:35; Is.
29:17

17 ^aPs.
119:165; Is.
2:4; Rom.
14:17; James
3:18

18 ^aIs. 11:10;
14:3; 30:15;
[Hos. 2:18-23;
Zech. 2:5;
3:10]

19 ^aIs. 30:30
^bZech. 11:2

20 ^a[Eccl.
11:1]; Is.
30:23, 24

CHAPTER 33

1 ^aIs. 21:2;
Hab. 2:8 ^bRev.
13:10

Hear my voice;
You complacent daughters,
Give ear to my speech.

- 10 In a year and *some* days
You will be troubled, you
complacent women;
For the vintage will fail,
The gathering will not come.
11 Tremble, you women who are
at ease;
Be troubled, you complacent
ones;
Strip yourselves, make
yourselves bare,
And gird sackcloth on your
waists.
12 People shall mourn upon their
breasts
For the pleasant fields, for the
fruitful vine.
13 “On the land of my people will
come up thorns and briers,
Yes, on all the happy homes in
^bthe joyous city;
14 “Because the palaces will be
forsaken,
The bustling city will be
deserted.
The forts and towers will
become lairs forever,
A joy of wild donkeys, a
pasture of flocks—
15 Until “the Spirit is poured upon
us from on high,
And ^bthe wilderness becomes a
fruitful field,
And the fruitful field is counted
as a forest.
The Peace of God’s Reign
16 Then justice will dwell in the
wilderness,
And righteousness remain in
the fruitful field.
17 “The work of righteousness will
be peace,
And the effect of righteousness,
quietness and assurance
forever.
18 My people will dwell in a
peaceful habitation,
In secure dwellings, and in
quiet “resting places,
19 “Though hail comes down ^bon
the forest,
And the city is brought low in
humiliation.
20 Blessed are you who sow
beside all waters,
Who send out freely the feet of
“the ox and the donkey.
A Prayer in Deep Distress
33 Woe to you “who plunder,
though you *have* not been
plundered;
And you who deal
treacherously, though they
have not dealt treacherously
with you!
^bWhen you cease plundering,

- You will be ^cplundered;
When you make an end of
dealing treacherously,
They will deal treacherously with
you.
- 2 O LORD, be gracious to us;
^aWe have waited for You.
Be ¹their arm every morning,
Our salvation also in the time
of trouble.
- 3 At the noise of the tumult the
people ^ashall flee;
When You lift Yourself up, the
nations shall be scattered;
- 4 And Your plunder shall be
gathered
*Like the gathering of the
caterpillar;*
As the running to and fro of
locusts,
He shall run upon them.
- 5 ^aThe LORD is exalted, for He
dwells on high;
He has filled Zion with justice
and righteousness.
- 6 Wisdom and knowledge will be
the stability of your times,
And the strength of salvation;
The fear of the LORD is His
treasure.
- 7 Surely their valiant ones shall
cry outside,
^aThe ambassadors of peace shall
weep bitterly.
- 8 ^aThe highways lie waste,
The traveling man ceases.
^bHe has broken the covenant,
¹He has despised the ²cities,
He regards no man.
- 9 ^aThe earth mourns *and*
languishes,
Lebanon is shamed *and*
shriveled;
Sharon is like a wilderness,
And Bashan and Carmel shake
off their fruits.
- Impending Judgment on Zion*
- 10 ^a“Now^a I will rise,” says the LORD;
“Now I will be exalted,
Now I will lift Myself up.
11 ^aYou shall conceive chaff;
You shall bring forth stubble;
Your breath, as fire, shall
devour you.
12 And the people shall be *like* the
burnings of lime;
^aLike thorns cut up they shall be
burned in the fire.
13 Hear, ^ayou who are afar off,
what I have done;
And you who are near,
acknowledge My might.”
- 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid;
Fearfulness has seized the
hypocrites:
“Who among us shall dwell with
the devouring ^afire?
- 1 ^cIs. 10:12;
14:25; 31:8
2 ^aIs. 25:9;
26:8 ¹LXX
omits *their*;
Syr., Tg., Vg.
our
3 ^aIs. 17:13
5 ^aPs. 97:9
7 ^a2 Kin.
18:18, 37
8 ^aJudg. 5:6
²2 Kin.
18:13–17 ¹Tg.
*They have
been removed
from their
cities* ²So
with MT, Vg.;
DSS wit-
nesses; LXX
omits *cities*
9 ^aIs. 24:4
10 ^aPs. 12:5; Is.
2:19, 21
11 ^a[Ps. 7:14;
Is. 26:18; 59:4;
James 1:15]
12 ^aIs. 9:18
13 ^aPs. 48:10;
Is. 49:1
14 ^aIs. 30:27;
30; Heb. 12:29
15 ^aPs. 15:2;
24:3, 4; Is.
58:6–11 ^bPs.
119:37
16 ¹Lit.
heights
17 ^aPs. 27:4
18 ^a1 Cor. 1:20
19 ^a2 Kin.
19:32 ^bDeut.
28:49, 50; Is.
28:11; Jer.
5:15 ¹Unintel-
ligible speech
20 ^aPs. 48:12
^bPs. 46:5;
125:1; Is.
32:18 ^cIs.
37:33 ^aIs. 54:2
21 ¹ship
22 ^a[Acts
10:42] ^bIs.
1:10; 51:4, 7;
James 4:12
^cPs. 89:18; Is.
25:9; 35:4;
Zech. 9:9
24 ^aIs. 40:2;
Jer. 50:20;
Mic. 7:18, 19;
1 John 1:7–9
- Who among us shall dwell with
everlasting burnings?”
- 15 He who ^awalks righteously and
speaks uprightly,
He who despises the gain of
oppressions,
Who gestures with his hands,
refusing bribes,
Who stops his ears from
hearing of bloodshed,
And ^bshuts his eyes from seeing
evil:
16 He will dwell on ¹high;
His place of defense *will be* the
fortress of rocks;
Bread will be given him,
His water *will be* sure.
- The Land of the Majestic King*
- 17 Your eyes will see the King in
His ^abeauty;
They will see the land that is
very far off.
- 18 Your heart will meditate on
terror:
^a“Where is the scribe?
Where is he who weighs?
Where is he who counts the
towers?”
- 19 ^aYou will not see a fierce
people,
^bA people of obscure speech,
beyond perception,
Of a ¹stammering tongue *that*
you cannot understand.
- 20 ^aLook upon Zion, the city of our
appointed feasts;
Your eyes will see ¹Jerusalem, a
quiet home,
A tabernacle *that* will not be
taken down;
^cNot one of ^aits stakes will ever
be removed,
Nor will any of its cords be
broken.
- 21 But there the majestic LORD
will be for us
A place of broad rivers *and*
streams,
In which no ¹galley with oars
will sail,
Nor majestic ships pass by
(For the LORD is our ^aJudge,
The LORD is our ^bLawgiver,
^cThe LORD is our King;
He will save us);
- 23 Your tackle is loosed,
They could not strengthen their
mast,
They could not spread the
sail.
- Then the prey of great plunder
is divided;
The lame take the prey.
24 And the inhabitant will not say,
“I am sick”;
^aThe people who dwell in it *will*
be forgiven *their* iniquity.

Judgment on the Nations

- 34 Come ^anear, you nations, to hear;
And heed, you people!
^bLet the earth hear, and all that is in it,
The world and all things that come forth from it.
- 2 For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations,
And His fury against all their armies;
He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the ^aslaughter.
- 3 Also their slain shall be thrown out;
^aTheir stench shall rise from their corpses,
And the mountains shall be melted with their blood.
- 4 ^aAll the host of heaven shall be dissolved,
And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll;
^bAll their host shall fall down
As the leaf falls from the vine,
And as ^cfruit falling from a fig tree.
- 5 “For ^aMy sword shall be bathed in heaven;
Indeed it ^bshall come down on Edom,
And on the people of My curse, for judgment.
- 6 The ^asword of the LORD is filled with blood,
It is made ¹overflowing with fatness,
With the blood of lambs and goats,
With the fat of the kidneys of rams.
For ^bthe LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah,
And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
- 7 The wild oxen shall come down with them,
And the young bulls with the mighty bulls;
Their land shall be soaked with blood,
And their dust ¹saturated with fatness.”
- 8 For *it* is the day of the LORD’s ^avengeance,
The year of recompense for the cause of Zion.
- 9 ^aIts streams shall be turned into pitch,
And its dust into brimstone;
Its land shall become burning pitch.
- 10 It shall not be quenched night or day;
^aIts smoke shall ascend forever.
^bFrom generation to generation it shall lie waste;
No one shall pass through it forever and ever.

CHAPTER 34

1 ^aPs. 49:1; Is. 41:1; 43:9
^bDeut. 32:1; Is. 1:2

2 ^aIs. 13:5

3 ^aJoel 2:20; Amos 4:10

4 ^aPs. 102:26; Is. 13:13; Ezek. 32:7, 8; Joel 2:31; Matt. 24:29; 2 Pet. 3:10 ^bIs. 14:12 ^cRev. 6:12–14

5 ^aDeut. 32:41, 42; Jer. 46:10; Ezek. 21:3–5 ^bIs. 63:1; Jer. 49:7, 8, 20; Ezek. 25:12–14; 35:1–15; Amos 1:11, 12; Obad. 1–14; Mal. 1:4

6 ^aIs. 66:16 ^bZeph. 1:7 ¹Lit. *fat*

7 ¹Lit. *made fat*

8 ^aIs. 63:4

9 ^aDeut. 29:23; Ps. 11:6; Is. 30:33

10 ^aRev. 14:11; 18:18; 19:3 ^bIs. 13:20–22; 24:1; 34:10–15; Mal. 1:3, 4

11 ^aIs. 14:23; Zeph. 2:14; Rev. 18:2 ^b2 Kin. 21:13; Lam. 2:8 ¹Or owl ²Or hedgehog

13 ^aIs. 32:13; Hos. 9:6 ^bIs. 13:21

14 ¹Lit. *howling creatures* ²Heb. *lilith*

16 ^a[Mal. 3:16]

CHAPTER 35

1 ^aIs. 32:15; 55:12 ^bIs. 41:19; 51:3 ¹desert ²Heb. *arabah*

2 ^aIs. 32:15 ^bIs. 40:5

3 ^aJob 4:3, 4; Heb. 12:12 ¹Lit. *sinking* ²tottering or stumbling

- 11 ^aBut the ¹pelican and the ²porcupine shall possess it,
Also the owl and the raven shall dwell in it.
And ^bHe shall stretch out over it
The line of confusion and the stones of emptiness.
- 12 They shall call its nobles to the kingdom,
But none *shall be* there, and all its princes shall be nothing.
- 13 And ^athorns shall come up in its palaces,
Nettles and brambles in its fortresses;
^bIt shall be a habitation of jackals,
A courtyard for ostriches.
- 14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the ¹jackals,
And the wild goat shall bleat to its companion;
Also ²the night creature shall rest there,
And find for herself a place of rest.
- 15 There the arrow snake shall make her nest and lay eggs
And hatch, and gather *them* under her shadow;
There also shall the hawks be gathered,
Every one with her mate.
- 16 “Search from ^athe book of the LORD, and read:
Not one of these shall fail;
Not one shall lack her mate.
For My mouth has commanded it, and His Spirit has gathered them.
- 17 He has cast the lot for them,
And His hand has divided it among them with a measuring line.
They shall possess it forever;
From generation to generation they shall dwell in it.”

The Future Glory of Zion

- 35 The ^awilderness and the ¹wasteland shall be glad for them,
And the ^bdesert² shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;
- 2 ^aIt shall blossom abundantly and rejoice,
Even with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the ^bglory of the LORD,
The excellency of our God.
- 3 ^aStrengthen the ¹weak hands,
And make firm the ²feeble knees.

- 4 Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Behold, your God will come
with vengeance,
With the recompense of God;
He will come and ^bsave you."
- 5 Then the ^aeyes of the blind
shall be opened,
And ^bthe ears of the deaf shall
be unstopped.
- 6 Then the ^alame shall leap like a
deer,
And the ^btongue of the dumb
sing.
For ^cwaters shall burst forth in
the wilderness,
And streams in the desert.
- 7 The parched ground shall
become a pool,
And the thirsty land springs of
water;
In ^cthe habitation of jackals,
where each lay,
There shall be grass with reeds
and rushes.
- 8 A ^ahighway shall be there, and
a road,
And it shall be called the
Highway of Holiness.
^bThe unclean shall not pass over
it,
But *it shall be* for others.
Whoever walks the road,
although a fool,
Shall not go astray.
- 9 ^aNo lion shall be there,
Nor shall *any* ravenous beast
go up on it;
It shall not be found there.
But the redeemed shall walk
there,
- 10 And the ^aransomed of the LORD
shall return,
And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their
heads.
They shall obtain joy and
gladness,
And ^bsorrow and sighing shall
flee away.

*Sennacherib Boasts Against the
LORD*

- 36** Now ^ait came to pass in the
fourteenth year of King Heze-
kiah *that* Sennacherib king of As-
syria came up against all the forti-
fied cities of Judah and took them.
2 Then the king of Assyria sent
the ¹Rabshakeh with a great army
from Lachish to King Hezekiah at
Jerusalem. And he stood by the
aqueduct from the upper pool, on
the highway to the Fuller's Field.
3 And ^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah,
who was over the household, ^bShebna
the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph,
the recorder, came out to him.
4 ^aThen *the* Rabshakeh said to

4 ^aIs. 34:8 ^bPs.
145:19; Is.
33:22

5 ^aIs. 29:18;
Matt. 9:27;
John 9:6, 7
^b[Matt. 11:5]

6 ^aMatt. 11:5;
15:30; John
5:8, 9; Acts 8:7
^bIs. 32:4; Matt.
9:32; 12:22 ^cIs.
41:18; [John
7:38]

7 ^aIs. 34:13

8 ^aIs. 19:23 ^bIs.
52:1; Joel
3:17; [Matt.
7:13, 14];
1 Pet. 1:15, 16;
Rev. 21:27

9 ^aLev. 26:6;
[Is. 11:7, 9];
Ezek. 34:25

10 ^aIs. 51:11
^bIs. 25:8;
30:19; 65:19;
[Rev. 7:17;
21:4]

CHAPTER 36

1 ^a2 Kin.
18:13, 17;
2 Chr. 32:1

2 ¹A title,
probably
Chief of Staff
or *Governor*

3 ^aIs. 22:20 ^bIs.
22:15

4 ^a2 Kin. 18:19

5 ¹Lit. *a word*
of the lips

6 ^aEzek. 29:6
^bPs. 146:3; Is.
30:3, 5, 7

11 ¹Lit. *Judean*

16 ^a1 Kin. 4:25;
Mic. 4:4;
Zech. 3:10

18 ^a2 Kin.
19:12; Is.
37:12

them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus
says the great king, the king of
Assyria: "What confidence is this in
which you trust?"

5 "I say you speak of having plans
and power for war; but *they are*
¹mere words. Now in whom do you
trust, that you rebel against me?"

6 "Look! You are trusting in the
^astaff of this broken reed, Egypt, on
which if a man leans, it will go into
his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh
king of Egypt to all who ^btrust in him.

7 "But if you say to me, 'We trust
in the LORD our God,' is it not He
whose high places and whose altars
Hezekiah has taken away, and said
to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall
worship before this altar'?"

8 "Now therefore, I urge you, give
a pledge to my master the king of
Assyria, and I will give you two
thousand horses—if you are able on
your part to put riders on them!

9 "How then will you repel one
captain of the least of my master's
servants, and put your trust in
Egypt for chariots and horsemen?

10 "Have I now come up without the
LORD against this land to destroy it?
The LORD said to me, 'Go up against
this land, and destroy it.' "

11 Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah
said to *the* Rabshakeh, "Please speak
to your servants in Aramaic, for we
understand *it*; and do not speak to us
in ¹Hebrew in the hearing of the peo-
ple *who are on the wall*."

12 But *the* Rabshakeh said, "Has
my master sent me to your master
and to you to speak these words,
and not to the men who sit on the
wall, who will eat and drink their
own waste with you?"

13 Then *the* Rabshakeh stood and
called out with a loud voice in
Hebrew, and said, "Hear the words of
the great king, the king of Assyria!

14 "Thus says the king: 'Do not let
Hezekiah deceive you, for he will
not be able to deliver you;

15 'nor let Hezekiah make you
trust in the LORD, saying, "The
LORD will surely deliver us; this city
will not be given into the hand of
the king of Assyria." '

16 "Do not listen to Hezekiah; for
thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make
peace with me *by* a present and
come out to me; and every one of
you eat from his own vine and every
one from his own fig tree, and every
one of you drink the waters of his
own cistern;

17 'until I come and take you away
to a land like your own land, a land
of grain and new wine, a land of
bread and vineyards.

18 '*Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade
you, saying, "The LORD will deliver
us." Has any one of the ^agods of the
nations delivered its land from the
hand of the king of Assyria?"

19 'Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? Indeed, have they delivered 'Samarita from my hand?

20 'Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?' "

21 But they ¹held their peace and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

22 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes torn, and told him the words of the Rabshakeh.

Isaiah Assures Deliverance

37 And "so it was, when King Hezekiah heard *it*, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of 'trouble and rebuke and ¹blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but *there* is no strength to bring them forth.

4 'It may be that the LORD your God will hear the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to 'reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that is left.'

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 "Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land." ' "

Sennacherib's Threat and Hezekiah's Prayer

8 Then *the* Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish.

9 And the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come out to make war with you." So when he heard *it*, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust de-

19 ^{a2} Kin. 17:6

21 ¹were silent

CHAPTER 37

1 ^{a2} Kin. 19:1-37; Is. 37:1-38

3 ^aIs. 22:5; 26:16; 33:2 ¹contempt

4 ^aIs. 36:15, 18, 20

12 ^aIs. 36:18, 19

13 ^aIs. 49:23

16 ^aIs. 43:10, 11

17 ^{a2} Chr. 6:40; Ps. 17:6; Dan. 9:18 ^bPs. 74:22

18 ^{a2} Kin. 15:29; 16:9; 17:6, 24; 1 Chr. 5:26

19 ^aIs. 40:19, 20

20 ^aIs. 33:22 ^bPs. 83:18

ceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

11 'Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered?

12 'Have the 'gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar?

13 'Where is the king of 'Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?' "

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 Then Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, saying:

16 "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, *the One* who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You 'alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

17 "Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and ^bhear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

18 "Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their 'lands,

19 "and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were 'not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them.

20 "Now therefore, O LORD our God, 'save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may 'know that You *are* the LORD, You alone."

The Word of the LORD Concerning Sennacherib

21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,

22 'this is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him:

"The virgin, the daughter of Zion,
Has despised you, laughed you to scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem
Has shaken *her* head behind your back!

23 "Whom have you reproached and blasphemed?
Against whom have you raised *your* voice,
And lifted up your eyes on high?
Against the Holy One of Israel.

24 By your servants you have reproached the Lord,
And said, 'By the multitude of my chariots
I have come up to the height of the mountains,
To the limits of Lebanon;
I will cut down its tall cedars
And its choice cypress trees;
I will enter its farthest height,
To its fruitful forest.
25 I have dug and drunk water,
And with the soles of my feet I have dried up
All the brooks of ¹defense.'

26 "Did you not hear ^along ago
How I made it,
From ancient times that I formed it?
Now I have brought it to pass,
That you should be
For crushing fortified cities into
heaps of ruins.

27 Therefore their inhabitants *had*
little power;
They were dismayed and confounded;
They were as the grass of the field
And the green herb,
As the grass on the housetops
And grain blighted before it is grown.

28 "But I know your dwelling place,
Your going out and your coming in,
And your rage against Me.

29 Because your rage against Me and your tumult
Have come up to My ears,
Therefore ^aI will put My hook in your nose
And My bridle in your lips,
And I will ^bturn you back
By the way which you came."

30 "This *shall be* a sign to you:

You shall eat this year such as grows of itself,
And the second year what springs from the same;
Also in the third year sow and reap,
Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.

31 And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah
Shall again take root downward,
And bear fruit upward.
32 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant,
And those who escape from Mount Zion.
The ^azeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

33 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria:

²⁵ ¹Or perhaps *Egypt*

²⁶ ^aIs. 25:1; 40:21; 45:21

²⁹ ^a2 Kin. 19:35-37; 2 Chr. 32:21; Is. 30:28; Ezek. 38:4; ^bEzek. 38:4; 39:2

³² ^a2 Kin. 19:31; Is. 9:7; 59:17; Joel 2:18; Zech. 1:14

³⁵ ^a2 Kin. 20:6; Is. 31:5; 38:6; ^b1 Kin. 11:13

³⁶ ^a2 Kin. 19:35; Is. 10:12, 33, 34; ¹Or *Angel*; ²Lit. *struck*

³⁸ ^aEzra 4:2

CHAPTER 38

¹ ^a2 Kin. 20:1-6, 9-11; 2 Chr. 32:24; Is. 38:1-8; ^b2 Sam. 17:23

³ ^aNeh. 13:14; ^b2 Kin. 18:5, 6; Ps. 26:3; ¹whole or *peaceful*

⁶ ^a2 Kin. 19:35-37; 2 Chr. 32:21; Is. 31:5; 37:35

⁷ ^aJudg. 6:17, 21, 36-40; 2 Kin. 20:8; Is. 7:11

'He shall not come into this city,
Nor shoot an arrow there,
Nor come before it with shield,
Nor build a siege mound
against it.

34 By the way that he came,
By the same shall he return;
And he shall not come into this city,'
Says the LORD.

35 'For I will ^adefend this city, to save it
For My own sake and for My servant ^bDavid's sake.'

Sennacherib's Defeat and Death

36 Then the ^aangel¹ of the LORD went out, and ²killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned *home*, and remained at Nineveh.

38 Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then ^aEsarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

Hezekiah's Life Extended

38 In ^athose days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: ^b'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD.

3 And said, ^a"Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a ¹loyal heart, and have done *what is good* in Your ^bsight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 And the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying,

5 "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years."

6 "I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and ^aI will defend this city.'

7 "And this is ^athe sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing which He has spoken:

8 "Behold, I will bring the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward." So the sun returned ten degrees on the dial by which it had gone down.

9 This is the writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been

sick and had recovered from his sickness:

10 I said,
 "In the prime of my life
 I shall go to the gates of Sheol;
 I am deprived of the remainder
 of my years."

11 I said,
 "I shall not see ¹YAH,
 The LORD "in the land of the
 living;
 I shall observe man no more
²among the inhabitants of
³the world.

12 "My life span is gone,
 Taken from me like a
 shepherd's tent;
 I have cut off my life like a
 weaver.
 He cuts me off from the loom;
 From day until night You make
 an end of me.

13 I have considered until
 morning—
 Like a lion,
 So He breaks all my bones;
 From day until night You make
 an end of me.

14 Like a crane or a swallow, so I
 chattered;
 "I mourned like a dove;
 My eyes fail from looking
 upward.
 O ¹LORD, I am oppressed;
²Undertake for me!

15 "What shall I say?
¹He has both spoken to me,
 And He Himself has done it.
 I shall walk carefully all my
 years
 "In the bitterness of my soul.
 16 O Lord, by these *things men*
 live;
 And in all these *things* is the
 life of my spirit;
 So You will restore me and
 make me live.

17 Indeed it was for my own
 peace
That I had great bitterness;
 But You have lovingly *delivered*
 my soul from the pit of
 corruption,
 For You have cast all my sins
 behind Your back.

18 For "Sheol cannot thank You,
 Death cannot praise You;
 Those who go down to the pit
 cannot hope for Your truth.

19 The living, the living man, he
 shall praise You,
 As I do this day;
 "The father shall make known
 Your truth to the children.

20 "The LORD *was ready* to save
 me;
 Therefore we will sing my
 songs with stringed
 instruments

¹¹ ^aPs. 27:13;
 116:9 ¹Heb.
 YAH, YAH
²LXX omits
among the in-
habitants of
the world ³So
 with some
 Heb. mss.;
 MT, Vg. rest;
 Tg. land

¹² ^aJob 7:6

¹⁴ ^aIs. 59:11;
 Ezek. 7:16;
 Nah. 2:7 ¹So
 with Bg.; MT,
 DSS *Lord* ²Be
 my surety

¹⁵ ^aJob 7:11;
 10:1; Is. 38:17
¹So with MT,
 Vg.; DSS, Tg.
And shall I
say to Him;
 LXX omits
 first half of
 this verse

¹⁸ ^aPs. 6:5;
 30:9; 88:11;
 115:17; [Eccl.
 9:10]

¹⁹ ^aDeut. 4:9;
 6:7; Ps. 78:3, 4

²¹ ^{a2} Kin. 20:7

²² ^{a2} Kin. 20:8

CHAPTER 39

¹ ^{a2} Kin.
 20:12–19;
 2 Chr. 32:31;
 Is. 39:1–8
¹Merodach-
 Baladan,
 2 Kin. 20:12

² ^{a2} Chr.
 32:25, 31; Job
 31:25

³ ^aDeut. 28:49;
 Jer. 5:15

⁶ ^{a2} Kin.
 24:13;
 25:13–15; Jer.
 20:5

⁷ ^aDan. 1:1–7

⁸ ^{a1} Sam. 3:18

CHAPTER 40

² ^aIs. 61:7 ¹Lit.
to the heart
of

³ ^aMatt. 3:3;
 Mark 1:3;
 Luke 3:4–6;
 John 1:23
^b[Mal. 3:1;
 4:5, 6]

All the days of our life, in the
 house of the LORD."

21 Now ^aIsaiah had said, "Let them
 take a lump of figs, and apply it as a
 poultice on the boil, and he shall
 recover."

22 And ^aHezekiah had said, "What
 is the sign that I shall go up to the
 house of the LORD?"

The Babylonian Envoys

39 At ^athat time ¹Merodach-
 Baladan the son of Baladan,
 king of Babylon, sent letters and a
 present to Hezekiah, for he heard
 that he had been sick and had
 recovered.

2 ^aAnd Hezekiah was pleased with
 them, and showed them the house of
 his treasures—the silver and gold, the
 spices and precious ointment, and all
 his armory—all that was found
 among his treasures. There was nothing
 in his house or in all his dominion
 that Hezekiah did not show them.

3 Then Isaiah the prophet went to
 King Hezekiah, and said to him,
 "What did these men say, and from
 where did they come to you?" So
 Hezekiah said, "They came to me
 from a far country, from Babylon."

4 And he said, "What have they
 seen in your house?" So Hezekiah
 answered, "They have seen all that
 is in my house; there is nothing
 among my treasures that I have not
 shown them."

5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah,
 "Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

6 'Behold, the days are coming
^awhen all that is in your house, and
 what your fathers have accumulated
 until this day, shall be carried to
 Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says
 the LORD.

7 'And they shall take away *some*
 of your ^asons who will descend from
 you, whom you will beget; and they
 shall be eunuchs in the palace of the
 king of Babylon.'

8 So Hezekiah said to Isaiah,
 "The word of the LORD which you
 have spoken is good!" For he said,
 "At least there will be peace and
 truth in my days."

God's People Are Comforted

40 "Comfort, yes, comfort My
 people!"

Says your God.
 2 "Speak ¹comfort to Jerusalem,
 and cry out to her,
 That her warfare is ended,
 That her iniquity is pardoned;
 "For she has received from the
 LORD's hand
 Double for all her sins."

3 "The voice of one crying in the
 wilderness:

^b"Prepare the way of the LORD;

- Make straight ¹in the desert
A highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill
brought low;
The crooked places shall be
made ¹straight
And the rough places smooth;
5 The glory of the LORD shall be
revealed,
And all flesh shall see it
together;
For the mouth of the LORD has
spoken.”
6 The voice said, “Cry out!”
And ¹he said, “What shall I
cry?”
“All flesh is grass,
And all its loveliness is like the
flower of the field.
7 The grass withers, the flower
fades,
Because the breath of the LORD
blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass.
8 The grass withers, the flower
fades,
But “the word of our God
stands forever.”
9 O Zion,
You who bring good tidings,
Get up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem,
You who bring good tidings,
Lift up your voice with
strength,
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”
10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall
come ¹with a strong hand,
And “His arm shall rule for
Him;
Behold, ^bHis reward is with
Him,
And His ²work before Him.
11 He will “feed His flock like a
shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with
His arm,
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those who are
with young.
12 “Who has measured the ¹waters
in the hollow of His hand,
Measured heaven with a ²span
And calculated the dust of the
earth in a measure?
Weighed the mountains in
scales
And the hills in a balance?
13 “Who has directed the Spirit of
the LORD,
Or as His counselor has taught
Him?
14 With whom did He take
counsel, and who instructed
Him,

3 ^cPs. 68:4 ¹So
with MT, Tg.,
Vg.; LXX
omits *in the
desert*
4 ^aIs. 45:2 ¹Or
a plain
5 ^aIs. 35:2
6 ^aJob 14:2;
James 1:10;
1 Pet. 1:24, 25
¹So with MT,
Tg.; DSS,
LXX, Vg. I
8 ^a[John 12:34]
10 ^aIs. 59:16;
18 ^bIs. 62:11;
Rev. 22:12 ¹*in
strength*
²*recompense*
11 ^aJer. 31:10;
[Ezek. 34:23,
31]; Mic. 5:4;
[John 10:11,
14–16; Heb.
13:20; 1 Pet.
2:25]
12 ^aProv. 30:4
¹So with MT,
LXX, Vg.;
DSS adds *of
the sea*; Tg.
adds *of the
world* ²A span
= ½ cubit, 9
inches; or the
width of His
hand
13 ^aJob 21:22;
Rom. 11:34;
[1 Cor. 2:16]
14 ^aJob 36:22,
23
17 ^aDan. 4:35
^bPs. 62:9
18 ^aEx. 8:10;
15:11; 1 Sam.
2:2; Is. 46:5;
[Mic. 7:18];
Acts 17:29
19 ^aPs.
115:4–8; Is.
41:7; 44:10;
Hab. 2:18, 19
20 ^a1 Sam. 5:3,
4; Is. 41:7;
46:7; Jer. 10:3
¹*an offering*
21 ^aPs. 19:1; Is.
37:26; Acts
14:17; Rom.
1:19
22 ^aJob 9:8; Ps.
104:2; Is. 42:5;
44:24; Jer.
10:12 ^bJob
36:29; Ps. 19:4
23 ^aJob 12:21;
Ps. 107:40; Is.
34:12; [1 Cor.
1:26–29] ¹*re-
duces*
25 ^a[Deut.
4:15]; Is.
40:18; [John
14:9; Col.
1:15]

- And “taught Him in the path of
justice?
Who taught Him knowledge,
And showed Him the way of
understanding?
15 Behold, the nations are as a
drop in a bucket,
And are counted as the small
dust on the scales;
Look, He lifts up the isles as a
very little thing.
16 And Lebanon is not sufficient
to burn,
Nor its beasts sufficient for a
burnt offering.
17 All nations before Him are as
“nothing,
And ^bthey are counted by Him
less than nothing and
worthless.
18 To whom then will you liken
God?
Or what likeness will you
compare to Him?
19 “The workman molds an
image,
The goldsmith overspreads it
with gold,
And the silversmith casts silver
chains.
20 Whoever is too impoverished
for such ¹a contribution
Chooses a tree *that* will not rot;
He seeks for himself a skillful
workman
“To prepare a carved image *that*
will not totter.
21 “Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from
the beginning?
Have you not understood from
the foundations of the
earth?
22 *It is* He who sits above the
circle of the earth,
And its inhabitants are like
grasshoppers,
Who “stretches out the heavens
like a curtain,
And spreads them out like a
^btent to dwell in.
23 He ¹brings the “princes to
nothing;
He makes the judges of the
earth useless.
24 Scarcely shall they be
planted,
Scarcely shall they be sown,
Scarcely shall their stock take
root in the earth,
When He will also blow on
them,
And they will wither,
And the whirlwind will take
them away like stubble.
25 “To^a whom then will you liken
Me,

Or *to whom* shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.
 26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these *things*, Who brings out their host by number;
 "He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.

27 "Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, And my just claim is passed over by my God?"

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth,

Neither faints nor is weary. "His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak, And *to those who have* no might He increases strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

31 But those who "wait on the LORD

^bShall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Israel Assured of God's Help

41 "Keep "silence before Me, O coastlands, And let the people renew *their* strength! Let them come near, then let them speak; Let us ^bcome near together for judgment.

2 "Who raised up one "from the east? Who in righteousness called him to His feet? Who ^bgave the nations before him,

And made *him* rule over kings? Who gave *them* as the dust to his sword,

3 As driven stubble to his bow? Who pursued them, *and* passed ¹safely By the way *that* he had not gone with his feet?

4 "Who has performed and done *it*, Calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am ^bthe first; And with the last I *am* 'He.' "

26 ^aPs. 147:4

27 ^aIs. 54:7, 8

28 ^aPs. 147:5; Eccl. 11:5; Rom. 11:33

31 ^aIs. 30:15; 49:23 ^bJob 17:9; Ps. 103:5; [2 Cor. 4:8-10, 16]

CHAPTER 41

1 ^aHab. 2:20; Zech. 2:13 ^bIs. 1:18

2 ^aIs. 46:11; ^bGen. 14:14; Is. 45:1, 13

3 ¹Lit. *in peace*

4 ^aIs. 41:26; ^bRev. 1:8, 17; 22:13 ^cIs. 43:10; 44:6

6 ^aIs. 40:19 ¹Lit. *Be strong*

7 ^aIs. 44:13 ^bIs. 40:19 ^cIs. 40:20 ¹refiner ²Or *The soldering is good*

8 ^aDeut. 7:6; 10:15; Ps. 135:4; [Is. 43:1] ^{b2}Chr. 20:7; James 2:23

10 ^aIs. 41:13, 14; 43:5 ^b[Deut. 31:6]

11 ^aEx. 23:22; Is. 45:24; 60:12; Zech. 12:3

12 ¹Lit. *Men of your strife*

14 ^aJob 25:6; Ps. 22:6

15 ^aMic. 4:13; Hab. 3:12; [2 Cor. 10:4]

16 ^aJer. 51:2

5 The coastlands saw *it* and feared, The ends of the earth were afraid;

They drew near and came.

6 "Everyone helped his neighbor, And said to his brother, ¹"Be of good courage!"

7 "So the craftsman encouraged the ^bgoldsmith;¹ He who smooths *with* the hammer *inspired* him who strikes the anvil, Saying, ²"It is ready for the soldering";

Then he fastened it with pegs, ^c*That* it might not totter.

8 "But you, Israel, *are* My servant, Jacob whom I have "chosen, The descendants of Abraham My ^bfriend.

9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions,

And said to you,

'You *are* My servant,

I have chosen you and have not cast you away:

10 "Fear not, ^bfor I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God.

I will strengthen you,

Yes, I will help you,

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

11 "Behold, all those who were incensed against you Shall be "ashamed and disgraced;

They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish.

12 You shall seek them and not find them—

¹Those who contended with you.

Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing.

13 For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'

14 "Fear not, you "worm Jacob, You men of Israel! I will help you," says the LORD And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 "Behold, ^aI will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth;

You shall thresh the mountains and beat *them* small,

And make the hills like chaff.

16 You shall "winnow them, the wind shall carry them away, And the whirlwind shall scatter them;

You shall rejoice in the LORD,

- And ^bglory in the Holy One of Israel.
- 17 "The poor and needy seek water, but *there is* none, Their tongues fail for thirst. I, the LORD, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not ^aforsake them.
- 18 I will open ^arivers in desolate heights, And fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the ^bwilderness a pool of water, And the dry land springs of water.
- 19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, The myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the ^adesert the cypress tree *and* the pine And the box tree together,
- 20 "That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the LORD has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it.

The Futility of Idols

- 21 "Present your case," says the LORD. "Bring forth your strong reasons," says the ^aKing of Jacob.
- 22 "Let ^a them bring forth and show us what will happen; Let them show the ^bformer things, what they *were*, That we may ^cconsider them, And know the latter end of them; Or declare to us things to come.
- 23 "Show the things that are to come hereafter, That we may know that you *are* gods; Yes, ^bdo good or do evil, That we may be dismayed and see it together.
- 24 Indeed ^ayou *are* nothing, And your work is nothing; *He who* chooses you is an abomination.
- 25 "I have raised up one from the north, And he shall come; From the ¹rising of the sun ^ahe shall call on My name; ^bAnd he shall come against princes as *though* mortar, As the potter treads clay.
- 26 ^aWho has declared from the beginning, that we may know? And former times, that we may say, '*He is righteous*'? Surely *there is* no one who shows,

16 ^bIs. 45:25
17 ^aPs. 94:14; Rom. 11:2
18 ^aIs. 35:6, 7; 43:19; 44:3
^bPs. 107:35
19 ^aIs. 35:1
20 ^aJob 12:9; Is. 66:14
21 ^aIs. 43:15
22 ^aIs. 45:21
^bIs. 43:9 ¹Lit. *set our heart on them*
23 ^aIs. 42:9; 44:7, 8; 45:3; [John 13:19]
^bJer. 10:5
24 ^aPs. 115:8; Is. 44:9; [Rom. 3:10-20; 1 Cor. 8:4]
25 ^aEzra 1:2
^bIs. 41:2; Jer. 50:3 ¹East
26 ^aIs. 43:9
27 ^aIs. 41:4 ^bIs. 40:9; Nah. 1:15
28 ^aIs. 63:5
29 ^aIs. 41:24
¹So with MT, Vg.; DSS, Syr., Tg. *nothing*; LXX omits first line

CHAPTER 42

1 ^aIs. 43:10; 49:3, 6; Matt. 12:18; [Phil. 2:7] ^bMatt. 3:17; 17:5; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22; Eph. 1:6 ^c[Is. 11:2]; Matt. 3:16; [Luke 4:18, 19, 21]; John 3:34
¹Chosen
3 ¹*dimly burning*
²*extinguish*
4 ^a[Gen. 49:10]
5 ^aIs. 44:24; Zech. 12:1
^bJob 12:10; 33:4; Is. 57:16; Dan. 5:23; Acts 17:25
6 ^aIs. 43:1 ^bIs. 49:8 ^cIs. 49:6; Luke 2:32; [Acts 10:45; 13:47; Gal. 3:14]
7 ^aIs. 35:5 ^bIs. 61:1; Luke 4:18; 2 Tim. 2:26; Heb. 2:14] ^cIs. 9:2
8 ^aEx. 20:3-5; Is. 48:11

- Surely *there is* no one who declares, Surely *there is* no one who hears your words.
- 27 ^aThe first time ^b*I said* to Zion, 'Look, there they are!' And I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good tidings.
- 28 ^aFor I looked, and *there was* no man; I looked among them, but *there was* no counselor, Who, when I asked of them, could answer a word.
- 29 ^aIndeed they *are* all ¹worthless; Their works *are* nothing; Their molded images *are* wind and confusion.

The Servant of the LORD

- 42 "Behold! ^aMy Servant whom I uphold, My ¹Elect One *in whom* My soul ^bdelights! ^cI have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
- 2 ^aHe will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.
- 3 A bruised reed He will not break, And ¹smoking flax He will not ²quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.
- 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; ^aAnd the coastlands shall wait for His law."
- 5 Thus says God the LORD, ^aWho created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, ^bWho gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it:
- 6 "I, ^a the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You ^band give You as a covenant to the people, As ^aa light to the Gentiles,
- 7 ^aTo open blind eyes, To ^bbring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in ^adarkness from the prison house.
- 8 I *am* the LORD, that is My name; And My ^aglory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.
- 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,

And new things I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell
you of them."

Praise to the LORD

- 10 ^aSing to the LORD a new song,
And His praise from the ends
of the earth,
^bYou who go down to the sea,
and ¹all that is in it,
You coastlands and you
inhabitants of them!
11 Let the wilderness and its cities
lift up *their voice*,
The villages *that* Kedar
inhabits.
Let the inhabitants of Sela sing,
Let them shout from the top of
the mountains.
12 Let them give glory to the
LORD,
And declare His praise in the
coastlands.
13 The LORD shall go forth like a
mighty man;
He shall stir up *His* zeal like a
man of war.
He shall cry out, "yes, shout
aloud;
He shall prevail against His
enemies.

Promise of the LORD's Help

- 14 "I have held My peace a long
time,
I have been still and restrained
Myself.
Now I will cry like a woman in
¹labor,
I will pant and gasp at once.
15 I will lay waste the mountains
and hills,
And dry up all their vegetation;
I will make the rivers
coastlands,
And I will dry up the pools.
16 I will bring the blind by a way
they did not know;
I will lead them in paths they
have not known.
I will make darkness light
before them,
And crooked places straight.
These things I will do for them,
And not forsake them.
17 They shall be ^cturned back,
They shall be greatly ashamed,
Who trust in carved images,
Who say to the molded
images,
'You are our gods.'
18 "Hear, you deaf;
And look, you blind, that you
may see.
19 ^aWho is blind but My servant,
Or deaf as My messenger
whom I send?
Who is blind as *he who is*
perfect,
And blind as the LORD's
servant?

10 ^aPs. 33:3;
40:3; 98:1 ^bPs.
107:23 ¹Lit. *its*
fullness

13 ^aIs. 31:4

14 ¹*childbirth*

17 ^aPs. 97:7; Is.
1:29; 44:11;
45:16

19 ^aIs. 43:8;
Ezek. 12:2;
[John 9:39,
41]

20 ^aRom. 2:21

22 ¹Or *trapped*
in caves

24 ^aIs. 65:2

25 ^a2 Kin. 25:9
^bIs. 1:3; 5:13;
Hos. 7:9 ^cIs.
29:13

CHAPTER 43

1 ^aIs. 43:5;
44:6 ^bIs. 42:6;
45:4

2 ^a[Ps. 66:12;
91:3] ^b[Deut.
31:6]; Jer.
30:11 ^cDan.
3:25

3 ^a[Prov. 11:8;
21:18]

4 ^aIs. 63:9

- 20 Seeing many things, ^abut you
do not observe;
Opening the ears, but he does
not hear."

Israel's Obstinate Disobedience

- 21 The LORD is well pleased for
His righteousness' sake;
He will exalt the law and make
it honorable.
22 But this is a people robbed and
plundered;
All of them are ¹snared in
holes,
And they are hidden in prison
houses;
They are for prey, and no one
delivers;
For plunder, and no one says,
"Restore!"
23 Who among you will give ear to
this?
Who will listen and hear for
the time to come?
24 Who gave Jacob for plunder,
and Israel to the robbers?
Was it not the LORD,
He against whom we have
sinned?
^aFor they would not walk in His
ways,
Nor were they obedient to His
law.
25 Therefore He has poured on
him the fury of His anger
And the strength of battle;
^aIt has set him on fire all
around,
^bYet he did not know;
And it burned him,
Yet he did not take *it* to
^cheart.

The Redeemer of Israel

- 43 But now, thus says the LORD,
who created you, O Jacob,
And He who formed you,
O Israel:
"Fear not, ^afor I have redeemed
you;
^bI have called *you* by your name;
You are Mine.
2 ^aWhen you pass through the
waters, ^bI *will be* with you;
And through the rivers, they
shall not overflow you.
When you ^cwalk through the
fire, you shall not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch
you.
3 For I *am* the LORD your
God,
The Holy One of Israel, your
Savior;
^aI gave Egypt for your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in your
place.
4 Since you were precious in My
sight,
You have been honored,
And I have ^aloved you;

- Therefore I will give men for you,
And people for your life.
- 5 ^aFear not, for I *am* with you;
I will bring your descendants from the east,
And ^bgather you from the west;
- 6 I will say to the ^anorth, 'Give them up!
And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!
Bring My sons from afar,
And My daughters from the ends of the earth—
- 7 Everyone who is ^acalled by My name,
Whom ^bI have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him."
- 8 ^a"Bring out the blind people who have eyes,
And the ^adeaf who have ears.
- 9 Let all the nations be gathered together,
And let the people be assembled.
^a"Who among them can declare this,
And show us former things?
Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified;
Or let them hear and say, "*It is truth.*"
- 10 "*You ^aare My witnesses,*" says the LORD,
^b"And My servant whom I have chosen,
That you may know and ^abelieve Me,
And understand that I *am* He.
Before Me there was no God formed,
Nor shall there be after Me.
- 11 I, *even* I, ^a*am* the LORD,
And besides Me *there is no* savior.
- 12 I have declared and saved,
I have proclaimed,
And *there was no ^aforeign god* among you;
^bTherefore you *are* My witnesses,"
Says the LORD, "that I *am* God.
- 13 ^a"Indeed before the day was, I *am* He;
And *there is no one* who can deliver out of My hand;
I work, and who will ^areverse it?"
- 14 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
"For your sake I will send to Babylon,
And bring them all down as fugitives—
The Chaldeans, who rejoice in their ships.
- 15 I *am* the LORD, your Holy One,

5 ^aIs. 41:10; 44:2; Jer. 30:10; 46:27, 28 ^bIs. 54:7

6 ^aIs. 49:12

7 ^aIs. 63:19; James 2:7 ^bPs. 100:3; Is. 29:23; [John 3:2, 3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10]

8 ^aIs. 6:9; 42:19; Ezek. 12:2 ^bIs. 29:18

9 ^aIs. 41:21, 22, 26

10 ^aIs. 44:8 ^bIs. 55:4 ^cIs. 41:4; 44:6

11 ^aIs. 45:21; Hos. 13:4

12 ^aDeut. 32:16; Ps. 81:9 ^bIs. 44:8

13 ^aPs. 90:2; Is. 48:16 ^bJob 9:12; Is. 14:27

15 ^aIs. 41:20, 21

16 ^aEx. 14:16, 21, 22; Ps. 77:19; Is. 51:10 ^bJosh. 3:13

17 ^aEx. 14:4-9, 25

18 ^aJer. 16:14

19 ^aIs. 42:9; 48:6; [2 Cor. 5:17; Rev. 21:5] ^bEx. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Deut. 8:15; Ps. 78:16; Is. 35:1, 6

20 ^aIs. 48:21

21 ^aPs. 102:18; Is. 42:12; [Luke 1:74, 75; Eph. 1:5, 6; 1 Pet. 2:9] ^bJer. 13:11

22 ^aMic. 6:3; Mal. 1:13; 3:14

23 ^aAmos 5:25

24 ^aPs. 95:10; Is. 1:14; 7:13; Ezek. 6:9; Mal. 2:17

25 ^aIs. 44:22; Jer. 50:20; [Acts 3:19] ^bEzek. 36:22 ^cIs. 1:18; Jer. 31:34

26 ¹justified

27 ¹interpreters

The Creator of Israel, your ^a"King."

- 16 Thus says the LORD, who ^amakes a way in the sea
And a ^bpath through the mighty waters,
- 17 Who ^abrings forth the chariot and horse,
The army and the power
(They shall lie down together,
they shall not rise;
They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):
- 18 "Do^a not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.
- 19 Behold, I will do a ^anew thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?
^bI will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.
- 20 The beast of the field will honor Me,
The jackals and the ostriches,
Because ^aI give waters in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert,
To give drink to My people, My chosen.
- 21 ^a"This people I have formed for Myself;
They shall declare My ^bpraise.

Pleading with Unfaithful Israel

- 22 "But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob;
And you ^ahave been weary of Me, O Israel.
- 23 ^a"You have not brought Me the sheep for your burnt offerings,
Nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices.
I have not caused you to serve with grain offerings,
Nor wearied you with incense.
- 24 You have bought Me no sweet cane with money,
Nor have you satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices;
But you have burdened Me with your sins,
You have ^awearied Me with your iniquities.
- 25 "I, *even* I, *am* He who ^ablots out your transgressions ^bfor My own sake;
^cAnd I will not remember your sins.
- 26 Put Me in remembrance;
Let us contend together;
State your *case*, that you may be ¹acquitted.
- 27 Your first father sinned,
And your ¹mediators have transgressed against Me.
- 28 Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary;

^aI will give Jacob to the curse,
And Israel to reproaches.

God's Blessing on Israel

- 44 “Yet hear now, O Jacob My servant,
And Israel whom I have chosen.
2 Thus says the LORD who made you
And formed you from the womb, *who* will help you:
‘Fear not, O Jacob My servant;
And you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,
And floods on the dry ground;
I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,
And My blessing on your offspring;
4 They will spring up among the grass
Like willows by the watercourses.’
5 One will say, ‘I *am* the LORD’s’;
Another will call *himself* by the name of Jacob;
Another will write with his hand, ‘The LORD’s,’
And name *himself* by the name of Israel.

There Is No Other God

- 6 “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
^a‘I *am* the First and I *am* the Last;
Besides Me *there* is no God.
7 And ^awho can proclaim as I do?
Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me,
Since I appointed the ancient people.
And the things that are coming and shall come,
Let them show these to them.
8 Do not fear, nor be afraid;
^a‘Have I not told you from that time, and declared *it*?
^bYou *are* My witnesses.
Is there a God besides Me?
Indeed *‘there is no other Rock; I know not one.’*”

Idolatry Is Foolishness

- 9 “Those who make an image, all of them are useless,
And their precious things shall not profit;
They *are* their own witnesses;
^bThey neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.
10 Who would form a god or mold an image
^a*That* profits him nothing?
11 Surely all his companions would be *‘ashamed;*

28 ^aPs. 79:4;
Jer. 24:9; Dan. 9:11; Zech. 8:13

CHAPTER 44

6 ^aIs. 41:4;
[Rev. 1:8, 17; 22:13]

7 ^aIs. 41:4, 22, 26

8 ^aIs. 41:22 ^bIs. 43:10, 12
^cDeut. 4:35;
32:39; 1 Sam. 2:2; 2 Sam. 22:32; Is. 45:5;
Joel 2:27

9 ^aIs. 41:24
^bPs. 115:4

10 ^aIs. 41:29;
Jer. 10:5; Hab. 2:18; Acts 19:26

11 ^aPs. 97:7; Is. 1:29; 42:17

12 ^aIs. 40:19;
Jer. 10:3–5

14 ¹Lit. *appropriates*

18 ^aIs. 45:20
^b[Ps. 81:12];
Is. 6:9, 10;
29:10;
2 Thess. 2:11
^cJer. 10:14
¹Lit. *smear*
over

And the workmen, they *are* mere men.
Let them all be gathered together,
Let them stand up;
Yet they shall fear,
They shall be ashamed together.

- 12 “The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals,
Fashions it with hammers,
And works it with the strength of his arms.
Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails;
He drinks no water and is faint.
13 The craftsman stretches out *his* rule,
He marks one out with chalk;
He fashions it with a plane,
He marks it out with the compass,
And makes it like the figure of a man,
According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house.
14 He cuts down cedars for himself,
And takes the cypress and the oak;
He ¹secures *it* for himself among the trees of the forest.
He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes *it*.
15 Then it shall be for a man to burn,
For he will take some of it and warm himself;
Yes, he kindles *it* and bakes bread;
Indeed he makes a god and worships *it*;
He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it.
16 He burns half of it in the fire;
With this half he eats meat;
He roasts a roast, and is satisfied.
He even warms *himself* and says,
“Ah! I am warm,
I have seen the fire.”
17 And the rest of it he makes into a god,
His carved image.
He falls down before it and worships *it*,
Prays to it and says,
“Deliver me, for you *are* my god!”
18 “They do not know nor understand;
For ^bHe has ¹shut their eyes, so that they cannot see,
And their hearts, so that they cannot understand.

- 19 And no one ^aconsiders in his heart,
Nor is *there* knowledge nor understanding to say,
"I have burned half of it in the fire,
Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals;
I have roasted meat and eaten it;
And shall I make the rest of it an abomination?
Shall I fall down before a block of wood?"
- 20 He feeds on ashes;
^aA deceived heart has turned him aside;
And he cannot deliver his soul,
Nor say, "Is *there* not a ^blie in my right hand?"
- Israel Is Not Forgotten*
- 21 "Remember these, O Jacob, And Israel, for you *are* My servant;
I have formed you, you *are* My servant;
O Israel, you will not be ^aforgotten by Me!
- 22 ^aI have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions,
And like a cloud, your sins.
Return to Me, for ^bI have redeemed you."
- 23 "Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done *it!*
Shout, you lower parts of the earth;
Break forth into singing, you mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
And ^bglorified Himself in Israel.
- Judah Will Be Restored*
- 24 Thus says the LORD, "your Redeemer,
And ^bHe who formed you from the womb:
"I *am* the LORD, who makes all *things*,
^cWho stretches out the heavens ¹all alone,
Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;
- 25 Who ^afrustrates the signs ^bof the babblers,
And drives diviners mad;
Who turns wise men backward,
^aAnd makes their knowledge foolishness;
- 26 ^aWho confirms the word of His servant,
And performs the counsel of His messengers;
Who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited,'
To the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built,'

- 19 ^aIs. 46:8
20 ^aJob 15:31; Hos. 4:12; Rom. 1:21, 22; 2 Thess. 2:11; 2 Tim. 3:13
^bIs. 57:11; 59:3, 4, 13; Rom. 1:25
21 ^aIs. 49:15
22 ^aIs. 43:25
^bIs. 43:1; 1 Cor. 6:20; [1 Pet. 1:18, 19]
23 ^aPs. 69:34; Is. 42:10; 49:13; Jer. 51:48; Rev. 18:20 ^bIs. 49:3; 60:21
24 ^aIs. 43:14
^bIs. 43:1 ^cJob 9:8 ¹By Himself
25 ^aIs. 47:13
^bJer. 50:36
^c2 Sam. 15:31; Job 5:12-14; Ps. 33:10; Is. 29:14; Jer. 51:57; 1 Cor. 1:20, 27
26 ^aZech. 1:6; Matt. 5:18
27 ^aJer. 50:38; 51:36
28 ^a2 Chr. 36:22; Ezra 1:1; Is. 45:13
^bEzra 6:7
- CHAPTER 45
- 1 ^aIs. 44:28
^bPs. 73:23; Is. 41:13 ^cDan. 5:30 ^dJob 12:21; Is. 45:5
¹strengthened or sustained
2 ^aIs. 40:4 ^bPs. 107:16 ¹Tg. *I will trample down the walls; Vg. I will humble the great ones of the earth* ²DSS, LXX *mountains*
3 ^aIs. 41:23
^bEx. 33:12
4 ^aIs. 44:1
5 ^aDeut. 4:35; 32:39; Is. 44:8
^bIs. 45:14, 18
^cPs. 18:32
6 ^aPs. 102:15; Is. 37:20; Mal. 1:11 ^b[Is. 11:9; 52:10]
7 ^aIs. 31:2; 47:11; Amos 3:6
8 ^aPs. 85:11

- And I will raise up her waste places;
- 27 ^aWho says to the deep, 'Be dry!' And I will dry up your rivers';
- 28 Who says of ^aCyrus, 'He is My shepherd,
And he shall perform all My pleasure,
Saying to Jerusalem, ^b"You shall be built,"
And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid." '
- Cyrus, God's Instrument*
- 45 "Thus says the LORD to His anointed,
To ^aCyrus, whose ^bbright hand I have ^cheld—
^cTo subdue nations before him
And ^dloose the armor of kings,
To open before him the double doors,
So that the gates will not be shut;
2 'I will go before you
^aAnd ¹make the ²crooked places straight;
^bI will break in pieces the gates of bronze
And cut the bars of iron.
3 I will give you the treasures of darkness
And hidden riches of secret places,
^aThat you may know that I, the LORD,
Who ^ccall you by your name, *Am* the God of Israel.
4 For ^aJacob My servant's sake, And Israel My elect,
I have even called you by your name;
I have named you, though you have not known Me.
5 I ^a*am* the LORD, and ^b*there is* no other;
There is no God besides Me.
^cI will gird you, though you have not known Me,
6 ^aThat they may ^bknow from the rising of the sun to its setting
That *there is none besides Me.*
I *am* the LORD, and *there is no* other;
7 I form the light and create darkness,
I make peace and ^acreate calamity;
I, the LORD, do all these *things*.'
- 8 "Rain^a down, you heavens, from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness;
Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation,
And let righteousness spring up together.
I, the LORD, have created it.

- 9 “Woe to him who strives with
^ahis Maker!
*Let the potsherd strive with the
 potsheds of the earth!*
^bShall the clay say to him who
 forms it, ‘What are you
 making?’
 Or shall your handiwork say,
 ‘He has no hands?’
- 10 Woe to him who says to *his*
 father, ‘What are you
 begetting?’
 Or to the woman, ‘What have
 you brought forth?’ ”
- 11 Thus says the LORD,
 The Holy One of Israel, and his
 Maker:
^a“Ask Me of things to come
 concerning ^bMy sons;
 And concerning ^cthe work of
 My hands, you command Me.
- 12 ^aI have made the earth,
 And ^bcreated man on it.
 I—My hands—stretched out the
 heavens,
 And ^c‘all their host I have
 commanded.
- 13 ^aI have raised him up in
 righteousness,
 And I will ^ddirect all his
 ways;
 He shall ^bbuild My city
 And let My exiles go free,
^c“Not for price nor reward,”
 Says the LORD of hosts.
- The LORD, the Only Savior*
- 14 Thus says the LORD:
^a“The labor of Egypt and
 merchandise of Cush
 And of the Sabceans, men of
 stature,
 Shall come over to you, and
 they shall be yours;
 They shall walk behind you,
 They shall come over ^bin
 chains;
 And they shall bow down to
 you.
 They will make supplication to
 you, saying, ^c“Surely God is in
 you,
 And *there is no other;*
^d*There is no other God.’ ”*
- 15 Truly You *are* God, ^awho hide
 Yourself,
 O God of Israel, the Savior!
- 16 They shall be ^aashamed
 And also disgraced, all of
 them;
 They shall go in confusion
 together,
Who are makers of idols.
- 17 ^aBut Israel shall be saved by the
 LORD
 With an ^beverlasting salvation;
 You shall not be ashamed or
^cdisgraced
 Forever and ever.

9 ^aIs. 64:8 ^bJer.
 18:6; Rom.
 9:20, 21

11 ^aIs. 8:19
^bJer. 31:9 ^cIs.
 29:23; 60:21;
 64:8

12 ^aIs. 42:5;
 Jer. 27:5 ^bGen.
 1:26 ^cGen. 2:1;
 Neh. 9:6

13 ^aIs. 41:2
^{b2} Chr. 36:22;
 Is. 44:28
^c[Rom. 3:24]
¹Or *make all
 his ways
 straight*

14 ^aPs. 68:31;
 72:10, 11; Is.
 14:1; 49:23;
 60:9, 10, 14,
 16; Zech. 8:22,
 23 ^bPs. 149:8
^cJer. 16:19;
 Zech. 8:20–23;
 1 Cor. 14:25
^dIs. 45:5

15 ^aPs. 44:24;
 Is. 57:17

16 ^aIs. 44:11

17 ^aIs. 26:4;
 [Rom. 11:26]
^bIs. 51:6 ^cIs.
 29:22

18 ^aIs. 42:5
^bGen. 1:26;
 Ps. 115:16;
 Acts 17:26
^cIs. 45:5 ¹Or
*empty, a
 waste*

19 ^aDeut. 30:11
^bPs. 19:8; Is.
 45:23; 63:1
¹Or *in a
 waste place*

20 ^aIs. 44:9;
 46:7; Jer. 10:5

21 ^aIs. 41:22;
 43:9 ^bIs. 44:8

22 ^aPs. 22:27;
 65:5

23 ^aGen. 22:16;
 Is. 62:8; [Heb.
 6:13] ^bRom.
 14:11; [Phil.
 2:10] ^cDeut.
 6:13; Ps.
 63:11; Is.
 19:18; 65:16

24 ^aIs. 54:17;
 Jer. 23:5;
 1 Cor. 1:30]
^bIs. 41:11 ¹Or
*Only in the
 LORD are all
 righteousness
 and strength*

25 ^aIs. 45:17
^{b1} Cor. 1:31

CHAPTER 46

1 ^aIs. 21:9; Jer.
 50:2 ^bJer. 10:5

- 18 For thus says the LORD,
^aWho created the heavens,
 Who is God,
 Who formed the earth and
 made it,
 Who has established it,
 Who did not create it ¹in vain,
 Who formed it to be ²inhabited:
^c“*I am the LORD, and there is no
 other.*
- 19 I have not spoken in ^asecret,
 In a dark place of the earth;
 I did not say to the seed of
 Jacob,
 ‘Seek Me ¹in vain’;
^bI, the LORD, speak
 righteousness,
 I declare things that are right.

- 20 “Assemble yourselves and come;
 Draw near together,
 You *who have* escaped from the
 nations.
^aThey have no knowledge,
 Who carry the wood of their
 carved image,
 And pray to a god *that* cannot
 save.
- 21 Tell and bring forth *your case*;
 Yes, let them take counsel
 together.
^aWho has declared this from
 ancient time?
 Who has told it from that
 time?
 Have not I, the LORD?
^bAnd *there is* no other God
 besides Me,
 A just God and a Savior;
There is none besides Me.

- 22 “Look to Me, and be saved,
^aAll you ends of the earth!
 For *I am* God, and *there is no
 other.*
- 23 ^aI have sworn by Myself;
 The word has gone out of My
 mouth *in* righteousness,
 And shall not return.
 That to Me every ^bknee shall
 bow,
^cEvery tongue shall take an
 oath.
- 24 He shall say,
¹“Surely in the LORD I have
 ‘righteousness and strength.
 To Him *men* shall come,
 And ^ball shall be ashamed
 Who are incensed against Him.
- 25 ^aIn the LORD all the descendants
 of Israel
 Shall be justified, and ^bshall
 glory.’ ”

Dead Idols and the Living God

- 46 Bel ^abows down, Nebo
 stoops;
 Their idols were on the beasts
 and on the cattle.
 Your carriages were heavily
 loaded,
^bA burden to the weary *beast.*

- 2 They stoop, they bow down together;
They could not deliver the burden,
“But have themselves gone into captivity.
- 3 “Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of Israel,
“Who have been upheld by Me from ‘birth,
Who have been carried from the womb:
- 4 Even to your old age, ‘I am He,
And even to gray hairs ‘I will carry you!
I have made, and I will bear;
Even I will carry, and will deliver you.
- 5 “To^a whom will you liken Me,
and make Me equal
And compare Me, that we should be alike?
- 6 “They lavish gold out of the bag,
And weigh silver on the scales;
They hire a ‘goldsmith, and he makes it a god;
They prostrate themselves, yes, they worship.
- 7 “They bear it on the shoulder, they carry it
And set it in its place, and it stands;
From its place it shall not move.
Though ‘bone cries out to it, yet it cannot answer
Nor save him out of his trouble.
- 8 “Remember this, and ‘show yourselves men;
“Recall to mind, O you transgressors.
- 9 “Remember the former things of old,
For I am God, and ‘there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me,
- 10 “Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things that are not yet done,
Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all My pleasure.’
- 11 Calling a bird of prey ‘from the east,
The man ‘who executes My counsel, from a far country.
Indeed ‘I have spoken it;
I will also bring it to pass.
I have purposed it;
I will also do it.
- 12 “Listen to Me, you ‘stubborn-hearted,
‘Who are far from righteousness:
- 13 ‘I bring My righteousness near,
it shall not be far off;

2 ^aJudg. 18:17, 18, 24; 2 Sam. 5:21; Jer. 48:7; Hos. 10:5, 6

3 ^aDeut. 32:11; Ps. 71:6; Is. 63:9 ¹Lit. the belly

4 ^aMal. 3:6
^bPs. 48:14

5 ^aIs. 40:18, 25

6 ^aIs. 40:19; 41:6; Jer. 10:4
^bIs. 44:12

7 ^aIs. 45:20; 46:1; Jer. 10:5
^bIs. 45:20

8 ^aIs. 44:19 ¹be men, take courage

9 ^aDeut. 32:7; Is. 42:9; 65:17
^bIs. 45:5, 21

10 ^aIs. 45:21; 48:3 ^bPs. 33:11; Prov. 19:21; 21:30; Is. 14:24; 25:1; Acts 5:39; Heb. 6:17

11 ^aIs. 41:2, 25
^bIs. 44:28
^cNum. 23:19

12 ^aPs. 76:5; Is. 48:4; Zech. 7:11, 12; Mal. 3:13 ^b[Rom. 10:3]

13 ^a[Rom. 1:17] ^bHab. 2:3 ^cIs. 62:11; Joel 3:17; [1 Pet. 2:6] ¹delay

CHAPTER 47

1 ^aJer. 48:18
^bIs. 3:26 ^cIs. 14:18–23; Jer. 25:12; 50:1—51:64
¹dainty

2 ^aEx. 11:5; Jer. 25:10

3 ^aIs. 3:17; 20:4 ^b[Rom. 12:19]

4 ^aJer. 50:34

5 ^a1 Sam. 2:9
^bIs. 13:19; [Dan. 2:37]; Rev. 17:18

6 ^a2 Sam. 24:14 ^bIs. 43:28 ^cDeut. 28:49, 50

7 ^aRev. 18:7
^bIs. 42:25; 46:8
^cDeut. 32:29; Jer. 5:31; Ezek. 7:2, 3

9 ^aPs. 73:19; 1 Thess. 5:3; Rev. 18:8

My salvation ‘shall not ‘linger.
And I will place ‘salvation in Zion,
For Israel My glory.

The Humiliation of Babylon

- 47 “Come ‘down and ‘sit in the dust,
O virgin daughter of ‘Babylon;
Sit on the ground without a throne,
O daughter of the Chaldeans!
For you shall no more be called Tender and ‘delicate.
- 2 “Take the millstones and grind meal.
Remove your veil,
Take off the skirt,
Uncover the thigh,
Pass through the rivers.
- 3 “Your nakedness shall be uncovered,
Yes, your shame will be seen;
^bI will take vengeance,
And I will not arbitrate with a man.”
- 4 As for ‘our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name,
The Holy One of Israel.
- 5 “Sit in ‘silence, and go into darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
^bFor you shall no longer be called
The Lady of Kingdoms.
- 6 “I was angry with My people;
^bI have profaned My inheritance,
And given them into your hand.
You showed them no mercy;
“On the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily.
- 7 And you said, ‘I shall be ‘a lady forever;
So that you did not ‘take these things to heart,
“Nor remember the latter end of them.
- 8 “Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures,
Who dwell securely,
Who say in your heart,
‘I am, and there is no one else besides me;
I shall not sit as a widow,
Nor shall I know the loss of children’;
- 9 But these two things shall come to you
“In a moment, in one day:
The loss of children, and widowhood.
They shall come upon you in their fullness
Because of the multitude of your sorceries,
For the great abundance of your enchantments.

- 10 “For you have trusted in your wickedness;
You have said, ‘No one ‘sees me’;
Your wisdom and your knowledge have ¹warped you;
And you have said in your heart,
‘I *am*, and *there is* no one else besides me.’

- 11 Therefore evil shall come upon you;
You shall not know from where it arises.
And trouble shall fall upon you;
You will not be able ¹to put it off.
And ^adesolation shall come upon you ^bsuddenly,
Which you shall not know.

- 12 “Stand now with your enchantments
And the multitude of your sorceries,
In which you have labored from your youth—
Perhaps you will be able to profit,

- 13 ^aYou are wearied in the multitude of your counsels;
Let now ^bthe¹ astrologers, the stargazers,
And ²the monthly prognosticators
Stand up and save you
From what shall come upon you.

- 14 Behold, they shall be ^aas stubble,
The fire shall ^bburn them;
They shall not deliver themselves
From the power of the flame;
It shall not be a coal to be warmed by,
Nor a fire to sit before!

- 15 Thus shall they be to you
With whom you have labored,
^aYour merchants from your youth;
They shall wander each one to his ¹quarter.
No one shall save you.

Israel Refined for God's Glory

- 48 “Hear this, O house of Jacob,
Who are called by the name of Israel,
And have come forth from the wellsprings of Judah;
Who swear by the name of the LORD,
And make mention of the God of Israel,
But ‘not in truth or in righteousness;
2 For they call themselves ^aafter the holy city,
And ^blean on the God of Israel;
The LORD of hosts is His name:

10 ^aIs. 29:15;
Ezek. 8:12; 9:9
¹I led you astray

11 ^aIs. 13:6;
Jer. 51:8, 43;
Luke 17:27;
1 Thess. 5:3
^bIs. 29:5 ¹Lit. to cover it or atone for it

13 ^aIs. 57:10
^bIs. 8:19;
44:25; 47:9;
Dan. 2:2, 10
¹Lit. viewers of the heavens
²Lit. those giving knowledge for new moons

14 ^aIs. 5:24;
Nah. 1:10;
Mal. 4:1 ^b[Is. 10:17]; Jer. 51:58

15 ^aRev. 18:11
¹own side or way

CHAPTER 48

1 ^aIs. 58:2; Jer. 4:2; 5:2

2 ^aIs. 52:1;
64:10 ^bIs. 10:20; Jer. 7:4;
21:2; Mic. 3:11; Rom. 2:17

3 ^aIs. 44:7, 8;
46:10 ^bJosh. 21:45; Is. 42:9

4 ^aEx. 32:9;
Deut. 31:27;
Ezek. 2:4; 3:7
¹Heb. hard

8 ^aDeut. 9:7, 24; Ps. 58:3;
Is. 46:3, 8

9 ^aPs. 79:9;
106:8; Is. 43:25; Ezek. 20:9, 14, 22, 44
^b[Neh. 9:30, 31]; Ps. 78:38;
Is. 30:18; 65:8
¹delay

10 ^aPs. 66:10;
Jer. 9:7 ^bDeut. 4:20; 1 Kin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4

11 ^aLev. 22:2, 32; Deut. 32:26, 27;
Ezek. 20:9 ^bIs. 42:8

12 ^aDeut. 32:39
^bIs. 44:6; [Rev. 22:13]

13 ^aEx. 20:11;
Ps. 102:25; Is. 42:5; 45:12, 18; Heb. 1:10–12 ^bIs. 40:26

- 3 “I have ^adeclared the former things from the beginning;
They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it.

Suddenly I *did them*, ^band they came to pass.

- 4 Because I knew that you were ¹obstinate,
And ^ayour neck was an iron sinew,
And your brow bronze,
5 Even from the beginning I have declared *it* to you;
Before it came to pass I proclaimed *it* to you,
Lest you should say, ‘My idol has done them,
And my carved image and my molded image
Have commanded them.’

- 6 “You have heard;
See all this.
And will you not declare *it*?
I have made you hear new things from this time,
Even hidden things, and you did not know them.

- 7 They are created now and not from the beginning;
And before this day you have not heard them,
Lest you should say, ‘Of course I knew them.’

- 8 Surely you did not hear,
Surely you did not know;
Surely from long ago your ear was not opened.
For I knew that you would deal very treacherously,
And were called ^aa transgressor from the womb.

- 9 “For^a My name's sake ^bI will ¹defer My anger,
And for My praise I will restrain it from you,
So that I do not cut you off.

- 10 Behold, ^aI have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tested you in the ^bfurnace of affliction.

- 11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do *it*;
For ^ahow should My name be profaned?
And ^bI will not give My glory to another.

God's Ancient Plan to Redeem Israel

- 12 “Listen to Me, O Jacob,
And Israel, My called:
I *am* He, ^aI *am* the ^bFirst,
I *am* also the Last.

- 13 Indeed ^aMy hand has laid the foundation of the earth,
And My right hand has stretched out the heavens;
When ^bI call to them,
They stand up together.

14 "All of you, assemble yourselves,
and hear!
Who among them has declared
these *things*?

^aThe LORD loves him;
^bHe shall do His pleasure on
Babylon.

And His arm *shall be against*
the Chaldeans.

15 I, *even I*, have spoken;
Yes, ^aI have called him,
I have brought him, and his
way will prosper.

16 "Come near to Me, hear this:
^aI have not spoken in secret
from the beginning;
From the time that it was, I was
there.
And now ^bthe Lord GOD and
His Spirit
¹Have sent Me."

17 Thus says "the LORD, your
Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
"I *am* the LORD your God,
Who teaches you to profit,
^bWho leads you by the way you
should go.

18 "Oh, that you had heeded My
commandments!
^bThen your peace would have
been like a river,
And your righteousness like
the waves of the sea.

19 "Your descendants also would
have been like the sand,
And the offspring of your body
like the grains of sand;
His name would not have been
cut off
Nor destroyed from before
Me."

20 "Go forth from Babylon!
Flee from the Chaldeans!
With a voice of singing,
Declare, proclaim this,
Utter it to the end of the
earth;

Say, "The LORD has ^bredeemed
His servant Jacob!"

21 And they "did not thirst
When He led them through the
deserts;

He ^bcaused the waters to flow
from the rock for them;
He also split the rock, and the
waters gushed out.

22 "There^a is no peace," says the
LORD, "for the wicked."

*The Servant, the Light to the
Gentiles*

49 "Listen, ^aO coastlands, to
Me,
And take heed,
you peoples from afar!

^bThe LORD has called Me from
the womb;

14 ^aIs. 45:1 ^bIs.
44:28;
47:1-15

15 ^aIs. 45:1, 2

16 ^aIs. 45:19
^bZech. 2:8, 9,
11 ¹Heb. verb
is sing.; or
*Has sent Me
and His
Spirit*

17 ^aIs. 43:14
^bPs. 32:8

18 ^aPs. 81:13
^bPs. 119:165

19 ^aGen. 22:17

20 ^aZech. 2:6,
7 ^b[Ex.
19:4-6]

21 ^a[Is. 41:17,
18] ^bEx. 17:6

22 ^a[Is. 57:21]

CHAPTER 49

1 ^aIs. 41:1
^bJer. 1:5 ¹Lit.
inward parts

2 ^aRev. 1:16;
2:12 ^bIs. 51:16
^cPs. 45:5

3 ^a[Zech. 3:8]
^bIs. 44:23

4 ^a[Ezek.
3:19] ¹justice
²recompense

5 ^aMatt. 23:37
¹Qr., DSS,
LXX *gathered
to Him; Kt.
not gathered*

6 ^a[Luke 2:32]

7 ^a[Is. 53:3]
^b[Is. 52:15]
¹Lit. *his* or
its ²Lit. *who
is despised of
soul*

8 ^a2 Cor. 6:2
^bIs. 42:6
¹favorable
²keep
³inheritances

9 ^aIs. 61:1

From the ¹matrix of My mother
He has made mention of My
name.

2 And He has made ^aMy mouth
like a sharp sword;
^bIn the shadow of His hand He
has hidden Me,
And made Me ^aa polished shaft;
In His quiver He has hidden Me."

3 "And He said to me,
^a'You *are* My servant, O Israel,
^bIn whom I will be glorified.'

4 "Then I said, 'I have labored in
vain,
I have spent my strength for
nothing and in vain;
Yet surely my ¹just reward *is*
with the LORD,
And my ²work with my God.' "

5 "And now the LORD says,
Who formed Me from the
womb *to be* His Servant.
To bring Jacob back to Him,
So that Israel ^ais ¹gathered to
Him
(For I shall be glorious in the
eyes of the LORD,
And My God shall be My
strength),

6 Indeed He says,
¹It is too small a thing that You
should be My Servant
To raise up the tribes of Jacob,
And to restore the preserved
ones of Israel;
I will also give You as a ^alight to
the Gentiles,
That You should be My
salvation to the ends of the
earth.' "

7 Thus says the LORD,
The Redeemer of Israel, ¹their
Holy One,
^aTo Him ²whom man despises,
To Him whom the nation abhors,
To the Servant of rulers:
^b"Kings shall see and arise,
Princes also shall worship,
Because of the LORD who is
faithful,
The Holy One of Israel;
And He has chosen You."

8 Thus says the LORD:

"In an ^aacceptable¹ time I have
heard You,
And in the day of salvation I
have helped You;
I will ²preserve You ^band give
You

As a covenant to the people,
To restore the earth,
To cause them to inherit the
desolate ³heritages;

9 That You may say ^ato the
prisoners, 'Go forth.'
To those who *are* in darkness,
'Show yourselves.'

- "They shall feed along the roads,
And their pastures *shall be* on all desolate heights.
- 10 They shall neither ^ahunger nor thirst,
^bNeither heat nor sun shall strike them;
For He who has mercy on them ^cwill lead them,
Even by the springs of water He will guide them.
- 11 ^aI will make each of My mountains a road,
And My highways shall be elevated.
- 12 Surely ^athese shall come from afar;
Look! Those from the north and the west,
And these from the land of Sinim."
- 13 "Sing, O heavens!
Be joyful, O earth!
And break out in singing,
O mountains!
For the LORD has comforted His people,
And will have mercy on His afflicted.
- God Will Remember Zion*
- 14 "But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
And my Lord has forgotten me."
- 15 "Can ^aa woman forget her nursing child,
¹And not have compassion on the son of her womb?
Surely they may forget,
^bYet I will not forget you.
- 16 See, ^aI have inscribed you on the palms of *My hands*;
Your walls are continually before Me.
- 17 Your ¹sons shall make haste;
Your destroyers and those who laid you waste
Shall go away from you.
- 18 ^aLift up your eyes, look around and see;
All these gather together *and* come to you.
As I live," says the LORD,
"You shall surely clothe yourselves with them all ^{bas}as an ornament,
And bind them *on you* as a bride *does*."
- 19 "For your waste and desolate places,
And the land of your destruction,
^aWill even now be too small for the inhabitants;
And those who swallowed you up will be far away.
- 20 "The children you will have,
^bAfter you have lost the others,

10 ^aIs. 33:16;
48:21; Rev.
7:16 ^bPs. 121:6
^cPs. 23:2; Is.
40:11; 48:17

11 ^aIs. 40:4

12 ^aIs. 43:5, 6

13 ^aIs. 44:23

14 ^aIs. 40:27

15 ^aPs. 103:13;
Mal. 3:17
^bRom. 11:29
¹Lit. *From having compassion*

16 ^aEx. 13:9;
Song 8:6;
Hag. 2:23

17 ¹DSS, LXX,
Tg., Vg.
builders

18 ^aIs. 60:4;
John 4:35
^bProv. 17:6

19 ^aIs. 54:1, 2;
Zech. 10:10

20 ^aIs. 60:4
^b[Matt. 3:9;
Rom. 11:11]

22 ^aIs. 60:4
¹banner ²Lit.
bosom

23 ^aPs. 72:11;
Is. 52:15 ^bPs.
72:9; Mic. 7:17
^cPs. 34:22;
[Rom. 5:5]

24 ^aMatt.
12:29; Luke
11:21, 22 ¹So
with MT, Tg.;
DSS, Syr., Vg.
of the mighty;
LXX *unjustly*

26 ^aIs. 9:20
^bRev. 14:20
^cPs. 9:16; Is.
60:16

CHAPTER 50

1 ^aDeut. 24:1;
Jer. 3:8 ^bDeut.
32:30; 2 Kin.
4:1; Neh. 5:5

- Will say again in your ears,
'The place is too small for me;
Give me a place where I may dwell.'
- 21 Then you will say in your heart,
'Who has begotten these for me,
Since I have lost my children and am desolate,
A captive, and wandering to and fro?
And who has brought these up?
There I was, left alone;
But these, where *were* they?' "
- 22 "Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations,
And set up My ¹standard for the peoples;
They shall bring your sons in *their* ²arms,
And your daughters shall be carried on *their* shoulders;
23 "Kings shall be your foster fathers,
And their queens your nursing mothers;
They shall bow down to you with *their* faces to the earth,
And ¹lick up the dust of your feet.
Then you will know that I *am* the LORD,
'For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me."
- 24 "Shall the prey be taken from the mighty,
Or the captives ¹of the righteous be delivered?
- 25 But thus says the LORD:

"Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away,
And the prey of the terrible be delivered;
For I will contend with him who contends with you,
And I will save your children.
26 I will ¹feed those who oppress you with their own flesh,
And they shall be drunk with their own ¹blood as with sweet wine.
All flesh ¹shall know
That I, the LORD, *am* your Savior,
And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."
- The Servant, Israel's Hope*
- 50** Thus says the LORD:

"Where is ^athe certificate of your mother's divorce,
Whom I have put away?
Or which of My ^bcreditors is it to whom I have sold you?"

- For your iniquities ^cyou have sold yourselves,
And for your transgressions your mother has been put away.
- 2 Why, when I came, was *there* no man?
Why, when I called, was *there* none to answer?
Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem?
Or have I no power to deliver? Indeed with My ^arebuke I dry up the sea,
I make the rivers a wilderness; Their fish stink because *there* is no water,
And die of thirst.
- 3 ^aI clothe the heavens with blackness,
^bAnd I make sackcloth their covering.”
- 4 “The^a Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to *him who is* ^bwearied.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.
- 5 The Lord GOD ^ahas opened My ear;
And I was not ^brebellious,
Nor did I turn away.
- 6 ^aI gave My back to those who struck Me,
And ^bMy cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and ^cspitting.
- 7 “For the Lord GOD will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced;
Therefore ^aI have set My face like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed.
- 8 ^aHe is near who justifies Me;
Who will contend with Me?
Let us stand together.
Who is ^bMy adversary?
Let him come near Me.
- 9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me;
Who is he *who* will condemn Me?
^aIndeed they will all grow old like a garment;
^bThe moth will eat them up.
- 10 “Who among you fears the LORD?
Who obeys the voice of His Servant?
Who ^awalks in darkness
And has no light?
^bLet him trust in the name of the LORD
And rely upon his God.
- 11 Look, all you who kindle a fire,

1 ^cIs. 52:3
2 ^aPs. 106:9; Nah. 1:4
3 ^aEx. 10:21
^bIs. 13:10; Rev. 6:12
4 ^aEx. 4:11
^bMatt. 11:28
5 ^aPs. 40:6; Is. 35:5 ^bMatt. 26:39; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42; John 8:29; 14:31; 15:10; Acts 26:19; [Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8; 10:7]
6 ^aMatt. 27:26; John 18:22
^bMatt. 26:67; 27:30; Mark 14:65; 15:19
^cLam. 3:30
7 ^aEzek. 3:8, 9; Luke 9:51
8 ^aActs 2:24; [Rom. 8:32–34] ¹Lit. *master of My judgment*
9 ^aJob 13:28; Ps. 102:26; Heb. 1:11 ^bIs. 51:6, 8
10 ^aPs. 23:4
^{a2} Chr. 20:20
11 ^a[John 9:39]
^bPs. 16:4
CHAPTER 51
1 ^a[Rom. 9:30–32]
¹*pursue*
2 ^aRom. 4:1–3; Heb. 11:1
^bGen. 12:1
^cGen. 24:35; Deut. 1:10; Ezek. 33:24
3 ^aIs. 40:1; 52:9; Ps. 102:13 ^bGen. 13:10; Joel 2:3
4 ^aIs. 2:3 ^bIs. 42:6
5 ^aIs. 46:13
^bPs. 74 ^cIs. 60:9 ^d[Rom. 1:16]
6 ^aIs. 40:26
^bPs. 102:25; 26; Is. 13:13; 34:4; Matt. 24:35; Heb. 1:10–12; 2 Pet. 3:10 ^cIs. 24:19; 20; 50:9; Heb. 1:10–12 ^dIs. 45:17 ¹*broken*
7 ^aPs. 37:31; Jer. 31:33; [Heb. 10:16]
^bIs. 25:8; 54:4; [Matt. 5:11; 12; 10:28; Acts 5:41]
8 ^aIs. 50:9

Who encircle *yourselves* with sparks:
Walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled—
^aThis you shall have from My hand:
You shall lie down ^bin torment.

The LORD Comforts Zion

- 51 “Listen to Me, ^ayou who ¹follow after righteousness,
You who seek the LORD:
Look to the rock *from which* you were hewn,
And to the hole of the pit *from which* you were dug.
- 2 ^aLook to Abraham your father,
And to Sarah *who* bore you;
^bFor I called him alone,
And ^cblessed him and increased him.”
- 3 For the LORD will ^acomfort Zion,
He will comfort all her waste places;
He will make her wilderness like Eden,
And her desert ^blike the garden of the LORD;
Joy and gladness will be found in it,
Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.
- 4 “Listen to Me, My people;
And give ear to Me, O My nation:
^aFor law will proceed from Me,
And I will make My justice rest
^bAs a light of the peoples.
- 5 ^aMy righteousness is near,
My salvation has gone forth,
^bAnd My arms will judge the peoples;
^cThe coastlands will wait upon Me,
And ^don My arm they will trust.
- 6 ^aLift up your eyes to the heavens,
And look on the earth beneath.
For ^bthe heavens will vanish away like smoke,
^cThe earth will grow old like a garment,
And those who dwell in it will die in like manner;
But My salvation will be ^dforever,
And My righteousness will not be ^eabolished.
- 7 “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,
You people ^ain whose heart is My law:
^bDo not fear the reproach of men,
Nor be afraid of their insults.
- 8 For ^athe moth will eat them up like a garment,
And the worm will eat them like wool;

- But My righteousness will be forever,
And My salvation from generation to generation.”
- 9 ^aAwake, awake, ^bput on strength,
O arm of the LORD!
Awake ^cas in the ancient days,
In the generations of old.
^dAre You not *the arm* that cut ^eRahab apart,
And wounded the ^fserpent?
- 10 Are You not *the One* who ^adried up the sea,
The waters of the great deep;
That made the depths of the sea a road
For the redeemed to cross over?
- 11 So ^athe ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come to Zion with singing,
With everlasting joy on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and gladness;
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
- 12 “I, even I, *am* He ^awho comforts you.
Who *are* you that you should be afraid
^bOf a man *who* will die,
And of the son of a man *who* will be made ^clike grass?
- 13 And ^ayou forget the LORD your Maker,
^bWho stretched out the heavens
And laid the foundations of the earth;
You have feared continually every day
Because of the fury of the oppressor,
When *he has* prepared to destroy.
^cAnd where *is* the fury of the oppressor?
- 14 The captive exile hastens, that he may be loosed,
^aThat he should not die in the pit,
And that his bread should not fail.
- 15 But I *am* the LORD your God,
Who ^adivided the sea whose waves roared—
The LORD of hosts *is* His name.
- 16 And ^aI have put My words in your mouth;
^bI have covered you with the shadow of My hand,
^cThat I may ^bplant the heavens,
Lay the foundations of the earth,
And say to Zion, ‘You *are* My people.’”

God's Fury Removed

- 17 ^aAwake, awake!
Stand up, O Jerusalem,

9 ^aPs. 44:23
^bPs. 93:1 ^cPs. 44:1 ^dJob 26:12; Ps. 89:10; Is. 30:7
^ePs. 87:4 ^fPs. 74:13; Is. 27:1

10 ^aEx. 14:21; Is. 63:11–13

11 ^aIs. 35:10; Jer. 31:11, 12

12 ^a2 Cor. 1:3
^bPs. 118:6; Is. 2:22 ^cIs. 40:6; 7; James 1:10; 1 Pet. 1:24

13 ^aDeut. 6:12; 8:11; Is. 17:10; Jer. 2:32 ^bPs. 104:2 ^cJob 20:7

14 ^aZech. 9:11

15 ^aJob 26:12

16 ^aDeut. 18:18; Is. 59:21; John 3:34 ^bEx. 33:22; Is. 49:2 ^cIs. 65:17 ^destablish

17 ^aIs. 52:1
^bJob 21:20; Is. 29:9; Jer. 25:15; Rev. 14:10; 16:19

19 ^aIs. 47:9
^bAmos 7:2

20 ^aLam. 2:11

21 ^aLam. 3:15

22 ^aIs. 3:12, 13; 49:25; Jer. 50:34

23 ^aIs. 14:2; Jer. 25:17; 26–28; Zech. 12:2 ^bLit. *your soul*

CHAPTER 52

1 ^aNeh. 11:1; Is. 48:2; 64:10; Zech. 14:20; 21; Matt. 4:5; [Rev. 21:2–27]

2 ^aIs. 3:26 ^bIs. 9:4; 10:27; 14:25; Zech. 2:7

3 ^aPs. 44:12; Jer. 15:13 ^bIs. 45:13

You who ^bhave drunk at the hand of the LORD
The cup of His fury;
You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling,
And drained it out.

- 18 *There is* no one to guide her
Among all the sons she has brought forth;
Nor *is there* any who takes her by the hand
Among all the sons she has brought up.

- 19 ^aThese two *things* have come to you;

Who will be sorry for you?—
Desolation and destruction,
famine and sword—

^bBy whom will I comfort you?

- 20 ^aYour sons have fainted,
They lie at the head of all the streets,

Like an antelope in a net;
They are full of the fury of the LORD,

The rebuke of your God.

- 21 Therefore please hear this, you afflicted,

And drunk ^abut not with wine.

- 22 Thus says your Lord,
The LORD and your God,
Who ^apleads the cause of His people:

“See, I have taken out of your hand

The cup of trembling,
The dregs of the cup of My fury;
You shall no longer drink it.

- 23 ^aBut I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you,

Who have said to you,
‘Lie down, that we may walk over you.’

And you have laid your body like the ground,

And as the street, for those who walk over.”

God Redeems Jerusalem

- 52 Awake, awake!
Put on your strength,
O Zion;

Put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city!
For the uncircumcised ^aand the unclean

Shall no longer come to you.

- 2 ^aShake yourself from the dust, arise;
Sit down, O Jerusalem!

^bLoose yourself from the bonds of your neck,
O captive daughter of Zion!

- 3 For thus says the LORD:

^a“You have sold yourselves for nothing,
And you shall be redeemed ^bwithout money.”

- 4 For thus says the Lord GOD:

"My people went down at first
into ^aEgypt to ^ddwell there;
Then the Assyrian oppressed
them without cause.

- 5 Now therefore, what have I
here," says the LORD,
"That My people are taken away
for nothing?
Those who rule over them
¹Make them wail," says the
LORD,

"And My name is ^ablasphemed
continually every day.

- 6 Therefore My people shall know
My name;
Therefore *they shall know* in
that day
That *I am* He who speaks:
¹'Behold, it is I.' "

- 7 ^a"How beautiful upon the
mountains
Are the feet of him who brings
good news,
Who proclaims peace,
Who brings glad tidings of good
things,
Who proclaims salvation,
Who says to Zion,
^b"Your God reigns!"

- 8 Your watchmen shall lift up
their voices,
With their voices they shall sing
together;
For they shall see eye to eye
When the LORD brings back
Zion.

- 9 Break forth into joy, sing
together,
You waste places of Jerusalem!
For the LORD has comforted His
people,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

- 10 The LORD has ¹made bare His
holy arm
In the eyes of ^ball the nations;
And all the ends of the earth
shall see
The salvation of our God.

- 11 ^aDepart! Depart! Go out from
there,
Touch no unclean *thing*;
Go out from the midst of her,
^bBe clean,
You who bear the vessels of the
LORD.

- 12 For ^cyou shall not go out with
haste,
Nor go by flight;
^bFor the LORD will go before
you,
^cAnd the God of Israel will be
your rear guard.

The Sin-Bearing Servant

- 13 Behold, ^aMy Servant shall ¹deal
prudently;
^bHe shall be exalted and
²extolled and be very high.

⁴ ^aGen. 46:6
¹As resident
aliens

⁵ ^aEzek. 36:20,
23; ¹DSS
*Mock; LXX
Marvel and
wail; Tg.
Boast them-
selves; Vg.
Treat them
unjustly*

⁷ ^aRom. 10:15
^bPs. 93:1

¹⁰ ^aPs. 98:1-3
^bLuke 3:6
¹Revealed His
power

¹¹ ^aIs. 48:20
^bLev. 22:2

¹² ^aEx. 12:11,
33 ^bMic. 2:13
^cEx. 14:19, 20

¹³ ^aIs. 42:1
^bPhil. 2:9
¹*prosper* ²Lit.
be lifted up

¹⁴ ^aPs. 22:6, 7
¹*appearance*

¹⁵ ^aEzek.
36:25 ^bRom.
15:21 ¹Or
startle

CHAPTER 53

¹ ^aJohn 12:38

² ¹Stately
form ²*splen-
dor* ³Lit.
appearance

³ ^aPs. 22:6;
^b[Heb. 4:15]
^c[John 1:10,
11] ¹Or *for-
saken* ²Lit.
pains ³Lit.
sickness

⁴ ^a[Matt. 8:17]
¹Lit. *sick-
nesses* ²Lit.
pains ³*reck-
oned* ⁴*Struck
down*

⁵ ^a[Rom. 4:25]
^b[1 Pet. 2:24,
25] ¹Or
*pierced
through*
²*crushed*
³Blows that
cut in

⁶ ¹Lit. *has
caused to
land on Him*

⁷ ^aMatt. 26:63;
27:12-14
^bActs 8:32, 33

⁸ ^aLuke
23:1-25
^b[Dan. 9:26]
¹*confinement*

- 14 Just as many were astonished
at you,
So His ^avisage¹ was marred
more than any man,
And His form more than the
sons of men;

- 15 ^aSo shall He ¹sprinkle many
nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths
at Him;
For ^bwhat had not been told
them they shall see,
And what they had not heard
they shall consider.

- 53** Who ^ahas believed our
report?
And to whom has the arm of
the LORD been revealed?
2 For He shall grow up before
Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry
ground.
He has no ¹form or ²comeliness;
And when we see Him,
There is no ³beauty that we
should desire Him.
3 ^aHe is despised and ¹rejected by
men,
A Man of ²sorrows and
^bacquainted with ³grief.
And we hid, as it were, *our*
faces from Him;
He was despised, and ^cwe did
not esteem Him.

- 4 Surely ^aHe has borne our
¹griefs
And carried our ²sorrows;
Yet we ³esteemed Him stricken,
⁴Smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But He was ^awounded¹ for our
transgressions,
He was ²bruised for our
iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace
was upon Him,
And by His ^bstripes³ we are
healed.
6 ^aAll we like sheep have gone
astray;
We have turned, every one, to
his own way;
And the LORD ¹has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.

- 7 He was oppressed and He was
afflicted,
Yet ^aHe opened not His mouth;
^bHe was led as a lamb to the
slaughter,
And as a sheep before its
shearers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.
8 He was ^ataken from ¹prison and
from judgment,
And who will declare His
generation?
For ^bHe was cut off from the
land of the living;
For the transgressions of My
people He was stricken.

9 ^aAnd ¹they made His grave with the wicked—
But with the rich at His death,
Because He had done no violence,
Nor was *any* ^bdeceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to ¹bruise Him;
He has put *Him* to grief.
When You make His soul ^aan offering for sin,
He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days,
And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

11 ¹He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.
By His knowledge ^aMy righteous ^bServant shall ^cjustify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.

12 ^aTherefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,
^bAnd He shall divide the ^cspoil with the strong,
Because He ^dpoured out His soul unto death,
And He was ^enumbered with the transgressors,
And He bore the sin of many,
And ^emade intercession for the transgressors.

A Perpetual Covenant of Peace

54 “Sing, O ^abarren,
You *who* have not borne!
Break forth into singing, and cry aloud,
You *who* have not labored with child!
For more *are* the children of the desolate
Than the children of the married woman,” says the LORD.

2 “Enlarge^a the place of your tent,
And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings;
Do not spare;
Lengthen your cords,
And strengthen your stakes.

3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left,
And your descendants will ^ainherit the nations,
And make the desolate cities inhabited.

4 “Do^a not fear, for you will not be ashamed;
Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame;
For you will forget the shame of your youth,
And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.

5 ^aFor your Maker *is* your husband,

⁹ ^aMatt. 27:57–60;
Luke 23:33
^b1 Pet. 2:22;
1 John 3:5
¹*lit. he or He*

¹⁰ ^aJohn 1:29;
Acts 2:24;
[2 Cor. 5:21]
¹*crush*

¹¹ ^a[1 John 2:1] ^bIs. 42:1
^c[Acts 13:38, 39; Rom. 5:15–18] ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; DSS, LXX *From the labor of His soul He shall see light*

¹² ^aPs. 2:8
^bCol. 2:15 ^cIs. 50:6; [Rom. 3:25] ^dMatt. 27:38; Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37; 2 Cor. 5:21 ^eLuke 23:34 ¹*plunder*

CHAPTER 54

¹ ^aGal. 4:27

² ^aIs. 49:19, 20

³ ^aIs. 14:2;
49:22, 23; 60:9

⁴ ^aIs. 41:10

⁵ ^aJer. 3:14;
Hos. 2:19
^bZech. 14:9;
Rom. 3:29

⁶ ^aIs. 62:4

⁷ ^aPs. 30:5; Is. 26:20; 60:10;
2 Cor. 4:17
^b[Is. 43:5; 56:8]

⁸ ^aIs. 55:3; Jer. 31:3

⁹ ^aGen. 8:21;
9:11; [2 Pet. 3:6, 7] ^bIs. 12:1; Ezek. 39:29

¹⁰ ^aPs. 46:2; Is. 51:6; Matt. 5:18 ^b2 Sam. 23:5; Ps. 89:33, 34; Is. 55:3; 59:21; 61:8

¹¹ ^a1 Chr. 29:2;
Job 28:16;
Rev. 21:18, 19

¹³ ^aJer. 31:34;
[John 6:45;
1 Cor. 2:10];
1 Thess. 4:9;
[1 John 2:20]
^bPs. 119:165

¹⁵ ^aIs. 41:11–16

¹⁶ ¹Or *weapon*

The LORD of hosts *is* His name;
And your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel;
He is called ^bthe God of the whole earth.

6 For the LORD ^ahas called you
Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit,
Like a youthful wife when you were refused,”
Says your God.

7 “For^a a mere moment I have forsaken you,
But with great mercies ^bI will gather you.

8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment;
^aBut with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,”
Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

9 “For this *is* like the waters of ^aNoah to Me;
For as I have sworn
That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth,
So have I sworn
That I would not be angry with ^byou, nor rebuke you.
10 For ^cthe mountains shall depart
And the hills be removed,
^bBut My kindness shall not depart from you,
Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,”
Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

11 “O you afflicted one,
Tossed with tempest, *and not* comforted,
Behold, I will lay your stones with ^acolorful gems,
And lay your foundations with sapphires.

12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies,
Your gates of crystal,
And all your walls of precious stones.

13 All your children *shall be* ^ataught by the LORD,
And ^bgreat *shall be* the peace of your children.

14 In righteousness you shall be established;
You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear;
And from terror, for it shall not come near you.

15 Indeed they shall surely assemble, *but* not because of Me.
Whoever assembles against you shall ^afall for your sake.

16 “Behold, I have created the blacksmith
Who blows the coals in the fire,
Who brings forth an ¹instrument for his work;

- And I have created the ²spoiler to destroy.
- 17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, ^aAnd their righteousness *is* from Me,” Says the LORD.

An Invitation to Abundant Life

- 55** “Ho! ^aEveryone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, ^bCome, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you ¹spend money for *what is* not bread, And your wages for *what does* not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.
- 3 Incline your ear, and ^acome to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; ^aAnd I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David.
- 4 Indeed I have given him *as* ^aa witness to the people, ^bA leader and commander for the people.
- 5 ^aSurely you shall call a nation you do not know, ^bAnd nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; ^cFor He has glorified you.”
- 6 ^aSeek the LORD while He may be ^bfound, Call upon Him while He is near.
- 7 ^aLet the ¹wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man ^bhis thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, ^aAnd He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.
- 8 “For^a My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.
- 9 “For^a as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

16 ²destroyer
17 ^aIs.
17:12–14; 29:8
^bIs. 45:24, 25;
54:14

CHAPTER 55

1 ^a[Matt. 5:6;
John 4:14;
7:37; Rev.
21:6; 22:17]
^b[Matt. 13:44;
Rev. 3:18]

2 ¹Lit. *weigh out silver*

3 ^aMatt. 11:28
^bIs. 54:8; 61:8;
Jer. 32:40
^c2 Sam. 7:8;
Ps. 89:28;
[Acts 13:34]

4 ^a[John 18:37;
Rev. 1:5] ^b[Jer.
30:9; Ezek.
34:23; Dan.
9:25]

5 ^aIs. 52:15;
Eph. 2:11, 12
^bIs. 60:5 ^cIs.
60:9

6 ^aMatt. 5:25;
25:11; John
7:34; 8:21;
2 Cor. 6:2;
[Heb. 3:13]
^bPs. 32:6; Is.
49:8

7 ^aIs. 1:16 ^bIs.
59:7; Zech.
8:17 ^cPs.
130:7; Jer.
3:12 ¹Lit. *man of iniquity*

8 ^a2 Sam. 7:19

9 ^aPs. 103:11

10 ^aDeut. 32:2

11 ^aIs. 45:23;
Matt. 24:35
^bIs. 46:9–11
¹*empty, with-
out fruit*

12 ^aIs. 35:10
^bPs. 98:8
^c1 Chr. 16:33

13 ^aIs. 41:19
^bMic. 7:4 ^cJer.
13:11

CHAPTER 56

1 ^aIs. 46:13;
Matt. 3:2;
4:17; Rom.
13:11, 12

2 ^aEx. 20:8–11;
31:13–17; Is.
58:13; Jer.
17:21, 22;
Ezek. 20:12,
20

3 ^aIs. 14:1;
[Eph. 2:12–19]
^bDeut. 23:1;
Jer. 38:7; Acts
8:27

5 ^a1 Tim. 3:15
^b[1 John
3:1, 2]

- 10 “For ^aas the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,
- 11 ^aSo shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me ¹void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall ^bprosper in *the thing* for which I sent it.
- 12 “For^a you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall ^bbreak forth into singing before you, And ^call the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
- 13 ^aInstead of ^bthe thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD ^cfor a name, For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.”

Salvation for the Gentiles

- 56** Thus says the LORD:
- “Keep justice, and do righteousness, ^aFor My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed.
- 2 Blessed *is* the man *who* does this, And the son of man *who* lays hold on it; ^aWho keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.”
- 3 Do not let ^athe son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the LORD Speak, saying, “The LORD has utterly separated me from His people”; Nor let the ^beunuch say, “Here I am, a dry tree.”
- 4 For thus says the LORD: “To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant, Even to them I will give in ^aMy house And within My walls a place ^band a name Better than that of sons and daughters;

I will give ¹them an everlasting name
That shall not be cut off.

- 6 “Also the sons of the foreigner
Who join themselves to the
LORD, to serve Him,
And to love the name of the
LORD, to be His servants—
Everyone who keeps from
defiling the Sabbath,
And holds fast My covenant—
7 Even them I will ^abring to My
holy mountain,
And make them joyful in My
^bhouse of prayer.
^cTheir burnt offerings and their
sacrifices
Will be ^aaccepted on My altar;
For ^cMy house shall be called a
house of prayer ^ffor all
nations.”
8 The Lord GOD, ^awho gathers
the outcasts of Israel, says,
^b“Yet I will gather to him
Others besides those who are
gathered to him.”

Israel's Irresponsible Leaders

- 9 ^aAll you beasts of the field,
come to devour,
All you beasts in the forest.
10 His watchmen are ^ablind,
They are all ignorant;
^bThey are all dumb dogs,
They cannot bark;
¹Sleeping, lying down, loving to
slumber.
11 Yes, ^{they} are ^agreedy¹ dogs
Which ^bnever² have enough.
And they are shepherds
Who cannot understand;
They all look to their own way,
Every one for his own gain,
From his own territory.
12 “Come,” one says, “I will bring
wine,
And we will fill ourselves with
intoxicating ^adrink;
^bTomorrow will be ^cas today,
And much more abundant.”

Israel's Futile Idolatry

- 57** The righteous perishes,
And no man takes it to heart;
^aMerciful men are taken away,
^bWhile no one considers
That the righteous is taken
away from ¹evil.
2 He shall enter into peace;
They shall rest in ^atheir beds,
Each one walking in his
uprightness.
3 “But come here,
^aYou sons of the sorceress,
You offspring of the adulterer
and the harlot!
4 Whom do you ridicule?
Against whom do you make a
wide mouth
And stick out the tongue?

⁵ ¹Lit. *him*

7 ^a[Is. 2:2, 3;
60:11; Mic.
4:1, 2] ^bMatt.
21:13; Mark
11:17; Luke
19:46 ^c[Rom.
12:1; Heb.
13:15; 1 Pet.
2:5] ^dIs. 60:7
^eMatt. 21:13
^f[Mal. 1:11]

8 ^aPs. 147:2;
Is. 11:12;
27:12; 54:7 ^bIs.
60:3–11;
66:18–21;
[John 10:16]

9 ^aJer. 12:9

10 ^aMatt. 15:14
^bPhil. 3:2 ¹Or
Dreaming

11 ^aIs. 28:7;
Ezek. 13:19;
[Mic. 3:5, 11]
^bEzek.
34:2–10 ¹Lit.
strong of soul
²Lit. *do not*
know satis-
faction

12 ^aIs. 28:7
^bPs. 10:6;
Prov. 23:35; Is.
22:13; Luke
12:19; 1 Cor.
15:32 ^c2 Pet.
3:4

CHAPTER 57

1 ^aPs. 12:1
^b1 Kin. 14:13
¹Lit. *the face*
of evil

2 ^a2 Chr. 16:14

3 ^aIs. 1:4;
Matt. 16:4

5 ^a2 Kin. 16:4
^b2 Kin. 23:10;
Ps. 106:37, 38;
Jer. 7:31;
Ezek. 16:20

6 ^aJer. 3:9;
Hab. 2:19 ^bJer.
5:9, 29; 9:9

7 ^aJer. 3:6;
Ezek. 16:16
^bEzek. 23:41

8 ^aEzek. 16:26
¹Lit. *cut*, ²Lit.
hand, a eu-
phemism

9 ^aHos. 7:11
^bEzek. 23:16,
40

10 ^aJer. 2:25;
18:12

11 ^aProv.
29:25; Is.
51:12, 13 ^bPs.
50:21; Eccl.
8:11; Is. 42:14
¹remained
silent

Are you not children of
transgression,
Offspring of falsehood,
Inflaming yourselves with gods
^aunder every green tree,
^bSlaying the children in the
valleys.
Under the clefts of the rocks?
6 Among the smooth ^astones of
the stream
Is your portion;
They, they, *are* your lot!
Even to them you have poured
a drink offering,
You have offered a grain
offering.
Should I receive comfort in
^bthese?

- 7 “On ^aa lofty and high mountain
You have set ^byour bed;
Even there you went up
To offer sacrifice.
8 Also behind the doors and their
posts
You have set up your
remembrance;
For you have uncovered
yourself to those other than
Me,
And have gone up to them;
You have enlarged your bed
And ¹made a covenant with
them;
^aYou have loved their bed,
Where you saw *their* ²nudity.
9 ^aYou went to the king with
ointment,
And increased your perfumes;
You sent your ^bmessengers far
off,
And *even* descended to Sheol.
10 You are wearied in the length
of your way;
^aYet you did not say, ‘There is
no hope.’
You have found the life of your
hand;
Therefore you were not grieved.

- 11 “And ^aof whom have you been
afraid, or feared,
That you have lied
And not remembered Me,
Nor taken it to your heart?
Is it not because ^bI have ¹held
My peace from of old
That you do not fear Me?
12 I will declare your
righteousness
And your works,
For they will not profit you.
13 When you cry out,
Let your collection of idols
deliver you.
But the wind will carry them all
away,
A breath will take *them*.
But he who puts his trust in Me
shall possess the land,
And shall inherit My holy
mountain.”

Healing for the Backslider

- 14 And one shall say,
^a“Heap it up! Heap it up!
 Prepare the way,
 Take the stumbling block out of
 the way of My people.”
- 15 For thus says the High and
 Lofty One
 Who inhabits eternity, ^awhose
 name is Holy:
^b“I dwell in the high and holy
 place,
^cWith him *who* has a contrite
 and humble spirit,
^dTo revive the spirit of the
 humble,
 And to revive the heart of the
 contrite ones.
- 16 ^aFor I will not contend forever,
 Nor will I always be angry;
 For the spirit would fail before
 Me,
 And the souls ^bwhich I have
 made.
- 17 For the iniquity of ^ahis
 covetousness
 I was angry and struck him;
^bI hid and was angry,
^cAnd he went on ¹backsliding in
 the way of his heart.
- 18 I have seen his ways, and ^awill
 heal him;
 I will also lead him,
 And restore comforts to him
 And to ^bhis mourners.
- 19 “I create ^athe fruit of the lips:
 Peace, peace ^bto him *who is far*
 off and to *him who is near*,”
 Says the LORD,
 “And I will heal him.”
- 20 ^aBut the wicked are like the
 troubled sea,
 When it cannot rest,
 Whose waters cast up mire and
 dirt.
- 21 “*There^a is no peace,*
 Says my God, “for the wicked.”

Fasting that Pleases God

- 58 “Cry aloud, ¹spare not;
 Lift up your voice like a
 trumpet;
^bTell My people their
 transgression,
 And the house of Jacob their
 sins.
- 2 Yet they seek Me daily,
 And delight to know My ways,
 As a nation that did
 righteousness,
 And did not forsake the
 ordinance of their God.
 They ask of Me the ordinances
 of justice;
 They take delight in
 approaching God.
- 3 ‘Why^a have we fasted,’ *they say,*
 ‘and You have not seen?’
 Why have we ^aafflicted our

14 ^aIs. 40:3;
 62:10; Jer.
 18:15

15 ^aJob 6:10;
 Luke 1:49 ^bPs.
 68:35; Zech.
 2:13 ^cPs.
 34:18; 51:17;
 Is. 66:2 ^dPs.
 147:3; Is.
 61:1–3

16 ^aPs. 85:5;
 103:9; [Mic.
 7:18] ^bNum.
 16:22; Job
 34:14; Heb.
 12:9

17 ^aIs. 2:7;
 56:11; Jer.
 6:13 ^bIs. 8:17;
 45:15; 59:2 ^cIs.
 9:13 ¹Or *turn-
 ing back*

18 ^aJer. 3:22
^bIs. 61:2

19 ^aIs. 6:7;
 51:16; 59:21;
 Heb. 13:15
^bActs 2:39;
 Eph. 2:17

20 ^aJob 15:20;
 Prov. 4:16;
 Jude 13

21 ^aIs. 48:22

CHAPTER 58

1 ^aMic. 3:8 ¹*do
 not hold back*

3 ^aMal.
 3:13–18; Luke
 18:12 ^bLev.
 16:29; 23:27
¹*Lit. drive
 hard*

4 ^a1 Kin. 21:9

5 ^aZech. 7:5
^bLev. 16:29
^cEsth. 4:3; Job
 2:8; Dan. 9:3

6 ^aLuke 4:18,
 19 ^bNeh.
 5:10–12 ^cJer.
 34:9 ¹*Lit.
 bonds of the
 yoke*

7 ^aEzek. 18:7;
 Matt. 25:35
^bJob 31:19–22;
 James 2:14–17
^cGen. 29:14;
 Neh. 5:5
¹*wandering*

8 ^aJob 11:17
^bEx. 14:19; Is.
 52:12

9 ^aPs. 12:2; Is.
 59:13 ¹*Lit.
 sending out of*

10 ¹Or *gloom*

souls, and You take no
 notice?’

“In fact, in the day of your fast
 you find pleasure,
 And ¹exploit all your laborers.

- 4 ^aIndeed you fast for strife and
 debate,
 And to strike with the fist of
 wickedness.
 You will not fast as *you do this*
 day,
 To make your voice heard on
 high.

- 5 Is ^ait a fast that I have chosen,
^bA day for a man to afflict his
 soul?
*Is it to bow down his head like
 a bulrush,*
*And to spread out sackcloth
 and ashes?*
Would you call this a fast,
*And an acceptable day to the
 LORD?*

- 6 “Is this not the fast that I have
 chosen:
 To ^aloose the bonds of
 wickedness,
^bTo undo the ¹heavy burdens,
^cTo let the oppressed go free,
 And that you break every yoke?
 7 *Is it not to share your bread
 with the hungry,*
*And that you bring to your
 house the poor who are ¹cast
 out;*

^bWhen you see the naked, that
 you cover him,
 And not hide yourself from
^cyour own flesh?

- 8 ^aThen your light shall break
 forth like the morning,
 Your healing shall spring forth
 speedily,
 And your righteousness shall
 go before you;
^bThe glory of the LORD shall be
 your rear guard.

- 9 Then you shall call, and the
 LORD will answer;
 You shall cry, and He will say,
 ‘Here I am.’

“If you take away the yoke from
 your midst,
 The ¹pointing of the finger, and
^aspeaking wickedness,

- 10 *If you extend your soul to the
 hungry*
 And satisfy the afflicted soul,
 Then your light shall dawn in
 the darkness,
 And your ¹darkness shall *be* as
 the noonday.
- 11 The LORD will guide you
 continually,
 And satisfy your soul in
 drought,
 And strengthen your bones;
 You shall be like a watered
 garden,

- And like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.
- 12 Those from among you
 ^aShall build the old waste
 places;
 You shall raise up the
 foundations of many
 generations;
 And you shall be called the
 Repairer of the Breach,
 The Restorer of ¹Streets to
 Dwell In.
- 13 "If ^ayou turn away your foot
 from the Sabbath,
 From doing your pleasure on
 My holy day,
 And call the Sabbath a delight,
 The holy *day* of the LORD
 honorable,
 And shall honor Him, not doing
 your own ways,
 Nor finding your own pleasure,
 Nor speaking *your own* words,
14 ^aThen you shall delight yourself
 in the LORD;
 And I will cause you to ^bride on
 the high hills of the earth,
 And feed you with the heritage
 of Jacob your father.
 ^cThe mouth of the LORD has
 spoken."

Separated from God

- 59** Behold, the LORD's hand is not
 ^ashortened,
 That it cannot save;
 Nor His ear heavy,
 That it cannot hear.
- 2 But your iniquities have
 separated you from your God;
 And your sins have hidden His
 face from you,
 So that He will ^anot hear.
- 3 For ^ayour hands are defiled
 with ¹blood,
 And your fingers with iniquity;
 Your lips have spoken lies,
 Your tongue has muttered
 perversity.
- 4 No one calls for justice,
 Nor does *any* plead for truth.
 They trust in ^aempty words and
 speak lies;
 ^bThey conceive ¹evil and bring
 forth iniquity.
- 5 They hatch vipers' eggs and
 weave the spider's web;
 He who eats of their eggs dies,
 And from that which is crushed
 a viper breaks out.
- 6 ^aTheir webs will not become
 garments,
 Nor will they cover themselves
 with their works;
 Their works *are* works of
 iniquity,
 And the act of violence is in
 their hands.
- 7 ^aTheir feet run to evil,

12 ^aIs. 61:4
¹Lit. *Paths*

13 ^aEx. 31:16;
17: 35:2, 3; Is.
56:2, 4, 6; Jer.
17:21-27

14 ^aJob 22:26;
Is. 61:10
^bDeut. 32:13;
33:29; Is.
33:16; Hab.
3:19 ^cIs. 1:20;
40:5; Mic. 4:4

CHAPTER 59

1 ^aNum. 11:23;
Is. 50:2; Jer.
32:17

2 ^aIs. 1:15

3 ^aIs. 1:15, 21;
Jer. 2:30, 34;
Ezek. 7:23;
Hos. 4:2
¹*bloodshed*

4 ^aIs. 30:12;
Jer. 7:4 ^bJob
15:35; Ps.
7:14; Is. 33:11
¹*trouble*

6 ^aJob 8:14

7 ^aProv. 1:16;
Rom. 3:15
^bProv. 6:17 ^cIs.
55:7 ^dRom.
3:16, 17

8 ^aIs. 57:20, 21
^bPs. 125:5;
Prov. 2:15

9 ^aJer. 8:15

10 ^aDeut.
28:29; Job
5:14; Amos
8:9

11 ^aIs. 38:14;
Ezek. 7:16

12 ^aIs. 24:5;
58:1

13 ^aMatt. 12:34

15 ^aIs. 5:23;
10:2; 29:21;
32:7 ¹Lit. *it*
was evil in
His eyes

16 ^aIs. 41:28;
63:5; 64:7;
Ezek. 22:30
^bMark 6:6 ^cPs.
98:1; Is. 63:5

- And they make haste to shed
 ^binnocent blood;
 ^cTheir thoughts *are* thoughts of
 iniquity;
 Wasting and ^ddestruction *are* in
 their paths.
- 8 The way of ^apeace they have
 not known,
 And *there is* no justice in their
 ways;
 ^bThey have made themselves
 crooked paths;
 Whoever takes that way shall
 not know peace.

Sin Confessed

- 9 Therefore justice is far from
 us,
 Nor does righteousness
 overtake us;
 ^aWe look for light, but there is
 darkness!
 For brightness, *but* we walk in
 blackness!
- 10 ^aWe grope for the wall like the
 blind,
 And we grope as if *we had* no
 eyes;
 We stumble at noonday as at
 twilight;
 We *are* as dead *men* in desolate
 places.
- 11 We all growl like bears,
 And ^amoan sadly like doves;
 We look for justice, but *there is*
 none;
 For salvation, *but* it is far from
 us.
- 12 For our ^atransgressions *are*
 multiplied before You,
 And our sins testify against us;
 For our transgressions *are* with
 us,
 And *as for* our iniquities, we
 know them:
- 13 In transgressing and lying
 against the LORD,
 And departing from our God,
 Speaking oppression and
 revolt,
 Conceiving and uttering ^afrom
 the heart words of falsehood.
- 14 Justice is turned back,
 And righteousness stands afar
 off;
 For truth is fallen in the street,
 And equity cannot enter.
- 15 So truth fails,
 And he *who* departs from evil
 makes himself a ^aprey.

The Redeemer of Zion

- Then the LORD saw *it*, and ¹it
 displeased Him
 That *there was* no justice.
- 16 ^aHe saw that *there was* no man,
 And ^bwondered that *there was*
 no intercessor;
 ^cTherefore His own arm brought
 salvation for Him;
 And His own righteousness, it
 sustained Him.

- 17 ^aFor He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
And a helmet of salvation on His head;
He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing,
And was clad with zeal as a cloak.
- 18 ^aAccording to *their* deeds, accordingly He will repay,
Fury to His adversaries,
Recompense to His enemies;
The coastlands He will fully repay.
- 19 ^aSo shall they fear
The name of the LORD from the west,
And His glory from the rising of the sun;
When the enemy comes in ^blike a flood,
The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.
- 20 ^aThe Redeemer will come to Zion,
And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,"
Says the LORD.

21 ^a"As^a for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

The Gentiles Bless Zion

- 60** Arise, ^ashine;
For your light has come!
And ^bthe glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
- 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.
- 3 The ^aGentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.
- 4 ^a"Lift^a up your eyes all around, and see:
They all gather together, ^bthey come to you;
Your sons shall come from afar,
And your daughters shall be nursed at *your side*."
- 5 Then you shall see and become radiant,
And your heart shall swell with joy;
Because ^athe abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,

17 ^aEph. 6:14;
17; 1 Thess. 5:8

18 ^aIs. 63:6;
Rom. 2:6

19 ^aPs. 113:3;
Mal. 1:11
^bRev. 12:15

20 ^aRom. 11:26

21 ^a[Heb. 8:10;
10:16]

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1 ^aEph. 5:14
^bMal. 4:2

3 ^aIs. 49:6, 23;
Rev. 21:24

4 ^aIs. 49:18 ^bIs. 49:20-22

5 ^a[Rom. 11:25-27]

6 ^aGen. 25:4
^bGen. 25:3; Ps. 72:10
^cIs. 61:6; Matt. 2:11

7 ^aGen. 25:13
^bIs. 56:7 ^cIs. 60:13; Hag. 2:7, 9

9 ^aPs. 72:10
^b[Gal. 4:26]
^cJer. 3:17 ^dIs. 55:5

10 ^aIs. 14:1, 2; 61:5; Zech. 6:15
^bIs. 49:23; Rev. 21:24
^cIs. 57:17 ^dIs. 54:7, 8

11 ^aIs. 26:2; 60:18; 62:10;
Rev. 21:25, 26

12 ^aIs. 14:2; Zech. 14:17;
Matt. 21:44

13 ^aIs. 35:2
^b1 Chr. 28:2; Ps. 132:7

14 ^aIs. 45:14
^bIs. 49:23; Rev. 3:9
^c[Heb. 12:22; Rev. 14:1]

- The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.
- 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your *land*,
The dromedaries of Midian and ^aEphah;
All those from ^bSheba shall come;
They shall bring ^cgold and incense,
And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.
- 7 All the flocks of ^aKedar shall be gathered together to you,
The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
They shall ascend with ^bacceptance on My altar,
And ^cI will glorify the house of My glory.
- 8 ^a"Who are these *who* fly like a cloud,
And like doves to their roosts?"
- 9 ^a"Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me;
And the ships of Tarshish will come first,
^bTo bring your sons from afar,
^cTheir silver and their gold with them,
To the name of the LORD your God,
And to the Holy One of Israel,
^dBecause He has glorified you."
- 10 ^aThe sons of foreigners shall build up your walls,
^bAnd their kings shall minister to you;
For ^cin My wrath I struck you,
^dBut in My favor I have had mercy on you.
- 11 Therefore your gates ^ashall be open continually;
They shall not be shut day or night,
That *men* may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles,
And their kings in procession.
- 12 ^aFor the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish,
And *those* nations shall be utterly ruined.
- 13 ^aThe glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
The cypress, the pine, and the box tree together,
To beautify the place of My sanctuary;
And I will make ^bthe place of My feet glorious.
- 14 Also the sons of those who afflicted you
Shall come ^abowing to you,
And all those who despised you shall ^bfall prostrate at the soles of your feet;
And they shall call you
The City of the LORD,
^cZion of the Holy One of Israel.

- 15 "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,
So that no one went through you,
I will make you an eternal excellence,
A joy of many generations.
16 You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles,
"And milk the breast of kings;
You shall know that ^bI, the LORD, *am* your Savior
And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

- 17 "Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
Instead of iron I will bring silver,
Instead of wood, bronze,
And instead of stones, iron.
I will also make your officers peace,
And your magistrates righteousness.

- 18 Violence shall no longer be heard in your land,
Neither ¹wasting nor destruction within your borders;
But you shall call ^ayour walls Salvation,
And your gates Praise.

God the Glory of His People

- 19 "The ^asun shall no longer be your light by day,
Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you;
But the LORD will be to you an everlasting light,
And ^byour God your glory.
20 ^aYour sun shall no longer go down,
Nor shall your moon withdraw itself;
For the LORD will be your everlasting light,
And the days of your mourning shall be ended.

- 21 ^aAlso your people *shall* all be righteous;
^bThey shall inherit the land forever,
^cThe branch of My planting,
^dThe work of My hands,
That I may be glorified.

- 22 ^aA little one shall become a thousand,
And a small one a strong nation.
I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

The Good News of Salvation

- 61 "The ^aSpirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,
Because the LORD ^bhas anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;

16 ^aIs. 49:23
^bIs. 43:3

18 ^aIs. 26:1
¹devastation

19 ^aRev. 21:23;
22:5 ^bIs. 41:16;
45:25; Zech. 2:5

20 ^aAmos 8:9

21 ^aIs. 52:1;
Rev. 21:27
^bPs. 37:11;
Matt. 5:5 ^aIs. 61:3; [Matt. 15:13; John 15:2] ^bIs. 29:23; [Eph. 2:10]

22 ^aMatt. 13:31, 32

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1 ^aIs. 11:2;
Matt. 3:17;
Luke 4:18, 19;
John 1:32;
3:34 ^bPs. 45:7;
Matt. 11:5;
Luke 7:22 ^cPs. 147:3 ^dIs. 42:7;
[Acts 10:43]
¹Lit. *bind up*

2 ^aLev. 25:9
^bIs. 34:8; Mal. 4:1, 3;
[2 Thess. 1:7]
^cIs. 57:18; Jer. 31:13; Matt. 5:4

3 ^aPs. 30:11
^bIs. 60:21;
[Jer. 17:7, 8]
^c[John 15:8]
¹Lit. *appoint*

4 ^aIs. 49:8;
58:12; Ezek. 36:33; Amos 9:14

5 ^a[Eph. 2:12]

6 ^aEx. 19:6 ^bIs. 60:5, 11

7 ^aIs. 40:2;
Zech. 9:12

8 ^aPs. 11:7 ^bIs. 1:11, 13 ^cGen. 17:7; Ps. 105:10; Is. 55:3; Jer. 32:40 ¹Or *in*

9 ^aIs. 65:23

10 ^aHab. 3:18
^bPs. 132:9, 16

- He has sent Me ^ato ¹heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim ^aliberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 "To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,
And ^bthe day of vengeance of our God;
^cTo comfort all who mourn,
3 To ¹console those who mourn in Zion,
^aTo give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
^bThe planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

- 4 And they shall ^arebuild the old ruins,
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall repair the ruined cities,
The desolations of many generations.

- 5 ^aStrangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
And the sons of the foreigner *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

- 6 ^aBut you shall be named the priests of the LORD,
They shall call you the servants of our God.

^bYou shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,
And in their glory you shall boast.

- 7 ^aInstead of your shame you shall have double honor,
And *instead* of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion.
Therefore in their land they shall possess double;
Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

- 8 "For ^aI, the LORD, love justice;
^bI hate robbery ¹for burnt offering;
I will direct their work in truth,

^aAnd will make with them an everlasting covenant.

- 9 Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles,
And their offspring among the people.
All who see them shall acknowledge them,
^aThat they are the posterity whom the LORD has blessed."

- 10 ^aI will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For ^bHe has clothed me

with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its bud,
As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth,
So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Assurance of Zion's Salvation

62 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
And her salvation as a lamp that burns.
2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,
And all kings your glory.
You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the LORD will name.
3 You shall also be a crown of glory
In the hand of the LORD,
And a royal diadem
In the hand of your God.
4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken,¹
Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate;²
But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;
For the LORD delights in you,
And your land shall be married.
5 For as a young man marries a virgin,
So shall your sons marry you;
And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
So shall your God rejoice over you.
6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;
They shall never hold their peace day or night.
You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,
7 And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand
And by the arm of His strength:

¹⁰ cIs. 49:18; Rev. 21:2

¹¹ aPs. 72:3; 85:11 bIs. 60:18; 62:7

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¹ keep silent

² aIs. 60:3 bPs. 102:15, 16; 138:4, 5; 148:11, 13 cIs. 62:4, 12; 65:15

³ aIs. 28:5; Zech. 9:16; 1 Thess. 2:19

⁴ aHos. 1:10; 1 Pet. 2:10 bIs. 49:14; 54:6, 7 cIs. 54:1 dHeb. Azubah eHeb. Shemamah fLit. My Delight Is in Her gLit. Married

⁵ aIs. 65:19

⁶ aIs. 52:8; Jer. 6:17; Ezek. 3:17; 33:7 bnot be silent cremember

⁷ aIs. 60:18; 61:11; Jer. 33:9; Zeph. 3:19, 20

⁸ aLev. 26:16; Deut. 28:31, 33; Judg. 6:3-6; Is. 1:7; Jer. 5:17

⁹ aDeut. 12:12; 14:23, 26

¹⁰ aIs. 40:3; 57:14 bIs. 11:12

¹¹ aZech. 9:9; Matt. 21:5; John 12:15 bIs. 40:10; [Rev. 22:12] c recompense

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¹ Or adorned

² a[Rev. 19:13, 15]

³ aLam. 1:15; Rev. 14:19, 20; 19:15

⁴ aIs. 34:8; 35:4; 61:2; Jer. 51:6

"Surely I will no longer give your grain
As food for your enemies;
And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine,
For which you have labored.
9 But those who have gathered it shall eat it,
And praise the LORD;
Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts."

10 Go through,
Go through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people;
Build up,
Build up the highway!
Take out the stones,
Lift up a banner for the peoples!

11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed
To the end of the world:
"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Surely your salvation is coming;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.'"
12 And they shall call them The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
And you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

The LORD in Judgment and Salvation

63 Who is this who comes from Edom,
With dyed garments from Bozrah,
This One who is glorious in His apparel,
Traveling in the greatness of His strength?—

"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

2 Why are Your apparel red,
And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?
3 "I have trodden the winepress alone,
And from the peoples no one was with Me.
For I have trodden them in My anger,
And trampled them in My fury;
Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments,
And I have stained all My robes.
4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart,
And the year of My redeemed has come.

- 5 ^aI looked, but ^bthere was no one to help,
And I wondered
That *there* was no one to uphold;
Therefore My own ^aarm
brought salvation for Me;
And My own fury, it sustained Me.
- 6 I have trodden down the peoples in My anger,
Made them drunk in My fury,
And brought down their strength to the earth.”

God's Mercy Remembered

- 7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD
And the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us,
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies,
According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.
- 8 For He said, “Surely they are My people,
Children *who* will not lie.”
So He became their Savior.
- 9 ^aIn all their affliction He was ¹afflicted,
^bAnd the Angel of His Presence saved them;
^cIn His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
And ^dHe bore them and carried them
All the days of old.
- 10 But they ^arebelled and ^bgrieved His Holy Spirit;
^cSo He turned Himself against them as an enemy,
And He fought against them.
- 11 Then he ^aremembered the days of old,
Moses *and* his people, *saying*:
“Where *is* He who ^bbrought them up out of the sea
With the ¹shepherd of His flock?
^cWhere *is* He who put His Holy Spirit within them,
- 12 Who led *them* by the right hand of Moses,
^aWith His glorious arm,
^bDividing the water before them
To make for Himself an everlasting name,
- 13 ^aWho led them through the deep,
As a horse in the wilderness,
That they might not stumble?”
- 14 As a beast goes down into the valley,
And the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest,
So You lead Your people,

5 ^aIs. 41:28;
59:16 ^b[John 16:32] ^cPs. 98:1; Is. 59:16

9 ^aJudg. 10:16
^bEx. 14:19
^cDeut. 7:7
^dEx. 19:4 ¹Kt., LXX, Syr. *not afflicted*

10 ^aEx. 15:24
^bNum. 14:11; Ps. 78:40; Acts 7:51; 1 Cor. 10:1–11 ^cEx. 23:21; Ps. 106:40

11 ^aPs. 106:44, 45 ^bEx. 14:30
^cNum. 11:17, 25, 29; Hag. 2:5 ¹MT, Vg. *shepherds*

12 ^aEx. 15:6
^bEx. 14:21, 22; Josh. 3:16; Is. 11:15; 51:10

13 ^aPs. 106:9

14 ^a2 Sam. 7:23

15 ^aDeut. 26:15; Ps. 80:14 ^bPs. 33:14 ^cJer. 31:20; Hos. 11:8

16 ^aDeut. 32:6
^bJob 14:21

17 ^aIs. 6:9, 10; John 12:40

18 ^aDeut. 7:6
^bPs. 74:3–7; Is. 64:11

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1 ^aEx. 19:18; Ps. 18:9; 144:5; Mic. 1:3, 4; [Hab. 3:13] ¹tear open

3 ^aEx. 34:10

4 ^aPs. 31:19

5 ^aMal. 3:6

6 ^a[Phil. 3:9]
¹Lit. *a filthy garment*

^aTo make Yourself a glorious name.

A Prayer of Penitence

- 15 ^aLook down from heaven,
And see ^bfrom Your habitation,
holy and glorious.
Where are Your zeal and Your strength,
The yearning ^cof Your heart and Your mercies toward me?
Are they restrained?
- 16 ^aDoubtless You *are* our Father,
Though Abraham ^bwas ignorant of us,
And Israel does not acknowledge us.
You, O LORD, *are* our Father;
Our Redeemer from everlasting *is* Your name.
- 17 O LORD, why have You ^amade us stray from Your ways,
And hardened our heart from Your fear?
Return for Your servants' sake,
The tribes of Your inheritance.
- 18 ^aYour holy people have possessed *it* but a little while;
^bOur adversaries have trodden down Your sanctuary.
- 19 We have become *like* those of old, over whom You never ruled,
Those who were never called by Your name.

- 64 Oh, that You would ¹rend the heavens!
That You would come down!
That the mountains might shake at Your ^apresence—
- 2 As fire burns brushwood,
As fire causes water to boil—
To make Your name known to Your adversaries,
That the nations may tremble at Your presence!
- 3 When ^aYou did awesome things *for which* we did not look,
You came down,
The mountains shook at Your presence.
- 4 For since the beginning of the world
^aMen have not heard nor perceived by the ear,
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,
Who acts for the one who waits for Him.
- 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,
Who remembers You in Your ways.
You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—
^aIn these ways we continue;
And we need to be saved.
- 6 But we are all like an unclean *thing*,
And all ^aour righteousnesses are like ¹filthy rags;

- We all ^bfade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the
wind,
Have taken us away.
- 7 And *there is* no one who calls
on Your name,
Who stirs himself up to take
hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face
from us,
And have ¹consumed us
because of our iniquities.
- 8 But now, O LORD,
You *are* our Father;
We *are* the clay, and You our
“potter”;
And all we *are* the work of Your
hand.
- 9 Do not be furious, O LORD,
Nor remember iniquity forever;
Indeed, please look—we all *are*
Your people!
- 10 Your holy cities are a
wilderness,
Zion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
- 11 Our holy and beautiful ¹temple,
Where our fathers praised You,
Is burned up with fire;
And all ¹our pleasant things
²are laid waste.
- 12 Will You restrain Yourself
because of these *things*,
O LORD?
^bWill You ¹hold Your peace, and
afflict us very severely?

*The Righteousness of God's
Judgment*

- 65** “I was ^asought by *those who*
did not ask for Me;
I was found by *those who* did
not seek Me.
I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’
To a nation *that* ^bwas not called
by My name.
- 2 ^aI have stretched out My hands
all day long to a ^brebellious
people,
Who ^cwalk in a way *that is* not
good,
According to their own
thoughts;
- 3 A people ^awho provoke Me to
anger continually to My face;
^bWho sacrifice in gardens,
And burn incense on altars of
brick;
- 4 ^aWho sit among the graves,
And spend the night in the
tombs;
^bWho eat swine’s flesh,
And the broth of ¹abominable
things is in their vessels;
- 5 ^aWho say, ‘Keep to yourself,
Do not come near me,
For I am holier than you!’
These ¹are smoke in My
nostrils,
A fire that burns all the day.

⁶ ^bPs. 90:5, 6;
Is. 1:30

⁷ ¹Lit. *caused
us to melt*

⁸ ^aIs. 29:16;
45:9; Jer. 18:6;
[Rom. 9:20,
21]

¹¹ ^aEzek.
24:21 ¹Lit.
house ²have
become a ruin

¹² ^aIs. 42:14
^bPs. 83:1
¹keep silent

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¹ ^aRom. 9:24;
10:20 ^bIs.
63:19

² ^aRom. 10:21
^bIs. 1:2, 23 ^cIs.
42:24

³ ^aDeut. 32:21
^bIs. 1:29

⁴ ^aDeut. 18:11
^bLev. 11:7; Is.
66:17 ¹Un-
clean meats,
Lev. 7:18; 19:7

⁵ ^aMatt. 9:11;
Luke 7:39;
18:9–12
¹Cause My
wrath to
smoke

⁶ ^aDeut. 32:34
^bPs. 50:3 ^cPs.
79:12

⁷ ^aEx. 20:5
^bEzek. 18:6
^cIs. 57:7;
Ezek. 20:27,
28

⁸ ^aJoel 2:14
^bIs. 1:9; Amos
9:8, 9

⁹ ^aMatt. 24:22

¹⁰ ^aIs. 33:9
^bJosh. 7:24;
Hos. 2:15 ^cIs.
55:6

¹¹ ^aIs. 56:7
^bEzek. 23:41;
[1 Cor. 10:21]
¹Lit. *Troop or
Fortune*; a pa-
gan deity ²Lit.
*Number or
Destiny*; a pa-
gan deity

¹² ^a2 Chr.
36:15, 16;
Prov. 1:24; Is.
41:28; 50:2;
66:4; Jer. 7:13

- 6 “Behold, ^a*it is* written before Me:
^bI will not keep silence, ^cbut will
repay—

- 7 Even repay into their bosom—
Your iniquities and ^athe
iniquities of your fathers
together.”

Says the LORD,
^b“Who have burned incense on
the mountains
^cAnd blasphemed Me on the
hills;
Therefore I will measure their
former work into their
bosom.”

- 8 Thus says the LORD:

“As the new wine is found in the
cluster,
And *one* says, ‘Do not destroy
it,
For ^aa blessing is in it,’
So will I do for My servants’
sake,
That I may not destroy them
¹all.

- 9 I will bring forth descendants
from Jacob,
And from Judah an heir of My
mountains;
My ^aelect shall inherit it,
And My servants shall dwell
there.

- 10 ^aSharon shall be a fold of flocks,
And ^bthe Valley of Achor a
place for herds to lie down,
For My people who have ^csought
Me.

- 11 “But you *are* those who forsake
the LORD,
Who forget ^aMy holy mountain,
Who prepare ^aa table for ¹Gad,
And who furnish a drink
offering for ²Meni.

- 12 Therefore I will number you for
the sword,
And you shall all bow down to
the slaughter;
^aBecause, when I called, you did
not answer;
When I spoke, you did not hear,
But did evil before My eyes,
And chose *that* in which I do
not delight.”

- 13** Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD:

“Behold, My servants shall eat,
But you shall be hungry;
Behold, My servants shall
drink,
But you shall be thirsty;
Behold, My servants shall
rejoice,
But you shall be ashamed;

- 14 Behold, My servants shall sing
for joy of heart,
But you shall cry for sorrow of
heart,

- And ^awail for ^lgrief of spirit.
 15 You shall leave your name ^aas a curse to ^bMy chosen;
 For the Lord GOD will slay you,
 And ^ccall His servants by another name;
 16 ^aSo that he who blesses himself in the earth
 Shall bless himself in the God of truth;
 And ^bhe who swears in the earth
 Shall swear by the God of truth;
 Because the former troubles are forgotten,
 And because they are hidden from My eyes.

The Glorious New Creation

- 17 "For behold, I create ^anew heavens and a new earth;
 And the former shall not be remembered or ^lcome to mind.
 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;
 For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing,
 And her people a joy.
 19 ^aI will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people;
 The ^bvoice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her,
 Nor the voice of crying.
 20 "No more shall an infant from there *live but a few days*,
 Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days;
 For the child shall die one hundred years old,
^aBut the sinner *being* one hundred years old shall be accursed.
 21 ^aThey shall build houses and inhabit *them*;
 They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 They shall not plant and ^aanother eat;
 For ^bas the days of a tree, so *shall be* the days of My people,
 And ^cMy elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 23 They shall not labor in vain,
^aNor bring forth children for trouble;
 For ^bthey *shall be* the descendants of the blessed of the LORD,
 And their offspring with them.
 24 "It shall come to pass That ^abefore they call, I will answer;
 And while they are still speaking, I will ^bhear.

14 ^aMatt. 8:12; Luke 12:38
^lOr *a broken spirit*

15 ^aJer. 29:22; Zech. 8:13 ^bIs. 65:9, 22 ^c[Acts 11:26]

16 ^aPs. 72:17; Jer. 4:2 ^bDeut. 6:13; Zeph. 1:5

17 ^aIs. 51:16; 66:22; [2 Pet. 3:13]; Rev. 21:1 ^lLit. *come upon the heart*

19 ^aIs. 62:4, 5 ^bIs. 35:10; 51:11; Rev. 7:17; 21:4

20 ^aEzek. 8:12; 13; Is. 3:11; 22:14

21 ^aEzek. 28:26; 45:4; Hos. 11:11; Amos 9:14

22 ^aIs. 62:8, 9 ^bPs. 92:12 ^cIs. 65:9, 15

23 ^aHos. 9:12 ^bIs. 61:9; [Jer. 32:38, 39; Acts 2:39]

24 ^aPs. 91:15; Is. 58:9 ^bIs. 30:19; Dan. 9:20-23

25 ^aIs. 11:6-9 ^bGen. 3:14; Mic. 7:17

CHAPTER 66

1 ^a1 Kin. 8:27; 2 Chr. 6:18; Ps. 11:4; Matt. 5:34; Acts 17:24

2 ^aPs. 34:18; [Is. 57:15; 61:1; Matt. 5:3; 4; Luke 18:13, 14] ^bPs. 34:18; 51:17

3 ^a[Is. 1:10-17; 58:1-7; Mic. 6:7, 8] ^bDeut. 23:18

4 ^aProv. 1:24; Is. 65:12; Jer. 7:13

5 ^aPs. 38:20; Is. 60:15; [Luke 6:22, 23] ^bIs. 5:19 ^c[2 Thess. 1:10; Titus 2:13]

- 25 The ^awolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 The lion shall eat straw like the ox,
^bAnd dust *shall be* the serpent's food.
 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,"
 Says the LORD.

True Worship and False

66 Thus says the LORD:

- ^a"Heaven is My throne,
 And earth is My footstool.
 Where is the house that you will build Me?
 And where is the place of My rest?
 2 For all those *things* My hand has made,
 And all those *things* exist,"
 Says the LORD.
^a"But on this *one* will I look:
^bOn *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit,
 And who trembles at My word.
 3 "He^a who kills a bull is *as if* he slays a man;
 He who sacrifices a lamb, *as if* he ^bbreaks a dog's neck;
 He who offers a grain offering, *as if* he offers swine's blood;
 He who burns incense, *as if* he blesses an idol.
 Just as they have chosen their own ways,
 And their soul delights in their abominations,
 4 So will I choose their delusions,
 And bring their fears on them;
^aBecause, when I called, no one answered,
 When I spoke they did not hear;
 But they did evil before My eyes,
 And chose *that* in which I do not delight."
The LORD Vindicates Zion
 5 Hear the word of the LORD,
 You who tremble at His word:
 "Your brethren who ^ahated you,
 Who cast you out for My name's sake, said,
^bLet the LORD be glorified,
 That ^cwe may see your joy.
 But they shall be ashamed."
 6 The sound of noise from the city!
 A voice from the temple!
 The voice of the LORD,
 Who fully repays His enemies!
 7 "Before she was in labor, she gave birth;
 Before her pain came,
 She delivered a male child.
 8 Who has heard such a thing?
 Who has seen such things?

- Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day?
Or shall a nation be born at once?
For as soon as Zion was in labor,
She gave birth to her children.
- 9 Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says the LORD.
"Shall I who cause delivery shut up *the womb*?" says your God.
- 10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her;
Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;
- 11 That you may feed and be satisfied
With the consolation of her bosom,
That you may drink deeply and be delighted
With the abundance of her glory."
- 12 For thus says the LORD:
"Behold, ^aI will extend peace to her like a river,
And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream.
Then you shall ^bfeed;
On *her* sides shall you be ^ccarried,
And be dandled on *her* knees.
- 13 As one whom his mother comforts,
So I will ^ccomfort you;
And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."
- The Reign and Indignation of God*
- 14 When you see *this*, your heart shall rejoice,
And ^ayour bones shall flourish like grass;
The hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants,
And *His* indignation to His enemies.
- 15 ^aFor behold, the LORD will come with fire
And with His chariots, like a whirlwind,
To render His anger with fury,
And His rebuke with flames of fire.
- 16 For by fire and by ^aHis sword
The LORD will judge all flesh;

12 ^aIs. 48:18;
60:5 ^bIs. 60:16
^cIs. 49:22; 60:4

13 ^aIs. 51:3;
[2 Cor. 1:3, 4]

14 ^aEzek. 37:1

15 ^aIs. 9:5;
[2 Thess. 1:8]

16 ^aIs. 27:1 ^bIs. 34:6

17 ^aIs. 65:3-8
¹Lit. *After one*
²*come to an end*

18 ^aIs. 59:7 ^bIs. 45:22-25; Jer. 3:17

19 ^aLuke 2:34
^bMal. 1:11 ¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX *Put* (cf. Jer. 46:9)

20 ^aIs. 49:22
^bIs. 18:7;
[Rom. 15:16]

21 ^aEx. 19:6;
Is. 61:6; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6

22 ^aIs. 65:17;
Heb. 12:26;
27; 2 Pet. 3:13;
Rev. 21:1

23 ^aZech. 14:16 ^bZech. 14:17-21

24 ^aIs. 14:11;
Mark 9:44, 46, 48

And the slain of the LORD shall be ^bmany.

- 17 "Those^a who sanctify themselves and purify themselves,
To go to the gardens
¹After an *idol* in the midst,
Eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse,
Shall ²be consumed together," says the LORD.
- 18 "For I *know* their works and their ^athoughts. It shall be that I will ^bgather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory.
- 19 ^a"I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and ¹Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory.
^bAnd they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.
- 20 "Then they shall ^abring all your brethren ^bfor an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.
- 21 "And I will also take some of them for ^apriests and Levites," says the LORD.
- 22 "For as ^athe new heavens and the new earth
Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD,
"So shall your descendants and your name remain.
- 23 And ^ait shall come to pass
That from one New Moon to another,
And from one Sabbath to another,
^bAll flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.
- 24 "And they shall go forth and look
Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me.
For their ^aworm does not die, And their fire is not quenched.
They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

The Book of JEREMIAH

THE Book of Jeremiah is the prophecy of a man divinely called in his youth from the priest-city of Anathoth. A heartbroken prophet with a heartbreaking message, Jeremiah labors for more than forty years proclaiming a message of doom to the stiff-necked people of Judah. Despised and persecuted by his countrymen, Jeremiah bathes his harsh prophecies in tears of compassion. His broken heart causes him to write a broken book, which is difficult to arrange chronologically or topically. But through his sermons and signs he faithfully declares that surrender to God's will is the only way to escape calamity.

Yirmeyahu or *Yirmeyah* literally means "Yahweh Throws," perhaps in the sense of laying a foundation. It may effectively mean "Yahweh Establishes, Appoints, or Sends." The Greek form of the Hebrew name in the Septuagint is *Hieremias*, and the Latin form is *Jeremias*.

THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

The Prophet Is Called

4 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then said I:

"Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth."

7 But the LORD said to me:

"Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak."

8 "Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me:

"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth."

10 "See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms,

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aJosh. 21:18

2 ^{a2} Kin. 21:24
^bJer. 25:3

3 ^{a2} Kin. 23:34
^bJer. 39:2 ^cJer. 52:12 ^{d2} Kin. 25:8

5 ^aIs. 49:1, 5
^bEx. 33:12
^c[Luke 1:15]
¹set you apart
²appointed

6 ^aEx. 4:10;
6:12, 30

7 ^aNum. 22:20,
38

8 ^aEzek. 2:6;
3:9 ^bEx. 3:12

9 ^aIs. 6:7 ^bIs. 51:16

10 ^{a1} Kin. 19:17 ^{b2} Cor. 10:4, 5]

11 ¹Lit. *rod*

12 ¹Lit. *watching*

13 ^aEzek. 11:3;
24:3

14 ^aJer. 6:1

15 ^aJer. 6:22;
25:9 ^bJer. 39:3

16 ^aDeut. 28:20 ^bJer. 7:9
^cIs. 37:19

17 ^aJob 38:3
^bEzek. 2:6

18 ^aIs. 50:7

To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."

12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

13 And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, and it is facing away from the north."

14 Then the LORD said to me:

"Out of the north calamity shall break forth On all the inhabitants of the land."

15 For behold, I am calling All the families of the kingdoms of the north," says the LORD;

"They shall come and each one set his throne At the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, Against all its walls all around, And against all the cities of Judah."

16 I will utter My judgments Against them concerning all their wickedness, Because they have forsaken Me, Burned incense to other gods, And worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 "Therefore prepare yourself and arise, And speak to them all that I command you."

^bDo not be dismayed before their faces, Lest I dismay you before them.

18 For behold, I have made you this day A fortified city and an iron pillar,

- And bronze walls against the whole land—
Against the kings of Judah,
Against its princes,
Against its priests,
And against the people of the land.
- 19 They will fight against you,
But they shall not prevail
against you.
For I *am* with you," says the
LORD, "to deliver you."
- God's Case Against Israel*
- 2 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
2 "Go and cry in the hearing of
Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the
LORD:
- "I remember you,
The kindness of your *young*,
The love of your betrothal,
^bWhen you ¹went after Me in the
wilderness,
In a land not sown.
- 3 ^aIsrael was holiness to the
LORD,
^bThe firstfruits of His increase.
^cAll that devour him will offend;
Disaster will *come* upon
them," says the LORD. "
- 4 Hear the word of the LORD, O
house of Jacob and all the families
of the house of Israel.
- 5 Thus says the LORD:
- ^a"What injustice have your
fathers found in Me,
That they have gone far from
Me,
^bHave followed ¹idols,
And have become idolaters?
- 6 Neither did they say, 'Where is
the LORD,
Who *brought* us up out of the
land of Egypt,
Who led us through ^bthe
wilderness,
Through a land of deserts and
pits,
Through a land of drought and
the shadow of death,
Through a land that no one
crossed
And where no one dwelt?'
- 7 I brought you into ^aa bountiful
country,
To eat its fruit and its goodness.
But when you entered, you
^bdefiled My land
And made My heritage an
abomination.
- 8 The priests did not say, 'Where
is the LORD?'
And those who handle the ^alaw
did not know Me;
The rulers also transgressed
against Me;
^bThe prophets prophesied by
Baal,

CHAPTER 2

- ² ^aEzek. 16:8;
Hos. 2:15
^bDeut. 2:7;
Jer. 2:6 ¹fol-
lowed
- ³ ^a[Ex. 19:5, 6;
Deut. 7:6;
14:2] ¹James
1:18; Rev. 14:4
^cJer. 12:14
^dGen. 12:3; Is.
41:11; Jer.
30:15, 16; 50:7
- ⁵ ^aIs. 5:4; Mic.
6:3 ^b2 Kin.
17:15; Jer.
8:19; [Jon.
2:8]; Rom.
1:21 ¹vanities
or *futilities*
- ⁶ ^aEx. 20:2; Is.
63:11 ^bDeut.
8:15; 32:10
- ⁷ ^aNum. 13:27
^bNum. 35:33;
Is. 24:5; Hos.
4:3
- ⁸ ^aRom. 2:20
^bJer. 23:13
- ⁹ ^aJer. 2:35;
Ezek. 20:35;
36; Mic. 6:2
¹contend with
- ¹⁰ ^aJer. 18:13
¹Heb. *Kittim*,
representa-
tive of
western cul-
tures ²In
northern Ara-
bian desert,
representative
of eastern cul-
tures
- ¹¹ ^aMic. 4:5
^bPs. 115:4; Is.
37:19 ^cPs.
106:20; Rom.
1:23
- ¹³ ^aPs. 36:9;
Jer. 17:13;
[John 4:14]
- ¹⁴ ^a[Ex. 4:22]
- ¹⁵ ^aIs. 1:7; Jer.
50:17
- ¹⁶ ^a2 Kin.
23:29–37; Jer.
43:7–9 ¹Mem-
phis in
ancient Egypt
²Or *grazed*
- ¹⁷ ^aJer. 4:18
^bDeut. 32:10
- ¹⁸ ^aIs. 30:1–3
^bJosh. 13:3
^cHos. 5:13
¹The Eu-
phrates
- ¹⁹ ^aIs. 3:9; Jer.
4:18; Hos. 5:5
¹dread
- ²⁰ ^aLev. 26:13
^bEx. 19:8;
Josh. 24:18;
Judg. 10:16;
1 Sam. 12:10
¹Kt. *serve*

And walked after *things that*
do not profit.

- 9 "Therefore ^aI will yet ¹bring
charges against you," says
the LORD,
"And against your children's
children I will bring charges.
- 10 For pass beyond the coasts of
¹Cyprus and see,
Send to ²Kedar and consider
diligently,
And see if there has been such
a thing.
- 11 ^aHas a nation changed *its* gods,
Which *are* ^bnot gods?
^cBut My people have changed
their Glory
For *what* does not profit.
- 12 Be astonished, O heavens, at
this,
And be horribly afraid;
Be very desolate," says the
LORD.
- 13 "For My people have committed
two evils:
They have forsaken Me, the
fountain of living waters,
And hewn themselves
cisterns—broken cisterns that
can hold no water.
- 14 "Is Israel ^aa servant?
Is he a homeborn *slave*?
Why is he plundered?
- 15 ^aThe young lions roared at him,
and growled;
They made his land waste;
His cities are burned, without
inhabitant.
- 16 Also the people of ¹Noph and
^aTahpanhes
Have ²broken the crown of your
head.
- 17 ^aHave you not brought this on
yourself,
In that you have forsaken the
LORD your God
When ^bHe led you in the way?
And now why take ^athe road to
Egypt,
To drink the waters of ^bSihor?
Or why take the road to
^cAssyria,
To drink the waters of ¹the
River?
- 19 Your own wickedness will
correct you,
And your backslidings will
rebukey you.
Know therefore and see that *it*
is an evil and bitter *thing*
That you have forsaken the
LORD your God,
And the ¹fear of Me is not in
you,"
Says the Lord GOD of hosts.
- 20 "For of old I have ^abroken your
yoke *and* burst your bonds;
And ^byou said, 'I will not
¹transgress,'

- When ^con every high hill and
under every green tree
You lay down, ^dplaying the
harlot.
- 21 Yet I had ^eplanted you a noble
vine, a seed of highest
quality.
How then have you turned
before Me
Into ^fthe degenerate plant of an
alien vine?
- 22 For though you wash yourself
with lye, and use much soap,
Yet your iniquity is ^gmarked¹
before Me," says the Lord
GOD.
- 23 "How^a can you say, 'I am not
^hpolluted,
I have not gone after the
Baals'?
See your way in the valley;
Know what you have done:
You are a swift dromedary
breaking loose in her ways,
- 24 A wild donkey used to the
wilderness,
That sniffs at the wind in her
desire;
In her time of mating, who can
turn her away?
All those who seek her will not
weary themselves;
In her month they will find her.
- 25 Withhold your foot from being
unshod, and your throat from
thirst.
But you said, ⁱ"There is no hope.
No! For I have loved ^jaliens,
and after them I will go.'
- 26 "As the thief is ashamed when
he is found out,
So is the house of Israel
ashamed;
They and their kings and their
princes, and their priests and
their ^kprophets,
- 27 Saying to a tree, 'You ^lare my
father,'
And to a ^mstone, 'You gave birth
to me,'
For they have turned ⁿtheir back
to Me, and not ^otheir face.
But in the time of their ^ptrouble
They will say, 'Arise and save
us.'
- 28 But ^qwhere ^rare your gods that
you have made for
yourselves?
Let them arise,
If they ^scan save you in the
time of your ^ttrouble;
For ^uaccording to the number
of your cities
Are your gods, O Judah.
- 29 "Why will you plead with Me?
You all have transgressed
against Me," says the LORD.
- 30 "In vain I have ^vchastened your
children;

²⁰ ^aDeut. 12:2;
Is. 57:5, 7; Jer.
3:6 ^dEx. 34:15

²¹ ^eEx. 15:17;
Ps. 44:2; 80:8;
Is. 5:2 ^bDeut.
32:32; Is. 5:4

²² ^aJob 14:16,
17; Jer. 17:1,
2; Hos. 13:12
¹stained

²³ ^aProv. 30:12
¹defiled

²⁵ ^aIs. 57:10;
Jer. 18:12 ^bJer.
3:13

²⁶ ^aIs. 28:7;
Jer. 5:31

²⁷ ^aJer. 3:9
^bJudg. 10:10;
Is. 26:16; Hos.
5:15

²⁸ ^aDeut.
32:37; Judg.
10:14 ^bIs.
45:20 ^c2 Kin.
17:30, 31; Jer.
11:13 ¹Or evil

³⁰ ^aIs. 9:13 ^bIs.
1:5; Jer. 5:3;
7:28 ^cNeh.
9:26; Jer.
26:20-24; Acts
7:52; 1 Thess.
2:15

³¹ ^aDeut.
32:15; Jer.
2:20, 25 ¹have
dominion

³² ^aPs. 106:21;
Is. 17:10; Jer.
3:21; 13:25;
Hos. 8:14

³⁴ ^a2 Kin.
21:16; 24:4;
Ps. 106:38;
Jer. 7:6; 19:4
¹digging

³⁵ ^aJer. 2:23,
29; Mal. 2:17;
3:8 ^bJer. 2:9
^cProv. 28:13;
1 John 1:8, 10]

³⁶ ^aJer. 31:22;
Hos. 5:13; 12:1
^bIs. 30:3
^c2 Chr. 28:16

³⁷ ^a2 Sam.
13:19; Jer.
14:3, 4 ^bJer.
37:7-10

CHAPTER 3

¹ ^aDeut.
24:1-4 ^bJer.
2:7 ^cJer. 2:20;
Ezek. 16:26
^dJer. 4:1;
[Zech. 1:3]

² ^aDeut. 12:2;
Jer. 2:20; 3:21;
7:29 ^bProv.
23:28 ¹Kt.
been violated

They ^breceived no correction.
Your sword has ^cdevoured your
prophets
Like a destroying lion.

- 31 "O generation, see the word of
the LORD!
Have I been a wilderness to
Israel,
Or a land of darkness?
Why do My people say, 'We
¹are lords;
^aWe will come no more to You'?"
- 32 Can a virgin forget her
ornaments,
Or a bride her attire?
Yet My people ^ahave forgotten
Me days without number.
- 33 "Why do you beautify your way
to seek love?
Therefore you have also
taught
The wicked women your ways.
- 34 Also on your skirts is found
^aThe blood of the lives of the
poor innocents.
I have not found it by ¹secret
search,
But plainly on all these things.
- 35 ^aYet you say, 'Because I am
innocent,
Surely His anger shall turn
from me.'
Behold, ^bI will plead My case
against you,
^c'Because you say, 'I have not
sinned.'
- 36 ^a'Why do you gad about so much
to change your way?
Also ^byou shall be ashamed of
Egypt ^cas you were ashamed
of Assyria.
- 37 Indeed you will go forth from
him
With your hands on ^ayour head;
For the LORD has rejected your
trusted allies,
And you will ^bnot prosper by
them.

Israel Is Shameless

- 3 "They say, 'If a man divorces his
wife,
And she goes from him
And becomes another man's,
^a'May he return to her again?'
Would not that ^bland be greatly
polluted?
But you have ^cplayed the harlot
with many lovers;
^d'Yet return to Me," says the
LORD.
- 2 "Lift up your eyes to ^athe
desolate heights and see:
Where have you not ¹lain with
men?
^bBy the road you have sat for
them
Like an Arabian in the
wilderness;

- “And you have polluted the land
With your harlotries and your
wickedness.
3 Therefore the “showers have
been withheld,
And there has been no latter
rain.
You have had a ^bharlot’s
forehead;
You refuse to be ashamed.
4 Will you not from this time cry
to Me,
‘My Father, You *are* “the guide of
^bmy youth?
5 “Will He remain angry forever?
Will He keep it to the end?’
Behold, you have spoken and
done evil things,
As you were able.”

A Call to Repentance

- 6 The LORD said also to me in the
days of Josiah the king: “Have you
seen what “backsliding Israel has
done? She has ^bgone up on every high
mountain and under every green tree,
and there played the harlot.
7 ““And I said, after she had done
all these *things*, ‘Return to Me.’ But
she did not return. And her treacher-
ous ^sister Judah saw it.
8 “Then I saw that “for all the
causes for which backsliding Israel
had committed adultery, I had ^bput
her away and given her a certificate
of divorce; yet her treacherous sister
Judah did not fear, but went and
played the harlot also.
9 “So it came to pass, through her
casual harlotry, that she “defiled the
land and committed adultery with
^bstones and trees.
10 “And yet for all this her treach-
erous sister Judah has not turned to
Me “with her whole heart, but in
pretense,” says the LORD.
11 Then the LORD said to me,
“Backsliding Israel has shown her-
self more righteous than treacher-
ous Judah.
12 “Go and proclaim these words
toward “the north, and say:

‘Return, backsliding Israel,’ says
the LORD;
‘I will not cause My anger to
fall on you.
For I *am* ^bmerciful,’ says the
LORD;
‘I will not remain angry forever.
13 “Only acknowledge your
iniquity,
That you have transgressed
against the LORD your God,
And have ^bscattered your
¹charms
To ‘alien deities “under every
green tree,
And you have not obeyed My
voice,’ says the LORD.
14 “Return, O backsliding chil-
dren,” says the LORD; ““for I am chil-

2 ^cJer. 2:7
3 ^aLev. 26:19;
Jer. 14:3-6
^bZeph. 3:5
4 ^aPs. 71:17;
Prov. 2:17
^bJer. 2:2; Hos.
2:15
5 ^aPs. 103:9;
[Is. 57:16]; Jer.
3:12
6 ^aJer. 7:24
^bJer. 2:20
7 ^{a2} Kin. 17:13
^bJer. 3:11;
Ezek. 16:47,
48
8 ^aEzek. 23:9
^{b2} Kin. 17:6;
Is. 50:1 ^cEzek.
23:11
9 ^aJer. 2:7 ^bIs.
57:6; Jer. 2:27
10 ^aJer. 12:2;
Hos. 7:14
11 ^aEzek.
16:51, 52
12 ^{a2} Kin. 17:6
^bPs. 86:15; Jer.
12:15; 31:20;
33:26
13 ^aLev. 26:40;
Deut. 30:1, 2;
[Prov. 28:13;
1 John 1:9]
^bEzek. 16:15
^cJer. 2:25
^dDeut. 12:2
¹Lit. ways
14 ^aJer. 31:32;
Hos. 2:19, 20
^bJer. 31:6
^c[Rom. 11:5]
15 ^aJer. 23:4;
31:10; [Ezek.
34:23]; Eph.
4:11 ^bActs
20:28
16 ^aIs. 49:19;
Jer. 23:3 ^bIs.
65:17
17 ^aIs. 60:9
^bDeut. 29:19;
Jer. 7:24
¹walk after
the stubborn-
ness, or
imagination
18 ^aIs. 11:13;
Jer. 50:4;
Ezek.
37:16-22; Hos.
1:11 ^bJer. 31:8
^cAmos 9:15
19 ^aPs. 106:24
^bIs. 63:16; Jer.
3:4
20 ^aIs. 48:8
¹Lit. compan-
ion
21 ^aIs. 15:2
22 ^aJer. 30:17;
33:6; Hos. 6:1;
14:4
23 ^aPs. 121:1, 2
^bPs. 3:8; Prov.
21:31; Jer.
17:14; 31:7;
Jon. 2:9
24 ^aJer. 11:13;
14:20; Hos.
9:10

- ried to you. I will take you, ^bone
from a city and two from a family,
and I will bring you to ^cZion.
15 “And I will give you “shepherds
according to My heart, who will
^bfeed you with knowledge and un-
derstanding.
16 “Then it shall come to pass, when
you are multiplied and “increased in
the land in those days,” says the
LORD, “that they will say no more,
‘The ark of the covenant of the LORD.’
^bIt shall not come to mind, nor shall
they remember it, nor shall they visit
it, nor shall it be made anymore.
17 “At that time Jerusalem shall be
called The Throne of the LORD, and
all the nations shall be gathered to
it, “to the name of the LORD, to Jeru-
salem. No more shall they ^bfollow¹
the dictates of their evil hearts.
18 “In those days “the house of
Judah shall walk with the house of
Israel, and they shall come together
out of the land of ^bthe north to “the
land that I have given as an inheri-
tance to your fathers.
19 “But I said:

‘How can I put you among the
children
And give you “a pleasant land,
A beautiful heritage of the
hosts of nations?’

“And I said:

‘You shall call Me, ^b“My Father,”
And not turn away from Me.’
20 Surely, as a wife treacherously
departs from her ¹husband,
So “have you dealt
treacherously with Me,
O house of Israel,” says the
LORD.
21 A voice was heard on “the
desolate heights,
Weeping and supplications of
the children of Israel.
For they have perverted their
way;
They have forgotten the LORD
their God.
22 “Return, you backsliding
children,
And I will “heal your
backslidings.”

“Indeed we do come to You,
For You are the LORD our
God.
23 “Truly, in vain is salvation hoped
for from the hills,
And from the multitude of
mountains;
^bTruly, in the LORD our God
Is the salvation of Israel.
24 “For shame has devoured
The labor of our fathers from
our youth—

- 25 Their flocks and their herds,
Their sons and their daughters.
We lie down in our shame,
And our 'reproach covers us.
“For we have sinned against the
LORD our God,
We and our fathers,
From our youth even to this day,
And ^bhave not obeyed the voice
of the LORD our God.”

- 4 “If you will return, O Israel,”
says the LORD,
“Return to Me;
And if you will put away your
abominations out of My
sight,
Then you shall not be moved.
2 “And you shall swear, ‘The
LORD lives,’
^bIn truth, in ‘judgment, and in
righteousness;
“The nations shall bless
themselves in Him,
And in Him they shall ^dglory.”

- 3 For thus says the LORD to the
men of Judah and Jerusalem:

- “Break up your ‘fallow ground,
And ^bdo not sow among thorns.
4 “Circumcise yourselves to the
LORD,
And take away the foreskins of
your hearts,
You men of Judah and
inhabitants of Jerusalem,
Lest My fury come forth like
fire,
And burn so that no one can
quench it,
Because of the evil of your
doings.”

An Imminent Invasion

- 5 Declare in Judah and proclaim
in Jerusalem, and say:

- “Blow the trumpet in the land;
Cry, ‘Gather together,’
And say, ^b‘Assemble yourselves,
And let us go into the fortified
cities.’
6 Set up the ‘standard toward
Zion.
Take refuge! Do not delay!
For I will bring disaster from
the ‘north,
And great destruction.”

- 7 “The lion has come up from his
thicket,
And ^bthe destroyer of nations is
on his way.
He has gone forth from his
place
“To make your land desolate.
Your cities will be laid waste,
Without inhabitant.
8 For this, ^aclothe yourself with
sackcloth,
Lament and wail.

25 ^aEzra 9:6, 7
^bJer. 22:21
¹disgrace

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aJer. 3:1, 22;
15:19; Joel
2:12
2 ^aDeut. 10:20;
Is. 45:23;
65:16; Jer.
12:16 ^bIs. 48:1;
Zech. 8:8
3 ^c[Gen. 22:18];
Ps. 72:18; Is.
65:16; Jer.
3:17; [Gal. 3:8]
^dIs. 45:25; Jer.
9:24; 1 Cor.
1:31; 2 Cor.
10:17 ¹justice

3 ^aHos. 10:12
^bMatt. 13:7
¹untilled
4 ^aDeut. 10:16;
30:6; Jer. 9:25,
26; [Rom.
2:28, 29; Col.
2:11]

5 ^aJer. 6:1;
Hos. 8:1
^bJosh. 10:20;
Jer. 8:14
6 ^aJer. 1:13–15;
6:1, 22; 50:17
¹banner

7 ^a2 Kin. 24:1;
Dan. 7:4 ^bJer.
25:9; Ezek.
26:7–10 ^cIs.
1:7; 6:11; Jer.
2:15

8 ^aIs. 22:12;
Jer. 6:26

10 ^a2 Kin.
25:10–12;
Ezek. 14:9;
2 Thess. 2:11
^bJer. 5:12;
14:13 ¹Lit.
soul

11 ^aJer. 51:1;
Ezek. 17:10;
Hos. 13:15

12 ^aJer. 1:16

13 ^aIs. 5:28
^bDeut. 28:49;
Lam. 4:19;
Hos. 8:1; Hab.
1:8

14 ^aProv. 1:22;
Is. 1:16; Jer.
13:27; James
4:8

15 ^aJer. 8:16;
50:17 ¹Or
wickedness

16 ^aIs. 39:3;
Jer. 5:15

17 ^a2 Kin. 25:1,
4

18 ^aPs. 107:17;
Is. 50:1; Jer.
2:17, 19

19 ^a2 Kin.
25:11; 2 Chr.
36:20; Is. 15:5;
16:11; 21:3;
22:4; Jer. 9:1,
10:20:9

For the fierce anger of the LORD
Has not turned back from us.

- 9 “And it shall come to pass in
that day,” says the LORD,
“That the heart of the king shall
perish,
And the heart of the princes;
The priests shall be astonished,
And the prophets shall
wonder.”

- 10 Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD!
“Surely You have greatly
deceived this people and
Jerusalem,
^bSaying, ‘You shall have peace,’
Whereas the sword reaches to
the ‘heart.”

- 11 At that time it will be said
To this people and to
Jerusalem,
“A dry wind of the desolate
heights *blows* in the
wilderness
Toward the daughter of My
people—
Not to fan or to cleanse—
12 A wind too strong for these will
come for Me;
Now ‘I will also speak
judgment against them.”

- 13 “Behold, he shall come up like
clouds,
And ‘his chariots like a
whirlwind.
^bHis horses are swifter than
eagles.
Woe to us, for we are plundered!”

- 14 O Jerusalem, “wash your heart
from wickedness,
That you may be saved.
How long shall your evil
thoughts lodge within you?

- 15 For a voice declares “from Dan
And proclaims ‘affliction from
Mount Ephraim:

- 16 “Make mention to the nations,
Yes, proclaim against
Jerusalem,
That watchers come from a ‘far
country
And raise their voice against
the cities of Judah.

- 17 “Like keepers of a field they are
against her all around,
Because she has been
rebellious against Me,” says
the LORD.

- 18 “Your^a ways and your doings
Have procured these *things* for
you.
This is your wickedness,
Because it is bitter,
Because it reaches to your
heart.”

Sorrow for the Doomed Nation

- 19 O my ‘soul, my soul!
I am pained in my very heart!

- My heart makes a noise in me;
I cannot hold my peace,
Because you have heard, O my
soul,
The sound of the trumpet,
The alarm of war.
- 20 ^aDestruction upon destruction is
cried,
For the whole land is
plundered.
Suddenly ^bmy tents are
plundered,
And my curtains in a moment.
- 21 How long will I see the
¹standard,
And hear the sound of the
trumpet?
- 22 "For My people *are* foolish,
They have not known Me.
They *are* ¹silly children,
And they have no
understanding.
^aThey *are* wise to do evil,
But to do good they have no
knowledge."
- 23 ^aI beheld the earth, and indeed *it*
was ^bwithout form, and void;
And the heavens, they *had* no
light.
- 24 ^aI beheld the mountains, and
indeed they trembled,
And all the hills moved back
and forth.
- 25 I beheld, and indeed *there* was
no man,
And ^aall the birds of the
heavens had fled.
- 26 I beheld, and indeed the fruitful
land was ^awilderness,
And all its cities were broken
down
At the presence of the LORD,
By His fierce anger.
- 27 For thus says the LORD:
"The whole land shall be
desolate;
^aYet I will not make a full end.
28 For this ^ashall the earth mourn,
And ^athe heavens above be
black,
Because I have spoken.
I have ^apurposed and ^awill not
relent,
Nor will I turn back from it.
29 The whole city shall flee from
the noise of the horsemen
and bowmen.
They shall go into thickets and
climb up on the rocks.
Every city *shall* be forsaken,
And not a man shall dwell in it.
- 30 "And *when* you *are* plundered,
What will you do?
Though you clothe yourself
with crimson,
Though you adorn *yourself*
with ornaments of gold,

²⁰ ^aPs. 42:7;
Ezek. 7:26
^bJer. 10:20

21 ¹banner

22 ^aJer. 9:3;
13:23; Rom.
16:19; 1 Cor.
14:20 ¹foolish

23 ^aIs. 24:19
^bGen. 1:2

24 ^aIs. 5:25;
Jer. 10:10;
Ezek. 38:20

25 ^aJer. 9:10;
12:4; Zeph.
1:3

26 ^aJer. 9:10

27 ^aJer. 5:10,
18; 30:11;
46:28

28 ^aJer. 12:4,
11; 14:2; Hos.
4:3 ^bIs. 5:30;
50:3; Joel
2:30, 31 ^cIs.
46:10, 11;
[Dan. 4:35]
^a[Num. 23:19];
Jer. 7:16;
23:30; 30:24

30 ^a2 Kin. 9:30;
Ezek. 23:40
^bJer. 22:20, 22;
Lam. 1:2, 19;
Ezek. 23:9, 10,
22

31 ^aIs. 1:15;
Lam. 1:17
¹childbirth
²faint

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aEzek. 22:30
^bGen.
18:23-32
^cGen. 18:26
¹justice

2 ^aIs. 48:1; Ti-
tus 1:16 ^bJer.
4:2 ^cJer. 7:9

3 ^a2 Kin. 25:1;
[2 Chr. 16:9;
Jer. 16:17] ^bIs.
1:5; 9:13; Jer.
2:30 ^cIs. 9:13;
Jer. 7:28;
Zeph. 3:2

4 ^aIs. 27:11;
Jer. 8:7; Hos.
4:6

5 ^aMic. 3:1
^bEx. 32:25; Ps.
2:3; Jer. 2:20

6 ^aJer. 4:7 ^bPs.
104:20; Ezek.
22:27; Hab.
1:8; Zeph. 3:3
^cHos. 13:7

^aThough you enlarge your eyes
with paint,
In vain you will make yourself
fair;
^bYour lovers will despise you;
They will seek your life.

- 31 "For I have heard a voice as of a
woman in ¹labor,
The anguish as of her who
brings forth her first child,
The voice of the daughter of
Zion bewailing herself;
She ^aspreads her hands,
saying,
'Woe is me now, for my soul is
²weary
Because of murderers!'

The Justice of God's Judgment

- 5 "Run to and fro through the
streets of Jerusalem;
See now and know;
And seek in her open places
^aIf you can find a man,
^bIf there is *anyone* who executes
¹judgment,
Who seeks the truth,
^cAnd I will pardon her.
- 2 ^aThough they say, 'As ^athe LORD
lives,'
Surely they ^aswear falsely."
- 3 O LORD, *are* not ^aYour eyes on
the truth?
You have ^bstricken them,
But they have not grieved;
You have consumed them,
But ^athey have refused to
receive correction.
They have made their faces
harder than rock;
They have refused to return.
- 4 Therefore I said, "Surely these
are poor.
They are foolish;
For ^athey do not know the way
of the LORD,
The judgment of their God.
- 5 I will go to the great men and
speak to them,
For ^athey have known the way
of the LORD,
The judgment of their God."
- But these have altogether
^bbroken the yoke
And burst the bonds.
- 6 Therefore ^aa lion from the
forest shall slay them,
^bA wolf of the deserts shall
destroy them;
^cA leopard will watch over their
cities.
Everyone who goes out from
there shall be torn in pieces,
Because their transgressions
are many;
Their backslidings have
increased.

- 7 "How shall I pardon you for this?
Your children have forsaken Me
And ^asworn by *those* ^bthat are not gods.
^cWhen I had fed them to the full,
Then they committed adultery
And assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.
- 8 ^aThey were like well-fed lusty stallions;
Every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.
- 9 Shall I not punish *them* for these *things*?^a says the LORD.
"And shall I not ^aavenge Myself on such a nation as this?
- 10 "Go up on her walls and destroy,
But do not ^amake a ^acomplete end.
Take away her branches,
For they *are* not the LORD's.
- 11 For ^athe house of Israel and the house of Judah
Have dealt very treacherously with Me," says the LORD.
- 12 ^aThey have lied about the LORD,
And said, ^b"It is not He.
^cNeither will ^aevil come upon us,
Nor shall we see sword or famine.
- 13 And the prophets become wind,
For the word is not in them.
Thus shall it be done to them."
- 14 Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts:

"Because you speak this word,
^aBehold, I will make My words in your mouth fire,
And this people wood,
And it shall devour them.
- 15 Behold, I will bring a ^anation against you ^bfrom afar,
O house of Israel," says the LORD.
- "It is a mighty nation,
It is an ancient nation,
A nation whose language you do not know,
Nor can you understand what they say.
- 16 Their quiver *is* like an open tomb;
They *are* all mighty men.
- 17 And they shall eat up your ^aharvest and your bread,
Which your sons and daughters should eat.
They shall eat up your flocks and your herds;
They shall eat up your vines and your fig trees;
They shall destroy your fortified cities,
In which you trust, with the sword.

7 ^aJosh. 23:7; Jer. 12:16; Zeph. 1:5
^bDeut. 32:21; Jer. 2:11; Gal. 4:8
^cDeut. 32:15

8 ^aJer. 13:27; 29:23; Ezek. 22:11

9 ^aJer. 9:9

10 ^aJer. 4:27
¹completely destroy

11 ^aJer. 3:6, 7, 20

12 ^a2 Chr. 36:16; Jer. 4:10
^bIs. 28:15; 47:8; Jer. 23:17
^cJer. 14:13
¹disaster

14 ^aIs. 24:6; Jer. 1:9; 23:29; Hos. 6:5; Zech. 1:6

15 ^aDeut. 28:49; Is. 5:26; Jer. 1:15; 6:22
^bIs. 39:3; Jer. 4:16

17 ^aLev. 26:16; Deut. 28:31, 33; Jer. 8:16; 50:7, 17

18 ^aJer. 30:11; Amos 9:8
¹completely destroy

19 ^aDeut. 29:24-29; 1 Kin. 9:8, 9; Jer. 13:22; 16:10-13
^bJer. 1:16; 2:13
^cDeut. 28:48; Jer. 16:13

21 ^aIs. 6:9; Jer. 6:10; Ezek. 12:2; Matt. 13:14; John 12:40; Acts 28:26; Rom. 11:8
¹Lit. heart

22 ^aDeut. 28:58; Ps. 119:120; Jer. 2:19; 10:7; [Rev. 15:4]
^bJob 26:10

24 ^aPs. 147:8; Jer. 14:22; [Matt. 5:45]; Acts 14:17
^bDeut. 11:14; Joel 2:23; James 5:7
^c[Gen. 8:22]

25 ^aJer. 3:3

26 ^aPs. 10:9; Prov. 1:11; Jer. 18:22; Hab. 1:15

28 ^aDeut. 32:15
^bIs. 1:23; Jer. 7:6; 22:3; Zech. 7:10
^cJob 12:6; Ps. 73:12
¹Or pass over or overlook

- 18 "Nevertheless in those days," says the LORD, "I ^awill not ^amake a complete end of you.
- 19 "And it will be when you say, ^a"Why does the LORD our God do all these *things* to us?" then you shall answer them, 'Just as you have ^bfor-saken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so ^cyou shall serve aliens in a land *that* is not yours.'
- 20 "Declare this in the house of Jacob
And proclaim it in Judah, saying,
- 21 'Hear this now, O ^afoolish people,
Without ^aunderstanding,
Who have eyes and see not,
And who have ears and hear not:
- 22 ^a"Do you not fear Me?" says the LORD.
^a"Will you not tremble at My presence,
Who have placed the sand as the ^bbound of the sea,
By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it?
And though its waves toss to and fro,
Yet they cannot prevail;
Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.
- 23 But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart;
They have revolted and departed.
- 24 They do not say in their heart, "Let us now fear the LORD our God,
^aWho gives rain, both the ^bformer and the latter, in its season.
^aHe reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest."
- 25 ^a"Your iniquities have turned these *things* away,
And your sins have withheld good from you.
- 26 'For among My people are found wicked *men*;
They ^alie in wait as one who sets snares;
They set a trap;
They catch men.
- 27 As a cage is full of birds,
So their houses *are* full of deceit.
Therefore they have become great and grown rich.
- 28 They have grown ^afat, they are sleek;
Yes, they ^asurpass the deeds of the wicked;
They do not plead ^bthe cause, The cause of the fatherless;
^aYet they prosper,
And the right of the needy they do not defend.

29 “Shall I not punish *them* for these *things*?” says the LORD.
“Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?”

30 “An astonishing and “horrible thing

Has been committed in the land:

31 The prophets prophesy “falsely, And the priests rule by their own power;

And My people ^blove to have it so.

But what will you do in the end?

Impending Destruction from the North

6 “O you children of Benjamin, Gather yourselves to flee from the midst of Jerusalem!

Blow the trumpet in Tekoa, And set up a signal-fire in “Beth Haccerem;

^bFor disaster appears out of the north,

And great destruction.

2 I have likened the daughter of Zion

To a lovely and delicate woman.

3 The “shepherds with their flocks shall come to her. They shall pitch *their* tents against her all around. Each one shall pasture in his own place.”

4 “Prepare^a war against her; Arise, and let us go up ^bat noon.

Woe to us, for the day goes away,

For the shadows of the evening are lengthening.

5 Arise, and let us go by night, And let us destroy her palaces.”

6 For thus has the LORD of hosts said:

“Cut down trees,

And build a mound against Jerusalem.

This is the city to be punished. She is full of oppression in her midst.

7 “As a fountain ¹wells up with water, So she wells up with her wickedness.

^bViolence and plundering are heard in her. Before Me continually are ²grief and wounds.

8 Be instructed, O Jerusalem, Lest “My soul depart from you; Lest I make you desolate, A land not inhabited.”

9 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

29 ^aJer. 5:9; Mal. 3:5

30 ^aJer. 23:14; Hos. 6:10; 2 Tim. 4:3

31 ^aJer. 14:14; Ezek. 13:6 ^bMic. 2:11

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aNeh. 3:14 ^bJer. 4:6

3 ^a2 Kin. 25:1–4; Jer. 4:17; 12:10

4 ^aJer. 51:27; Joel 3:9 ^bJer. 15:8; Zeph. 2:4

7 ^aIs. 57:20 ^bPs. 55:9 ¹gushes ²sickness

8 ^aEzek. 23:18; Hos. 9:12

10 ^aEx. 6:12; Jer. 5:21; 7:26; [Acts 7:51] ^bJer. 8:9; 20:8

11 ^aJer. 20:9 ^bJer. 9:21

12 ^aDeut. 28:30; Jer. 8:10; 38:22

13 ^aIs. 56:11; Jer. 8:10; 22:17 ^bJer. 5:31; 23:11; Mic. 3:5, 11

14 ^aJer. 8:11–15; Ezek. 13:10 ^bJer. 4:10; 23:17 ¹Lit. crushing ²Superficially

15 ^aJer. 3:3; 8:12

16 ^aIs. 8:20; Jer. 18:15; Mal. 4:4; Luke 16:29 ^bMatt. 11:29

17 ^aIs. 21:11; 58:1; Jer. 25:4; Ezek. 3:17; Hab. 2:1 ^bDeut. 4:1

“They shall thoroughly glean as a vine the remnant of Israel; As a grape-gatherer, put your hand back into the branches.”

10 To whom shall I speak and give warning,

That they may hear?

Indeed their “ear is uncircumcised,

And they cannot give heed.

Behold, ^bthe word of the LORD is a reproach to them;

They have no delight in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD.

^aI am weary of holding it in.

^bI will pour it out ^bon the children outside,

And on the assembly of young men together;

For even the husband shall be taken with the wife,

The aged with *him who is full of days*.

12 And “their houses shall be

turned over to others, Fields and wives together;

For I will stretch out My hand

Against the inhabitants of the land,” says the LORD.

13 “Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them,

Everyone is given to

“covetousness;

And from the prophet even to the ^bpriest,

Everyone deals falsely.

14 They have also “healed the ¹hurt of My people ²slightly,

^bSaying, ‘Peace, peace!’

When *there is* no peace.

15 Were they “ashamed when they had committed abomination?

No! They were not at all ashamed;

Nor did they know how to blush.

Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;

At the time I punish them, They shall be cast down,” says the LORD.

16 Thus says the LORD:

“Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the “old paths,

where the good way is,

And walk in it;

Then you will find ^brest for your souls.

But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’

17 Also, I set “watchmen over you, *saying*,

^b‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet!’

But they said, ‘We will not listen.’

18 Therefore hear, you nations,

- And know, O congregation,
what is among them.
- 19 ^aHear, O earth!
Behold, I will certainly bring
^bcalamity on this people—
^cThe fruit of their thoughts,
Because they have not heeded
My words
Nor My law, but rejected it.
- 20 ^aFor what purpose to Me
Comes frankincense ^bfrom
Sheba,
And ^csweet cane from a far
country?
^dYour burnt offerings are not
acceptable,
Nor your sacrifices sweet to
Me.”
- 21 Therefore thus says the LORD:
“Behold, I will lay stumbling
blocks before this people,
And the fathers and the sons
together shall fall on them.
The neighbor and his friend
shall perish.”
- 22 Thus says the LORD:
“Behold, a people comes from
the ^anorth country,
And a great nation will be
raised from the farthest parts
of the earth.
- 23 They will lay hold on bow and
spear;
They are cruel and have no
mercy;
Their voice ^aroars like the sea;
And they ride on horses,
As men of war set in array
against you, O daughter of
Zion.”
- 24 We have heard the report of
it;
Our hands grow feeble.
^aAnguish has taken hold of us,
Pain as of a woman in ^blabor.
- 25 Do not go out into the field,
Nor walk by the way.
Because of the sword of the
enemy,
Fear is on every side.
- 26 O daughter of my people,
^aDress in sackcloth
^bAnd roll about in ashes!
^cMake mourning as for an only
son, most bitter lamentation;
For the plunderer will suddenly
come upon us.
- 27 “I have set you as an assayer
and ^aa fortress among My
people,
That you may know and test
their way.
- 28 ^aThey are all stubborn rebels,
^bwalking as slanderers.
They are ^cbronze and iron,
They are all corrupters;
- 29 The bellows blow fiercely,

19 ^aIs. 1:2 ^bJer.
19:3, 15 ^cProv.
1:31

20 ^aPs. 40:6;
50:7-9; Is.
1:11; 66:3;
Amos 5:21;
Mic. 6:6, 7 ^bIs.
60:6 ^cIs. 43:24
^dJer. 7:21-23

22 ^aJer. 1:15;
10:22;
50:41-43

23 ^aIs. 5:30

24 ^aJer. 4:31;
13:21; 49:24
¹childbirth

26 ^aJer. 4:8
^bJer. 25:34;
Mic. 1:10
^cAmos 8:10;
[Zech. 12:10]

27 ^aJer. 1:18

28 ^aJer. 5:23
^bJer. 9:4
^cEzek. 22:18

30 ^aIs. 1:22;
Jer. 7:29

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2 ^aJer. 17:19;
26:2

3 ^aJer. 4:1;
18:11; 26:13

4 ^aJer. 7:8;
Mic. 3:11

5 ^a1 Kin. 6:12;
Jer. 21:12;
22:3 ¹justice

6 ^aDeut. 6:14,
15; Jer. 13:10

7 ^aDeut. 4:40
^bJer. 3:18

8 ^aJer. 5:31;
14:13, 14

9 ^a1 Kin.
18:21; Hos.
4:1, 2; Zeph.
1:5 ^bEx. 20:3;
Jer. 7:6; 19:4

10 ^aEzek.
23:39 ^bJer.
7:11, 14;
32:34; 34:15

11 ^aIs. 56:7
^bMatt. 21:13;
Mark 11:17;
Luke 19:46

12 ^aJosh. 18:1;
Judg. 18:31
^bDeut. 12:11
^c1 Sam. 4:10;
Ps. 78:60; Jer.
26:6

13 ^a2 Chr.
36:15; Jer.
11:7 ^bProv.
1:24; Is. 65:12;
66:4

14 ^a1 Sam.
4:10, 11; Ps.
78:60; Jer.
26:6, 9

15 ^a2 Kin.
17:23 ^bPs.
78:67; Hos.
7:13; 9:13;
12:1

The lead is consumed by the
fire;
The smelter refines in vain,
For the wicked are not drawn
off.

- 30 People will call them ^arejected
silver,
Because the LORD has rejected
them.”

Trusting in Lying Words

7 The word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying,

2 ^a“Stand in the gate of the LORD’s
house, and proclaim there this word,
and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD,
all you of Judah who enter in at
these gates to worship the LORD!’ ”

3 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: ^a“Amend your ways
and your doings, and I will cause
you to dwell in this place.

4 ^a“Do not trust in these lying
words, saying, ‘The temple of the
LORD, the temple of the LORD, the
temple of the LORD are these.’

5 “For if you thoroughly amend
your ways and your doings, if you
thoroughly ^aexecute ^bjudgment be-
tween a man and his neighbor,

6 “if you do not oppress the
stranger, the fatherless, and the
widow, and do not shed innocent
blood in this place, ^aor walk after
other gods to your hurt,

7 ^a“then I will cause you to dwell
in this place, in ^bthe land that I gave
to your fathers forever and ever.

8 “Behold, you trust in ^alying
words that cannot profit.

9 ^a“Will you steal, murder, commit
adultery, swear falsely, burn incense
to Baal, and ^bwalk after other gods
whom you do not know,

10 ^a“and then come and stand
before Me in this house ^bwhich is
called by My name, and say, ‘We are
delivered to do all these abomina-
tions?’

11 “Has ^athis house, which is called
by My name, become a ^bden of
thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even
I, have seen it,” says the LORD.

12 “But go now to ^aMy place which
was in Shiloh, ^bwhere I set My name
at the first, and see ^cwhat I did to it
because of the wickedness of My
people Israel.

13 “And now, because you have
done all these works,” says the
LORD, “and I spoke to you, ^arising
up early and speaking, but you did
not hear, and I ^bcalled you, but you
did not answer.

14 “therefore I will do to the house
which is called by My name, in
which you trust, and to this place
which I gave to you and your
fathers, as I have done to ^aShiloh.

15 “And I will cast you out of My
sight, ^aas I have cast out all your
brethren—^bthe whole posterity of
Ephraim.

16 “Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; ^bfor I will not hear you.

17 “Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 “The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and *they* pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger.

19 “Do they provoke Me to anger?” says the LORD. “Do *they* not provoke themselves, to the shame of their own faces?”

20 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place—on man and on beast, on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground. And it will burn and not be quenched.”

21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat.

22 “For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.

23 “But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and ^bI will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’

24 “Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but ^bfollowed¹ the counsels and the ²dictates of their evil hearts, and ^cwent³ backward and not forward.

25 “Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even ^csent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*.

26 “Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but ^bstiffened their neck. ^cThey did worse than their fathers.

27 “Therefore you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not obey you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you.

Judgment on Obscene Religion

28 “So you shall say to them, ‘This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. ^bTruth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

29 “Cut off your hair and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the desolate heights; for the LORD has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.’

30 “For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight,” says the

16 ^aEx. 32:10; Jer. 11:14 ^bJer. 15:1

18 ^aJer. 44:17 ^bJer. 19:13

19 ^aDeut. 32:16, 21

21 ^aJer. 6:20

22 ^a[Hos. 6:6]

23 ^aDeut. 6:3 ^b[Ex. 19:5, 6]

24 ^aPs. 81:11 ^bDeut. 29:19 ^cJer. 32:33 ¹walked in ²stubbornness, or ³imagination ⁴Lit. they were

25 ^{a2} Chr. 36:15

26 ^aJer. 11:8 ^bNeh. 9:17 ^cJer. 16:12

27 ^aEzek. 2:7

28 ^aJer. 5:3 ^bJer. 9:3

29 ^aMic. 1:16

30 ^aDan. 9:27; 11:31 ¹defile

31 ^{a2} Kin. 23:10 ^bPs. 106:38 ^cDeut. 17:3

32 ^aJer. 19:6 ^{b2} Kin. 23:10

33 ^aJer. 9:22; 19:11

34 ^aIs. 24:7, 8 ^bLev. 26:33

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2 ^{a2} Kin. 23:5 ^bJer. 22:19

3 ^aRev. 9:6 ¹remnant

5 ^aJer. 7:24 ^bJer. 9:6 ^cJer. 5:3

6 ^aPs. 14:2 ^bMic. 7:2

LORD. “They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to ¹pollute it.

31 “And they have built the ^ahigh places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to ^bburn their sons and their daughters in the fire, ^cwhich I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.

32 “Therefore behold, ^athe days are coming,” says the LORD, “when it will no more be called Tophet, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; ^bfor they will bury in Tophet until there is no room.

33 “The ^ccorpses of this people will be food for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth. And no one will frighten *them* away.

34 “Then I will cause to ^acease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. For ^bthe land shall be desolate.

8 “At that time,” says the LORD, “they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves.

2 “They shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven, which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought and ^awhich they have worshiped. They shall not be gathered ^bnor buried; they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth.

3 “Then ^adeath shall be chosen rather than life by all the ¹residue of those who remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them,” says the LORD of hosts.

The Peril of False Teaching

4 “Moreover you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD:

“Will they fall and not rise?
Will one turn away and not return?

5 Why has this people ^aslidden back,
Jerusalem, in a perpetual
backsliding?

^bThey hold fast to deceit,
^cThey refuse to return.

6 ^aI listened and heard,
But they do not speak aright.
^bNo man repented of his
wickedness,
Saying, ‘What have I done?’
Everyone turned to his own
course,
As the horse rushes into the
battle.

- 7 "Even ^athe stork in the heavens
Knows her appointed times;
And the turtledove, the swift,
and the swallow
Observe the time of their
coming.
But ^bMy people do not know
the judgment of the LORD.
- 8 "How can you say, 'We are
wise,
'^aAnd the law of the LORD is with
us?'
Look, the false pen of the
scribe certainly works
falsehood.
- 9 ^aThe wise men are ashamed,
They are dismayed and taken.
Behold, they have rejected the
word of the LORD;
So ^bwhat wisdom do they
have?
- 10 Therefore ^aI will give their
wives to others,
And their fields to those who
will inherit *them*;
Because from the least even to
the greatest
Everyone is given to
^bcovetousness;
From the prophet even to the
priest
Everyone deals falsely.
- 11 For they have ^ahealed the hurt
of the daughter of My people
¹slightly,
Saying, ^b'Peace, peace!'
When *there is* no peace.
- 12 Were they ^aashamed when they
had committed abomination?
No! They were not at all
ashamed,
Nor did they know how to
blush.
Therefore they shall fall among
those who fall;
In the time of their punishment
They shall be cast down," says
the LORD.
- 13 "I will surely ¹consume them,"
says the LORD.
"No grapes *shall be* ^aon the vine,
Nor figs on the ^bfig tree,
And the leaf shall fade;
And *the things* I have given
them shall ^apass away from
them." ' ' "
- 14 "Why do we sit still?
^aAssemble yourselves,
And let us enter the fortified
cities,
And let us be silent there.
For the LORD our God has put
us to silence
And given us ^bwater¹ of gall to
drink,
Because we have sinned
against the LORD.
- 15 "We ^alooked for peace, but no
good *came*;

7 ^aSong 2:12
^bJer. 5:4; 9:3

8 ^aRom. 2:17

9 ^aJer. 6:15
^bJer. 4:22

10 ^aDeut.
28:30 ^bIs.
56:11; 57:17

11 ^aJer. 6:14
^bEzek. 13:10
¹Superficially

12 ^aJer. 3:3;
6:15

13 ^aJoel 1:17
^bMatt. 21:19
^cDeut. 28:39;
40 ¹Or *take
them away*

14 ^aJer. 4:5
^bJer. 9:15 ¹Bit-
ter or poison-
ous water

15 ^aJer. 14:19

16 ^aJer. 4:15
^bJer. 47:3

17 ^aPs. 58:4, 5

19 ^aIs. 39:3

21 ^aJer. 9:1
^bJoel 2:6

22 ^aJer. 46:11

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1 ^aIs. 22:4

2 ^aJer. 5:7, 8;
23:10

3 ^aPs. 64:3

- And for a time of health, and
there was trouble!
- 16 The snorting of His horses was
heard from ^aDan.
The whole land trembled at the
sound of the neighing of His
^bstrong ones;
For they have come and
devoured the land and all
that is in it,
The city and those who dwell in
it."
- 17 "For behold, I will send serpents
among you,
Vipers which cannot be
^acharmed,
And they shall bite you," says
the LORD.

The Prophet Mourns for the People

- 18 I would comfort myself in
sorrow;
My heart is faint in me.
- 19 Listen! The voice,
The cry of the daughter of my
people
From ^aa far country:
"Is not the LORD in Zion?
Is not her King in her?"
- "Why have they provoked Me to
anger
With their carved images—
With foreign idols?"
- 20 "The harvest is past,
The summer is ended,
And we are not saved!"
- 21 ^aFor the hurt of the daughter of
my people I am hurt.
I am ^bmourning;
Astonishment has taken hold of
me.
- 22 *Is there* no ^abalm in Gilead,
Is there no physician there?
Why then is there no
recovery
For the health of the daughter
of my people?

- 9 Oh, ^athat my head were waters,
And my eyes a fountain of
tears,
That I might weep day and
night
For the slain of the daughter of
my people!
- 2 Oh, that I had in the
wilderness
A lodging place for travelers;
That I might leave my people,
And go from them!
For ^athey *are* all adulterers,
An assembly of treacherous
men.
- 3 "And *like* their bow ^athey have
bent their tongues *for* lies.
They are not valiant for the
truth on the earth.

- For they proceed from ^bevil to evil.
And they ^cdo not know Me," says the LORD.
- 4 "Everyone^a take heed to his ¹neighbor,
And do not trust any brother;
For every brother will utterly supplant,
And every neighbor will ^bwalk with slanderers.
- 5 Everyone will ^adeceive his neighbor,
And will not speak the truth;
They have taught their tongue to speak lies;
They weary themselves to commit iniquity.
- 6 Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit;
Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the LORD.
- 7 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts:
"Behold, ^aI will refine them and ¹try them;
^bFor how shall I deal with the daughter of My people?"
- 8 Their tongue is an arrow shot out;
It speaks ^adeceit;
One speaks ^bpeaceably to his neighbor with his mouth,
But ¹in his heart he ²lies in wait.
- 9 "Shall I not punish them for these things?" says the LORD.
"Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?"
- 10 I will take up a weeping and wailing for the mountains,
And ^cfor the ¹dwelling places of the wilderness a lamentation,
Because they are burned up,
So that no one can pass through;
Nor can *men* hear the voice of the cattle.
^bBoth the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled;
They are gone.
- 11 "I will make Jerusalem ^aa heap of ruins, ^ba den of jackals.
I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant."
- 12 ^aWho is the wise man who may understand this? And *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish and burn up like a wilderness, so that no one can pass through?
- 13 And the LORD said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have ^anot obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it,
14 "but they have ^awalked accord-

³ ^bJer. 4:22;
13:23 ^{c1} Sam.
2:12

⁴ ^aMic. 7:5, 6
^bJer. 6:28
¹friend

⁵ ^aIs. 59:4

⁷ ^aIs. 1:25
^bHos. 11:8
¹test

⁸ ^aPs. 12:2
^bPs. 55:21
¹Inwardly he
²sets his
ambush

⁹ ^aJer. 5:9, 29

¹⁰ ^aHos. 4:3
^bJer. 4:25 ¹Or
pastures

¹¹ ^aIs. 25:2 ^bIs.
13:22; 34:13

¹² ^aHos. 14:9

¹³ ^aJer. 3:25;
7:24

¹⁴ ^aJer. 7:24;
11:8 ^bGal. 1:14
¹stubborn-
ness, or
imagination

¹⁵ ^aPs. 80:5
^bLam. 3:15
¹Bitter or poi-
sonous water

¹⁶ ^aLev. 26:33
^bEzek. 5:2

¹⁷ ^{a2} Chr.
35:25

¹⁸ ^aJer. 9:1;
14:17

¹⁹ ^aLev. 18:28

²¹ ^aJer. 6:11;
18:21 ¹Lit.
from outside
²Lit. from the
square

²² ^aJer. 8:1, 2

²³ ^a[Eccl. 9:11]
^bPs. 33:16-18

²⁴ ^{a1} Cor. 1:31

ing to the ¹dictates of their own hearts and after the Baals, ^bwhich their fathers taught them,"

15 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will ^afeed them, this people, ^bwith wormwood, and give them ¹water of gall to drink.

16 "I will ^ascatter them also among the Gentiles, whom neither they nor their fathers have known. ^bAnd I will send a sword after them until I have consumed them."

The People Mourn in Judgment

17 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Consider and call for ^athe mourning women,
That they may come;
And send for skillful wailing women,
That they may come.

18 Let them make haste
And take up a wailing for us,
That ^aour eyes may run with tears,
And our eyelids gush with water.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion:
'How we are plundered!
We are greatly ashamed,
Because we have forsaken the land,
Because we have been cast out of ^aour dwellings.' "

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD,
O women,
And let your ear receive the word of His mouth;
Teach your daughters wailing,
And everyone her neighbor a lamentation.

21 For death has come through our windows,
Has entered our palaces,
To kill off ^athe children— ¹no longer to be outside!
And the young men— ²no longer on the streets!

22 Speak, "Thus says the LORD:

'Even the carcasses of men shall fall ^aas refuse on the open field,
Like cuttings after the harvester,
And no one shall gather *them*.' "

23 Thus says the LORD:

^a"Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his ^bmight,
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;

24 But ^alet him who glories glory in this,

That he understands and knows Me,
That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, ¹judgment, and righteousness in the earth.

^bFor in these I delight," says the LORD.

25 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that ^aI will punish all *who are* circumcised with the uncircumcised—

26 "Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all *who are* in the ^afarthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all *these* nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* ^buncircumcised in the heart."

Idols and the True God

10 Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel.

2 Thus says the LORD:

^a"Do not learn the way of the Gentiles;

Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven,
For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.

3 For the customs of the peoples *are* ¹futile;
For ^aone cuts a tree from the forest,

The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

4 They decorate it with silver and gold;

They ^afasten it with nails and hammers

So that it will not topple.

5 They *are* upright, like a palm tree,

And ^athey cannot speak;
They must be ^bcarried,
Because they cannot go *by themselves*.

Do not be afraid of them,
For ^athey cannot do evil,
Nor can they do any good."

6 Inasmuch as *there is* none ^alike You, O LORD
(You *are* great, and Your name *is* great in might),

7 ^a"Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?
For this is Your rightful due.
For ^bamong all the wise *men* of the nations,

And in all their kingdoms,
There is none like You.

8 But they are altogether ^a"dull-hearted and foolish;
A wooden idol is a ¹worthless doctrine.

9 Silver is beaten into plates;
It is brought from Tarshish,
And ^agold from Uphaz,
The work of the craftsman

24 ^bMic. 7:18
¹*justice*

25 ^a[Rom. 2:28, 29]

26 ^aJer. 25:23
^b[Rom. 2:28]

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2 ^a[Lev. 18:3; 20:23]

3 ^aIs. 40:19; 45:20 ¹Lit. *vanity*

4 ^aIs. 41:7

5 ^aPs. 115:5
^bPs. 115:7 ^cIs. 41:23, 24

6 ^aEx. 15:11

7 ^aRev. 15:4
^bPs. 89:6

8 ^aHab. 2:18
¹*vain teaching*

9 ^aDan. 10:5
^bPs. 115:4

10 ^{a1} Tim. 6:17
^bPs. 10:16

11 ^aPs. 96:5
^bZeph. 2:11

12 ^aJer. 51:15
^bPs. 93:1 ^cJob 9:8

13 ^aJob 38:34
^bPs. 135:7 ¹Or *noise*

14 ^aJer. 51:17
^bProv. 30:2 ^cIs. 42:17; 44:11
^dHab. 2:18

16 ^aLam. 3:24
^bDeut. 32:9
^cIs. 47:4

17 ^aJer. 6:1 ¹Or *you who dwell under siege*

18 ^{a1} Sam. 25:29 ^bEzek. 6:10

19 ^aJer. 8:21
^bPs. 77:10

And of the hands of the metalsmith;
Blue and purple *are* their clothing;
They *are* all ^bthe work of skillful *men*.

10 But the LORD *is* the true God;
He *is* ^athe living God and the ^beverlasting King.
At His wrath the earth will tremble,
And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.

11 Thus you shall say to them:
^a"The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth ^bshall perish from the earth and from under these heavens."

12 He ^ahas made the earth by His power,

He has ^bestablished the world by His wisdom,

And ^ahas stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

13 ^aWhen He utters His voice,
There is a ¹multitude of waters in the heavens:

^b"And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth.

He makes lightning for the rain,
He brings the wind out of His treasures."

14 ^aEveryone is ^bdull-hearted, without knowledge;

^aEvery metalsmith is put to shame by an image;

^aFor his molded image *is* falsehood,

And *there is* no breath in them.

15 They *are* futile, a work of errors;

In the time of their punishment they shall perish.

16 ^aThe Portion of Jacob *is* not like them,

For He *is* the Maker of all *things*,

And ^bIsrael *is* the tribe of His inheritance;

^aThe LORD of hosts *is* His name.

The Coming Captivity of Judah

17 ^aGather up your wares from the land,
O ¹inhabitant of the fortress!

18 For thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will ^athrow out at this time

The inhabitants of the land,
And will distress them,

^bThat they may find *it so*."

19 ^aWoe is me for my hurt!

My wound *is* severe.

But I say, ^b"Truly this *is* an infirmity,

And "I must bear it."
 20 "My tent is plundered,
 And all my cords are broken;
 My children have gone from
 me,
 And they are ^bno more.
*There is no one to pitch my tent
 anymore,
 Or set up my curtains.*

21 For the shepherds have become
 dull-hearted,
 And have not sought the LORD;
 Therefore they shall not
 prosper,
 And all their flocks shall be
 "scattered.

22 Behold, the noise of the report
 has come,
 And a great commotion out of
 the "north country,
 To make the cities of Judah
 desolate, a ^bden of jackals.

23 O LORD, I know the "way of
 man is not in himself;
 It is not in man who walks to
 direct his own steps.

24 O LORD, "correct me, but with
 justice;

Not in Your anger, lest You
 bring me to nothing.

25 "Pour out Your fury on the
 Gentiles, ^bwho do not know
 You,
 And on the families who do not
 call on Your name;
 For they have eaten up Jacob,
 "Devoured him and consumed
 him,
 And made his dwelling place
 desolate.

The Broken Covenant

11 The word that came to Jere-
 miah from the LORD, saying,
 2 "Hear the words of this cov-
 enant, and speak to the men of
 Judah and to the inhabitants of
 Jerusalem;

3 "and say to them, 'Thus says the
 LORD God of Israel: "Cursed is the
 man who does not obey the words of
 this covenant

4 "which I commanded your fa-
 thers in the day I brought them out
 of the land of Egypt, "from the iron
 furnace, saying, ^b'Obey My voice,
 and do according to all that I com-
 mand you; so shall you be My peo-
 ple, and I will be your God.'

5 "that I may establish the "oath
 which I have sworn to your fathers,
 to give them ^b'a land flowing with milk
 and honey,' as it is this day.'" And I
 answered and said, "So be it, LORD."

6 Then the LORD said to me, "Pro-
 claim all these words in the cities of
 Judah and in the streets of Jeru-
 salem, saying: 'Hear the words of
 this covenant "and do them.

7 "For I earnestly exhorted your fa-

19 "Mic. 7:9

20 ^aJer. 4:20
^bJer. 31:15

21 ^aJer. 23:2

22 ^aJer. 5:15
^bJer. 9:11

23 ^aProv. 16:1;
 20:24

24 ^aJer. 30:11

25 ^aPs. 79:6, 7
^bJob 18:21
^cJer. 8:16

CHAPTER 11

3 ^aDeut. 27:26

4 ^aDeut. 4:20
^bLev. 26:3

5 ^aPs. 105:9
^bEx. 3:8 ¹Heb.
Amen

6 ^a[Rom. 2:13]

7 ^aJer. 35:15

8 ^aJer. 7:26
^bJer. 13:10
¹*walked in the stubborn-
 ness, or
 imagination*

9 ^aEzek. 22:25

10 ^aEzek.
 20:18

11 ^aProv. 1:28
¹*Lit. go out*

12 ^aDeut.
 32:37

13 ^aJer. 2:28

14 ^aEx. 32:10

15 ^aPs. 50:16
^bEzek. 16:25
^c[Titus 1:15]
^dProv. 2:14

16 ^aPs. 52:8

17 ^aIs. 5:2

thers in the day I brought them up
 out of the land of Egypt, until this
 day, "rising early and exhorting,
 saying, "Obey My voice."

8 ^a"Yet they did not obey or incline
 their ear, but ^beveryone ¹followed
 the dictates of his evil heart; there-
 fore I will bring upon them all the
 words of this covenant, which I
 commanded *them* to do, but *which*
 they have not done.'

9 And the LORD said to me, "^aA
 conspiracy has been found among
 the men of Judah and among the
 inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 "They have turned back to "the
 iniquities of their forefathers who
 refused to hear My words, and they
 have gone after other gods to serve
 them; the house of Israel and the
 house of Judah have broken My
 covenant which I made with their
 fathers."

11 Therefore thus says the LORD:
 "Behold, I will surely bring calamity
 on them which they will not be able
 to 'escape; and "though they cry out
 to Me, I will not listen to them.

12 "Then the cities of Judah and
 the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go
 and "cry out to the gods to whom
 they offer incense, but they will not
 save them at all in the time of their
 trouble.

13 "For *according to* the number of
 your "cities were your gods, O
 Judah; and *according to* the number
 of the streets of Jerusalem you have
 set up altars to *that* shameful thing,
 altars to burn incense to Baal.

14 "So "do not pray for this people,
 or lift up a cry or prayer for them;
 for I will not hear *them* in the time
 that they cry out to Me because of
 their trouble.

15 "What^a has My beloved to do in
 My house,

Having ^bdone lewd deeds with
 many?

And "the holy flesh has passed
 from you.

When you do evil, then you
 "rejoice.

16 The LORD called your name,

"Green Olive Tree, Lovely and of
 Good Fruit.

With the noise of a great tumult
 He has kindled fire on it,
 And its branches are broken.

17 "For the LORD of hosts, "who
 planted you, has pronounced doom
 against you for the evil of the house
 of Israel and of the house of Judah,
 which they have done against them-
 selves to provoke Me to anger in
 offering incense to Baal."

Jeremiah's Life Threatened

18 Now the LORD gave me knowl-
 edge of it, and I know it; for You
 showed me their doings.

19 But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, *saying*, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from ^bthe land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more."

20 But, O LORD of hosts, You who judge righteously, ^aTesting the ¹mind and the heart, Let me see Your ^bvengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause.

21 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of ^aAnathoth who seek your life, *saying*, "^bDo not prophesy in the name of the LORD, lest you die by our hand"—

22 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall ^adie by famine; 23 'and there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, *even* 'the year of their punishment.' "

Jeremiah's Question

12 Righteous ^aare You, O LORD, when I plead with You; Yet let me talk with You about Your judgments.

^bWhy does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?

2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; They grow, yes, they bear fruit.

^aYou *are* near in their mouth But far from their ¹mind.

3 But You, O LORD, ^aknow me; You have seen me, And You have ^btested my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, And prepare them for ^cthe day of slaughter.

4 How long will ^athe land mourn, And the herbs of every field wither?

^bThe beasts and birds are consumed, ^cFor the wickedness of those who dwell there, Because they said, "He will not see our final end."

The LORD Answers Jeremiah

5 "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses?

19 ^aPs. 83:4; Jer. 18:18 ^bPs. 27:13

20 ^{a1} Sam. 16:7; 1 Chr. 28:9; Ps. 7:9 ^bJer. 15:15 ¹Most secret parts, lit. *kidneys*

21 ^aJer. 1:1; 12:5, 6 ^bIs. 30:10; Amos 2:12; Mic. 2:6

22 ^aJer. 9:21 ²³^aJer. 23:12; Hos. 9:7; Mic. 7:4

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aEzra 9:15; Ps. 51:14; Jer. 11:20 ^bJob 12:6; Jer. 5:27, 28; Hab. 1:4; Mal. 3:15

2 ^aIs. 29:13; Ezek. 33:31; Matt. 15:8; Mark 7:6 ¹Most secret parts, lit. *kidneys*

3 ^aPs. 17:3 ^bPs. 7:9; 11:5; Jer. 11:20 ^cJer. 17:18; 50:27; James 5:5

4 ^aJer. 23:10; Hos. 4:3 ^bJer. 9:10; Hos. 4:3; Hab. 3:17 ^cPs. 107:34

5 ^aJosh. 3:15; 1 Chr. 12:15 ¹Or *thicket*

6 ^aGen. 37:4-11; Job 6:15; Ps. 69:8; Jer. 9:4, 5 ^bPs. 12:2; Prov. 26:25 ¹Or *abundantly*

²Lit. *good* ⁸Hos. 9:15; Amos 6:8

9 ^aLev. 26:22 ¹inheritance

10 ^aJer. 6:3; 23:1 ^bPs. 80:8-16; Is. 5:1-7 ^cIs. 63:18 ¹Lit. *shepherds or pastors* ²desired portion of land

11 ^aJer. 10:22; 22:6 ^bIs. 42:25

13 ^aLev. 26:16; Deut. 28:38; Mic. 6:15; Hag. 1:6 ¹Or *strained*

14 ^aJer. 2:3; 50:11, 12; Zech. 2:8 ^bDeut. 30:3; Ps. 106:47; Is. 11:11-16; Jer. 32:37

15 ^aJer. 31:20; Lam. 3:32; Ezek. 28:25 ^bAmos 9:14

And *if* in the land of peace, In which you trusted, they wearied you,

Then how will you do in ^cthe ¹floodplain of the Jordan?

6 For even ^ayour brothers, the house of your father, Even they have dealt treacherously with you; Yes, they have called ^{1a} a multitude after you.

^bDo not believe them, Even though they speak ²smooth words to you.

7 "I have forsaken My house, I have left My heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies.

8 My heritage is to Me like a lion in the forest; It cries out against Me; Therefore I have ^chated it.

9 My ¹heritage is to Me like a speckled vulture; The vultures all around *are* against her. Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, ^aBring them to devour!

10 "Many ^arulers¹ have destroyed ^bMy vineyard, They have ^ctrodde[n] My portion underfoot; They have made My ²pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11 They have made it ^adesolate; Desolate, it mourns to Me; The whole land is made desolate, Because ^ano one takes it to heart.

12 The plunderers have come On all the desolate heights in the wilderness, For the sword of the LORD shall devour From *one* end of the land to the *other* end of the land; No flesh shall have peace.

13 "They have sown wheat but reaped thorns; They have ¹put themselves to pain but do not profit. But be ashamed of your harvest Because of the fierce anger of the LORD."

14 Thus says the LORD: "Against all My evil neighbors who ^atouch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit—behold, I will ^bpluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

15 ^a"Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them ^band bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land.

16 "And it shall be, if they will learn

carefully the ways of My people, ^ato swear by My name, 'As the LORD lives,' as they taught My people to swear by Baal, then they shall be ^bestablished in the midst of My people.

17 "But if they do not ^aobey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation," says the LORD.

Symbol of the Linen Sash

13 Thus the LORD said to me: "Go and get yourself a linen sash, and put it ¹around your waist, but do not put it in water."

2 So I got a ¹sash according to the word of the LORD, and put it around my waist.

3 And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying,

4 "Take the ¹sash that you acquired, which is ²around your waist, and arise, go to the ³Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole in the rock."

5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

6 Now it came to pass after many days that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the sash which I commanded you to hide there."

7 Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the ¹sash from the place where I had hidden it; and there was the sash, ruined. It was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "Thus says the LORD: 'In this manner ^aI will ruin the pride of Judah and the great ^bpride of Jerusalem.

10 'This evil people, who ^arefuse to hear My words, who ^bfollow¹ the dictates of their hearts, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing.

11 'For as the sash clings to the waist of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me,' says the LORD, 'that ^athey may become My people, ^bfor renown, for praise, and for ^cglory; but they would ^dnot hear.'

Symbol of the Wine Bottles

12 "Therefore you shall speak to them this word: 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Every bottle shall be filled with wine." ' And they will say to you, 'Do we not certainly know that every bottle will be filled with wine?'

13 "Then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land—even the kings who sit on David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—with drunkenness!

14 "And ^aI will dash them ^bone against another, even the fathers and

¹⁶ ^a[Jer. 4:2]; Zeph. 1:5
^b[Eph. 2:20, 21; 1 Pet. 2:5]

¹⁷ ^aPs. 2:8–12; Is. 60:12

CHAPTER 13

¹ ¹Lit. upon your loins

² ¹waistband

⁴ ¹waistband

² ¹Lit. upon your loins

³ ¹Heb. Perath

⁷ ¹waistband

⁹ ^aLev. 26:19

^b [Is. 2:10–17; 23:9]; Zeph. 3:11

¹⁰ ^aJer. 16:12

^b Jer. 7:24;

¹⁶ ¹² ¹walk in the stubbornness or imagination

¹¹ ^a[Ex. 19:5;

⁶; Deut. 32:10;

¹¹ ¹Jer. 33:9

¹⁵ ^aIs. 43:21 ³Ps.

⁸¹ ¹¹; Jer.

⁷ ¹³; 24, 26

¹³ ^aPs. 60:3;

⁷⁵ ⁸; Is. 51:17;

⁶³ ⁶; Jer.

²⁵ ²⁷; 51:7, 57

¹⁴ ^a2 Chr.

³⁶ ¹⁷; Ps. 2:9;

^{Is. 9} ²⁰, 21;

^{Jer. 19} ⁹–11

¹ ¹Lit. a man

^{against his}

^{brother}

¹⁶ ^aJosh. 7:19;

^{Ps. 96} ⁸; Mal.

² ² ¹Is. 5:30;

⁸ ²²; Amos

⁸ ⁹ ¹⁵; 59:9

^a ^{Ps. 44} ¹⁹; Jer.

² ⁶

¹⁷ ^aPs.

¹¹⁹ ¹³⁶; Jer.

⁹ ¹; 14:17;

^{Luke 19} ⁴¹, 42

¹⁸ ^a2 Kin.

²⁴ ¹²; Jer.

²² ²⁶

²⁰ ^aJer. 10:22;

⁴⁶ ²⁰

²¹ ^aJer. 6:24

¹ ^{childbirth}

²² ^aJer. 16:10

^b ¹⁵; 47:2;

^{Ezek. 16} ³⁷;

^{Nah. 3} ⁵ ¹Lit.

^{suffer vio-}

^{lence}

²⁴ ^aLev. 26:33;

^{Jer. 9} ¹⁶;

^{Ezek. 5} ², 12

^b ^{Ps. 14} ¹⁴; Hos.

¹³ ³

²⁵ ^aJob 20:29;

^{Ps. 11} ⁶; Matt.

²⁴ ⁵¹

the sons together," says the LORD. "I will not pity nor spare nor have mercy, but will destroy them." "

Pride Precedes Captivity

15 Hear and give ear:

Do not be proud,

For the LORD has spoken.

16 "Give glory to the LORD your God

Before He causes ^bdarkness,

And before your feet stumble

On the dark mountains,

And while you are ^clooking for

light,

He turns it into ^dthe shadow of

death

And makes it dense darkness.

17 But if you will not hear it,

My soul will ^aweep in secret for

your pride;

My eyes will weep bitterly

And run down with tears,

Because the LORD's flock has

been taken captive.

18 Say to ^athe king and to the

queen mother,

"Humble yourselves;

Sit down,

For your rule shall collapse, the

crown of your glory."

19 The cities of the South shall be

shut up,

And no one shall open ^{them};

Judah shall be carried away

captive, all of it;

It shall be wholly carried away

captive.

20 Lift up your eyes and see

Those who come from the

^anorth.

Where is the flock ^{that} was

given to you,

Your beautiful sheep?

21 What will you say when He

punishes you?

For you have taught them

^{To be} chieftains, to be head over

you.

Will not ^apangs seize you,

Like a woman in ¹labor?

22 And if you say in your heart,

^a"Why have these things come

upon me?"

For the greatness of your

iniquity

^bYour skirts have been

uncovered,

Your heels ¹made bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his

skin or the leopard its spots?

^{Then} may you also do good

who are accustomed to do

evil.

24 "Therefore I will ^ascatter them

^blike stubble

That passes away by the wind

of the wilderness.

25 ^aThis is your lot,

- The portion of your measures from Me," says the LORD, "Because you have forgotten Me And trusted in ^bfalsehood.
- 26 Therefore ^aI will uncover your skirts over your face, That your shame may appear.
- 27 I have seen your adulteries And your *lustful* ^aneighings, The lewdness of your harlotry, Your abominations ^bon the hills in the fields.
- Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you still not be made clean?"

Sword, Famine, and Pestilence

14 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the droughts.

- 2 "Judah mourns, And ^aher gates languish; They ^bmourn for the land, And ^cthe cry of Jerusalem has gone up.
- 3 Their nobles have sent their lads for water; They went to the cisterns and found no water. They returned with their vessels empty; They were ^aashamed and confounded ^bAnd covered their heads.
- 4 Because the ground is parched, For there was ^ano rain in the land, The plowmen were ashamed; They covered their heads.
- 5 Yes, the deer also gave birth in the field, But ^aleft because there was no grass.
- 6 And ^athe wild donkeys stood in the desolate heights; They sniffed at the wind like jackals; Their eyes failed because *there* was no grass."
- 7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, Do it ^afor Your name's sake; For our backslidings are many, We have sinned against You.
- 8 ^aO the Hope of Israel, his Savior in time of trouble, Why should You be like a stranger in the land, And like a traveler *who* turns aside to tarry for a night?
- 9 Why should You be like a man astonished, Like a mighty one ^awho cannot save? Yet You, O LORD, ^bare in our midst, And we are called by Your name; Do not leave us!

25 ^bJer. 10:14

26 ^aLam. 1:8; Ezek. 16:37; Hos. 2:10

27 ^aJer. 5:7, 8 ^bIs. 65:7; Jer. 2:20; Ezek. 6:13

CHAPTER 14

2 ^a2 Kin. 25:3; Is. 3:26 ^bJer. 8:21 ^c1 Sam. 5:12; Jer. 11:11; 46:12; Zech. 7:13

3 ^aJob 6:20; Ps. 40:14 ^b2 Sam. 15:30

4 ^aJer. 3:3; Ezek. 22:24

5 ^aabandoned her young

6 ^aJob 39:5, 6; Jer. 2:24

7 ^aPs. 25:11; Jer. 14:21

8 ^aJer. 17:13

9 ^aIs. 59:1 ^bEx. 29:45; Lev. 26:11; Ps. 46:5; Jer. 8:19

10 ^aJer. 2:23–25 ^bJer. 44:21–23; Hos. 8:13

11 ^aEx. 32:10; Jer. 7:16; 11:14

12 ^aProv. 1:28; [Is. 1:15; 58:3–6]; Ezek. 8:18; Mic. 3:4; Zech. 7:13 ^bJer. 6:20 ^cJer. 9:16

13 ^aJer. 4:10 ^bJer. 8:11; 23:17 ^ctrue

14 ^aJer. 27:10 ^bJer. 29:8, 9 ^cJer. 23:16; Ezek. 12:24 ^dTelling the future by signs and omens

15 ^aJer. 5:12; Ezek. 14:10

16 ^aPs. 79:2, 3; Jer. 7:32; 15:2, 3

17 ^aJer. 9:1; 13:17; Lam. 1:16 ^bIs. 37:22; Jer. 8:21; Lam. 1:15; 2:13

18 ^aJer. 6:25; Lam. 1:20; Ezek. 7:15 ^bJer. 23:11

19 ^aJer. 6:30; 7:29; 12:7; Lam. 5:22

10 Thus says the LORD to this people:

^a"Thus they have loved to wander; They have not restrained their feet. Therefore the LORD does not accept them; ^bHe will remember their iniquity now, And punish their sins."

11 Then the LORD said to me, ^a"Do not pray for this people, for *their* good.

12 ^a"When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and ^bwhen they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But ^cI will consume them by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence."

13 ^aThen I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, the prophets say to them, 'You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you ^bassured ^cpeace in this place.'"

14 And the LORD said to me, ^a"The prophets prophesy lies in My name. ^bI have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, ^cdivination, a worthless thing, and the ^ddeceit of their heart.

15 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land'—'By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed!'

16 'And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; ^athey will have no one to bury them—their nor their wives, their sons nor their daughters—for I will pour their wickedness on them.'

17 "Therefore you shall say this word to them:

^a"Let my eyes flow with tears night and day, And let them not cease; ^bFor the virgin daughter of my people Has been broken with a mighty stroke, with a very severe blow.

18 If I go out to ^athe field, Then behold, those slain with the sword! And if I enter the city, Then behold, those sick from famine!

Yes, both prophet and ^bpriest go about in a land they do not know."

The People Plead for Mercy

19 "Have You utterly rejected Judah?

- Has Your soul loathed Zion?
Why have You stricken us so that
^bthere is no healing for us?
“We looked for peace, but *there*
was no good;
And for the time of healing,
and there was trouble.
20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our
wickedness
And the iniquity of our ^afathers,
For ^bwe have sinned against
You.
21 Do not abhor *us*, for Your
name’s sake;
Do not disgrace the throne of
Your glory.
“Remember, do not break Your
covenant with us.
22 “Are there any among ^bthe idols
of the nations that can cause
rain?
Or can the heavens give
showers?
“Are You not He, O LORD our
God?
Therefore we will wait for You,
Since You have made all these.

The LORD Will Not Relent

- 15** Then the LORD said to me,
“Even if ^bMoses and ^cSamuel
stood before Me, My ¹mind would
not be favorable toward this people.
Cast *them* out of My sight, and let
them go forth.
2 “And it shall be, if they say to
you, ‘Where should we go?’ then
you shall tell them, ‘Thus says the
LORD:

“Such as *are* for death, to death;
And such as *are* for the sword,
to the sword;
And such as *are* for the famine,
to the famine;
And such as *are* for the
^bcaptivity, to the captivity.”

- 3 “And I will ^aappoint over them
four forms of *destruction*,” says the
LORD: “the sword to slay, the dogs to
drag, ^bthe birds of the heavens and
the beasts of the earth to devour and
destroy.
4 “I will hand them over to ^atrou-
ble, to all kingdoms of the earth,
because of ^bManasseh the son of
Hezekiah, king of Judah, for what
he did in Jerusalem.
5 “For who will have pity on you,
O Jerusalem?
Or who will bemoan you?
Or who will turn aside to ask
how you are doing?
6 “You have forsaken Me,” says
the LORD,
“You have ^bgone backward.
Therefore I will stretch out My
hand against you and destroy you;
“I am ¹weary of relenting!

19 ^bJer. 15:18
^cJob 30:26;
Jer. 8:15;
1 Thess. 5:3

20 ^aNeh. 9:2;
Ps. 32:5; Jer.
3:25 ^bPs.
106:6; Jer.
8:14; 14:7;
Dan. 9:8

21 ^aPs. 106:45

22 ^aZech. 10:1
^bDeut. 32:21
^c1 Kin. 17:1;
Jer. 5:24 ^dPs.
135:7

CHAPTER 15

1 ^aPs. 99:6;
Ezek. 14:14
^bEx. 32:11–14;
Num.
14:13–20; Ps.
99:6 ^c1 Sam.
7:9 ¹Lit. *soul*
was not to-
ward

2 ^aJer. 43:11;
Ezek. 5:2, 12;
Zech. 11:9;
[Rev. 13:10]
^bJer. 9:16;
16:13

3 ^aLev. 26:16,
21, 25; Jer.
12:3; Ezek.
14:21 ^bJer.
7:33

4 ^aDeut. 28:25
^b2 Kin. 24:3, 4

6 ^aJer. 2:13 ^bIs.
1:4; Jer. 7:24
^cJer. 20:16;
Zech. 8:14
¹tired

7 ^aJer. 18:21;
Hos. 9:12–16
^bIs. 9:13; Jer.
5:3; Amos
4:10, 11

8 ^aIs. 29:5

9 ^a1 Sam. 2:5;
Is. 47:9 ^bJer.
6:4; Amos 8:9

10 ^aJob 3:1;
Jer. 20:14 ¹Or
land

11 ^aJer. 40:4, 5

13 ^aPs. 44:12;
Is. 52:3

14 ^aDeut.
28:36, 64; Jer.
16:13 ^bDeut.
32:22; Ps.
21:9; Jer. 17:4
¹So with MT,
Vg.; LXX,
Syr., Tg.
cause you to
serve (cf. 17:4)

15 ^aJer. 12:3
^bJer. 20:12
^cPs. 69:7–9;
Jer. 20:8 ¹*at-*
tend to

- 7 And I will winnow them with a
winnowing fan in the gates of
the land;
I will ^abereave *them* of
children;
I will destroy My people,
Since they ^bdo not return from
their ways.
8 Their widows will be increased
to Me more than the sand of
the seas;
I will bring against them,
Against the mother of the
young men,
A plunderer at noonday;
I will cause anguish and terror
to fall on them ^asuddenly.

- 9 “She^a languishes who has borne
seven;
She has breathed her last;
^bHer sun has gone down
While *it* was yet day;
She has been ashamed and
confounded.
And the remnant of them I will
deliver to the sword
Before their enemies,” says the
LORD.

Jeremiah’s Dejection

- 10** “Woe is me, my mother,
That you have borne me,
A man of strife and a man of
contention to the whole ¹earth!
I have neither lent for interest,
Nor have men lent to me for
interest.
Every one of them curses me.

- 11 The LORD said:

“Surely it will be well with your
remnant;
Surely I will cause ^athe enemy
to intercede with you
In the time of adversity and in
the time of affliction.

- 12 Can anyone break iron,
The northern iron and the
bronze?
13 Your wealth and your treasures
I will give as ^aplunder without
price,
Because of all your sins,
Throughout your territories.
14 And I will ¹make *you* cross over
with your enemies
^aInto a land *which* you do not
know;
For a ^bfire is kindled in My
anger,
Which shall burn upon you.”

- 15** O LORD, “You know;
Remember me and ¹visit me,
And ^btake vengeance for me on
my persecutors.
In Your enduring patience, do
not take me away.
Know that ^afor Your sake I have
suffered rebuke.

- 16 Your words were found, and I^a ate them.
And ^bYour word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;
For I am called by Your name,
O LORD God of hosts.
- 17 ^aI did not sit in the assembly of the mockers,
Nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone because of Your hand,
For You have filled me with indignation.
- 18 Why is my ^apain perpetual
And my wound incurable,
Which refuses to be healed?
Will You surely be to me ^blike
an unreliable stream,
As waters *that* ¹fail?

The LORD Reassures Jeremiah

- 19 Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return,
Then I will bring you back;
You shall ^bstand before Me;
If you ^ctake out the precious
from the vile,
You shall be as My mouth.
Let them return to you,
But you must not return to them.

20 And I will make you to this
people a fortified bronze
^awall;
And they will fight against
you,
But ^bthey shall not prevail
against you;
For I *am* with you to save you
And deliver you,” says the
LORD.

- 21 “I will deliver you from the hand
of the wicked,
And I will redeem you from the
grip of the terrible.”

Jeremiah's Life-Style and Message

16 The word of the LORD also
came to me, saying,
2 “You shall not take a wife, nor
shall you have sons or daughters in
this place.”
3 For thus says the LORD concern-
ing the sons and daughters who are
born in this place, and concerning
their mothers who bore them and
their fathers who begot them in this
land:

4 “They shall die ^agruesome
deaths; they shall not be ^blamented
nor shall they be ^cburied, *but* they
shall be ^dlike refuse on the face of
the earth. They shall be consumed
by the sword and by famine, and
their ^ecorpses shall be meat for the
birds of heaven and for the beasts of
the earth.”

5 For thus says the LORD: “Do not
enter the house of mourning, nor go
to lament or bemoan them; for I have
taken away My peace from this peo-

16 ^aEzek. 3:1,
3 ^b[Job 23:12]

17 ^aPs. 26:4, 5

18 ^aJer. 10:19;
30:15 ^bJob
6:15 ¹Or *can-
not be trusted*

19 ^aZech. 3:7
^bJer. 15:1
^cEzek. 22:26;
44:23

20 ^aEzek. 3:9
^bJer. 1:8, 19;
20:11; 37:21;
38:13; 39:11,
12

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4 ^aJer. 15:2
^bJer. 22:18;
25:33 ^cJer.
14:16; 19:11
^dPs. 83:10 ^ePs.
79:2

5 ^aEzek. 24:17,
22, 23

6 ^aJer. 22:18
^bDeut. 14:1
^cIs. 22:12

7 ^aProv. 31:6

9 ^aRev. 18:23
¹rejoicing

10 ^aDeut.
29:24

11 ^aJer. 22:9

12 ^aJer. 7:26
^bJer. 3:17;
18:12 ¹walks
*after the
stubbornness,
or imaginat-
ion*

13 ^aDeut. 4:26;
28:36, 63 ^bJer.
15:14

14 ^aJer. 23:7, 8

15 ^aJer. 3:18
^bJer. 24:6;
30:3; 32:37

16 ^aAmos 4:2

17 ^aHeb. 4:13

18 ^aJer. 17:18

ple,” says the LORD, “lovingkindness
and mercies.

6 “Both the great and the small
shall die in this land. They shall not
be buried; ^aneither shall men lament
for them, ^bcut themselves, nor ^cmake
themselves bald for them.

7 “Nor shall *men* break *bread* in
mourning for them, to comfort them
for the dead; nor shall *men* give them
the cup of consolation to “drink for
their father or their mother.

8 “Also you shall not go into the
house of feasting to sit with them, to
eat and drink.”

9 For thus says the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel: “Behold, ^aI will
cause to cease from this place,
before your eyes and in your days,
the voice of ¹mirth and the voice of
gladness, the voice of the bride-
groom and the voice of the bride.

10 “And it shall be, when you show
this people all these words, and they
say to you, “Why has the LORD pro-
nounced all this great disaster
against us? Or what is our iniquity?
Or what is our sin that we have com-
mitted against the LORD our God?”

11 “Then you shall say to them,
^a“Because your fathers have for-
saken Me,” says the LORD; “they
have walked after other gods and
have served them and worshiped
them, and have forsaken Me and not
kept My law.

12 “And you have done ^aworse than
your fathers, for behold, ^beach one
¹follows the dictates of his own evil
heart, so that no one listens to Me.

13 ^a“Therefore I will cast you out of
this land ^binto a land that you do not
know, neither you nor your fathers;
and there you shall serve other gods
day and night, where I will not show
you favor.”

God Will Restore Israel

14 “Therefore behold, the ^adays are
coming,” says the LORD, “that it
shall no more be said, ‘The LORD
lives who brought up the children of
Israel from the land of Egypt,’
15 “but, ‘The LORD lives who
brought up the children of Israel
from the land of the ^anorth and from
all the lands where He had driven
them.’ For ^bI will bring them back
into their land which I gave to their
fathers.

16 “Behold, I will send for many
^a“fishermen,” says the LORD, “and
they shall fish them; and afterward I
will send for many hunters, and
they shall hunt them from every
mountain and every hill, and out of
the holes of the rocks.

17 “For My ^aeyes are on all their
ways; they are not hidden from My
face, nor is their iniquity hidden
from My eyes.

18 “And first I will repay ^adouble
for their iniquity and their sin,

because ^bthey have defiled My land;
they have filled My inheritance with
the carcasses of their detestable and
abominable idols."

- 19 O LORD, "my strength and my
fortress,
^bMy refuge in the day of
affliction,
The Gentiles shall come to You
From the ends of the earth and
say,
"Surely our fathers have
inherited lies,
Worthlessness and
"unprofitable *things*."
20 Will a man make gods for
himself,
"Which *are* not gods?"

- 21 "Therefore behold, I will this
once cause them to know,
I will cause them to know
My hand and My might;
And they shall know that "My
name is the LORD.

Judah's Sin and Punishment

- 17 "The sin of Judah is "written
with a ^bpen of iron;
With the point of a diamond *it*
is "engraved
On the tablet of their heart,
And on the horns of your
altars,
2 While their children remember
Their altars and their "wooden¹
images
By the green trees on the high
hills.
3 O My mountain in the field,
I will give as plunder your
wealth, all your treasures,
And your high places of sin
within all your borders.
4 And you, even yourself,
Shall let go of your heritage
which I gave you;
And I will cause you to serve
your enemies
In "the land which you do not
know;
For ^byou have kindled a fire in
My anger *which* shall burn
forever."
5 Thus says the LORD:
"Cursed *is* the man who trusts in
man
And makes ^bflesh his ¹strength,
Whose heart departs from the
LORD.
6 For he shall be "like a shrub in
the desert,
And ^bshall not see when good
comes,
But shall inhabit the parched
places in the wilderness,
"In a salt land *which* is not
inhabited.

18 ^b[Ezek.
43:7]

19 ^aPs. 18:1, 2
^bJer. 17:17 ^cIs.
44:10

20 ^aGal. 4:8

21 ^aAmos 5:8

CHAPTER 17

1 ^aJer. 2:22
^bJob 19:24
^c2 Cor. 3:3

2 ^aJudg. 3:7
¹Heb. *Ashe-
rim*, Canaan-
ite deities

4 ^aJer. 16:13
^bJer. 15:14

5 ^aIs. 30:1, 2;
31:1 ^bIs. 31:3
¹Lit. *arm*

6 ^aJer. 48:6
^bJob 20:17
^cDeut. 29:23

7 ^a[Is. 30:18]

8 ^a[Ps. 1:3]
¹Or., Tg. *see*

9 ^a[Eccl. 9:3]
¹Or *incurably
sick*

10 ^aRev. 2:23
^bRom. 2:6
¹Most secret
parts, lit. *kid-
neys*

11 ^aPs. 55:23
^bLuke 12:20
¹Sits on eggs

13 ^aJer. 14:8
^b[Is. 1:28]
^cLuke 10:20
^dJer. 2:13

14 ^aDeut.
10:21

15 ^aIs. 5:19

16 ^aJer. 1:4–12

17 ^aJer. 16:19

18 ^aPs. 35:4;
70:2 ^bPs. 25:2

- 7 "Blessed^a *is* the man who trusts
in the LORD,
And whose hope *is* the LORD.
8 For he shall be "like a tree
planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by
the river,
And will not ¹fear when heat
comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the
year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding
fruit.

- 9 "The "heart *is* deceitful above all
things,
And ¹desperately wicked;
Who can know it?
10 I, the LORD, "search the heart,
¹I test the ¹mind,
^bEven to give every man
according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his
doings.

- 11 "As a partridge that ¹broods but
does not hatch,
So *is* he who gets riches, but
not by right;
It "will leave him in the midst
of his days,
And at his end he will be ^ba
fool."

- 12 A glorious high throne from the
beginning
Is the place of our sanctuary.
13 O LORD, "the hope of Israel,
^bAll who forsake You shall be
ashamed.

"Those who depart from Me
Shall be "written in the earth,
Because they have forsaken the
LORD,
The "fountain of living waters."

Jeremiah Prays for Deliverance

- 14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall
be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved,
For "You *are* my praise.
15 Indeed they say to me,
"Where *is* the word of the LORD?
Let it come now!"
16 As for me, "I have not hurried
away from *being* a shepherd
who follows You,
Nor have I desired the woeful
day;
You know what came out of my
lips;
It was right there before You.
17 Do not be a terror to me;
"You *are* my hope in the day of
doom.
18 "Let them be ashamed who
persecute me,
But ^bdo not let me be put to
shame;
Let them be dismayed,

But do not let me be dismayed.
Bring on them the day of doom,
And ^adestroy¹ them with double
destruction!

Hallow the Sabbath Day

19 Thus the LORD said to me: "Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 "and say to them, ^a"Hear the word of the LORD, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter by these gates.

21 "Thus says the LORD: ^a"Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 "nor carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I ^acommanded your fathers.

23 ^a"But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but ¹made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.

24 "And it shall be, ^aif you heed Me carefully," says the LORD, "to bring no burden through the gates of this city on the ^bSabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work in it,

25 ^a"then shall enter the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, accompanied by the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever.

26 "And they shall come from the cities of Judah and from ^athe places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and from ^bthe ¹lowland, from the mountains and from ^cthe ²South, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, bringing ^dsacrifices of praise to the house of the LORD.

27 "But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then ^eI will kindle a fire in its gates, ^band it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be ^aquenched." ' ' "

The Potter and the Clay

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:

2 "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words."

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the ¹wheel.

4 And the vessel that he ¹made of clay was ²marred in the hand of the

18 ^aJer. 11:20
¹Lit. *crush*

20 ^aJer. 19:3, 4

21 ^aNeh. 13:19

22 ^aEx. 20:8;
31:13

23 ^aJer. 7:24,
26 ¹Were
stubborn

24 ^aJer. 11:4;
26:3 ^bEx.
16:23-30;
20:8-10

25 ^aJer. 22:4

26 ^aJer. 33:13
^bZech. 7:7
^cJudg. 1:9 ^dps.
107:22; 116:17
¹Heb. *shep-
helah* ²Heb.
Negev

27 ^aLam. 4:11
^b2 Kin. 25:9
^cJer. 7:20

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3 ¹Potter's
wheel

4 ¹was mak-
ing ²ruined

6 ^aRom. 9:20,
21 ^bIs. 64:8

7 ^aJer. 1:10

8 ^a[Ezek.
18:21; 33:11]
^bJer. 26:3

11 ^a2 Kin.
17:13 ^bJer.
7:3-7

12 ^aJer. 2:25
^bJer. 3:17;
23:17 ¹Lit. *do*
²stubborn-
ness, or
imagination

13 ^aJer. 2:10,
11 ^bJer. 5:30

14 ¹forsake

15 ^aJer. 2:13,
32 ^bJer. 6:16

16 ^aJer. 19:8 ^b1
Kin. 9:8

17 ^aJer. 13:24
^bPs. 48:7 ^cJer.
2:27 ¹So with
LXX, Syr.,
Tg., Vg.; MT
look them in

potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

6 "O house of Israel, ^acan I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD, "Look, ^bas the clay is in the potter's hand, so ^aare you in My hand, O house of Israel!

7 "The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to ^apluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it,

8 ^a"if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, ^bI will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.

9 "And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it,

10 "if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

11 "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. ^aReturn now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings ^bgood." ' ' "

God's Warning Rejected

12 And they said, ^a"That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one ¹obey the ²dictates² of his evil heart."

13 Therefore thus says the LORD:

^a"Ask now among the Gentiles,
Who has heard such things?
The virgin of Israel has done ^ba
very horrible thing.

14 Will *a man* ¹leave the snow
water of Lebanon,
*Which comes from the rock of
the field?*

Will the cold flowing waters be
forsaken for strange waters?

15 "Because My people have
forgotten ^aMe,
They have burned incense to
worthless idols.

And they have caused
themselves to stumble in
their ways,

From the ^bancient paths,
To walk in pathways and not
on a highway,

16 To make their land ^adesolate
and a perpetual ^bhissing;
Everyone who passes by it will
be astonished

And shake his head.

17 ^cI will scatter them ^bas with an
east wind before the enemy;
^cI will ¹show them the back and
not the face
In the day of their calamity."

Jeremiah Persecuted

18 Then they said, *a*“Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; *b*for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us attack him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.”

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, And listen to the voice of those who contend with me!

20 *a*“Shall evil be repaid for good? For they have *b*dug a pit for my life.

Remember that I *c*stood before You

To speak good *1*for them, To turn away Your wrath from them.

21 Therefore *d*eliver up their children to the famine, And pour out their *blood* By the force of the sword; Let their wives *become* widows And *b*ereaved of their children.

Let their men be put to death, Their young men *be* slain By the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses,

When You bring a troop suddenly upon them; For they have dug a pit to take me,

And hidden snares for my feet.

23 Yet, LORD, You know all their counsel

Which is against me, to slay me. *a*“Provide no atonement for their iniquity,

Nor blot out their sin from Your sight;

But let them be overthrown before You.

Deal *thus* with them In the time of Your *b*anger.

The Sign of the Broken Flask

19 Thus says the LORD: “Go and get a potter’s earthen flask, and *take* some of the elders of the people and some of the elders of the priests.

2 “And go out to *a*the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the Potsherd Gate; and proclaim there the words that I will tell you,

3 *a*“and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Behold, I will bring such a catastrophe on this place, that whoever hears of it, his ears will *b*tingle.

4 “Because they *a*have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they,

18 *a*Jer. 11:19
*b*Lev. 10:11;
Mal. 2:7;
[John 7:48]

20 *a*Ps. 109:4
*b*Ps. 35:7; 57:6;
Jer. 5:26 *c*Jer.
14:7—15:1
*1*concerning

21 *a*Ps.
109:9—20; Jer.
11:22; 14:16
*b*Jer. 15:7, 8;
Ezek. 22:25

23 *a*Neh. 4:5;
Ps. 35:14;
109:14; Is. 2:9;
Jer. 11:20 *b*Jer.
7:20

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2 *a*Josh. 15:8;
2 Kin. 23:10;
Jer. 7:31;
32:35

3 *a*Neh. 17:20
*b*1 Sam. 3:11;
2 Kin. 21:12

4 *a*Deut. 28:20;
Is. 65:11; Jer.
2:13, 17, 19;
15:6; 17:13
*b*2 Kin. 21:12;
Jer. 2:34; 7:6

5 *a*Num. 22:41;
Jer. 7:31;
32:35 *b*Lev.
18:21; 2 Kin.
17:17; Ps.
106:37, 38

6 *a*Josh. 15:8;
Jer. 7:32

7 *a*Lev. 26:17;
Deut. 28:25;
Jer. 15:2, 9
*b*Ps. 79:2; Jer.
7:33; 16:4;
34:20

8 *a*Jer. 18:16;
49:13; 50:13

9 *a*Lev. 26:29;
Deut. 28:53;
55; Is. 9:20;
Lam. 4:10;
Ezek. 5:10

10 *a*Jer. 51:63,
64

11 *a*Ps. 2:9; Is.
30:14; Jer.
13:14; Lam.
4:2; Rev. 2:27
*b*Jer. 7:32 *1*re-
stored

13 *a*2 Kin.
23:10; Ps.
74:7; 79:1; Jer.
52:13; Ezek.
7:21, 22

*b*2 Kin. 23:12;
Jer. 32:29;
Zeph. 1:5 *c*Jer.
7:18; Ezek.
20:28

14 *a*2 Chr. 20:5;
Jer. 26:2—8

15 *a*Neh. 9:17,
29; Jer. 7:26;
17:23

CHAPTER 20

1 *a*Ezra 2:37,
38 *b*1 Chr.
24:14

their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and have filled this place with *b*the blood of the innocents

5 *a*“(they have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, *b*which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind),

6 “therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that this place shall no more be called Tophet or *a*the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.

7 “And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, *a*and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives; their *b*corpses I will give as meat for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth.

8 “I will make this city *a*desolate and a hissing; everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues.

9 “And I will cause them to eat the *a*flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and everyone shall eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and in the desperation with which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall drive them to despair.”

10 *a*“Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you,

11 “and say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: *a*“Even so I will break this people and this city, as *one* breaks a potter’s vessel, which cannot be *b*made whole again; and they shall *b*bury them in Tophet till *there* is no place to bury.

12 “Thus I will do to this place,” says the LORD, “and to its inhabitants, and make this city like Tophet.

13 “And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be defiled *a*like the place of Tophet, because of all the houses on whose *b*roofs they have burned incense to all the host of heaven, and *c*poured out drink offerings to other gods.”

14 Then Jeremiah came from Tophet, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in *a*the court of the Lord’s house and said to all the people,

15 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Behold, I will bring on this city and on all her towns all the doom that I have pronounced against it, because *a*they have stiffened their necks that they might not hear My words.’”

The Word of God to Pashhur

20 Now *a*Pashhur the son of *b*Im-mer, the priest who was also chief governor in the house of the

LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

2 Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD.

3 And it happened on the next day that Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD has not called your name Pashhur, but ¹Magor-Missabib.

4 "For thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see it. I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon and slay them with the sword.

5 'Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, all its produce, and all its precious things; all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies, who will plunder them, seize them, and ^bcarry them to Babylon.

6 'And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. You shall go to Babylon, and there you shall die, and be buried there, you and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies.' "

Jeremiah's Unpopular Ministry

7 O LORD, You ¹induced me, and I was persuaded;

"You are stronger than I, and have prevailed.

^bI am ²in derision daily; Everyone mocks me.

8 For when I spoke, I cried out;

"I shouted, "Violence and plunder!"

Because the word of the LORD was made to me
A reproach and a derision daily.

9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him,
Nor speak anymore in His name."

But His word was in my heart
like a burning fire
Shut up in my bones;
I was weary of holding it back,
And ¹I could not.

10 "For I heard many ¹mocking:
"Fear on every side!"

"Report," they say, "and we will report it!"

^bAll my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying,
"Perhaps he can be induced;
Then we will prevail against him.

And we will take our revenge on him."

2 ^aJer. 37:13

3 ¹Lit. *Fear on Every Side*

4 ^aJer. 21:4-10

5 ^{a2} Kin. 20:17
^bIs. 39:6

6 ^aJer. 14:13-15

7 ^aJer. 1:6, 7
^bLam. 3:14
¹enticed or persuaded
²Lit. *a laughingstock all the day*

8 ^aJer. 6:7

9 ^aPs. 39:3
^bJob 32:18

10 ^aPs. 31:13
^bPs. 41:9;
55:13, 14
¹slandering

11 ^aJer. 1:18,
19 ^bJer. 15:20;
17:18 ^cJer. 23:40

12 ^a[Jer. 11:20;
17:10] ^bPs. 54:7; 59:10
¹Most secret parts, lit. *kidneys*

13 ^aPs. 35:9,
10; 109:30, 31

14 ^aJob 3:3

16 ^aGen. 19:25
^bJer. 18:22

17 ^aJob 3:10,
11

18 ^aJob 3:20
^bLam. 3:1 ¹toil

CHAPTER 21

1 ^{a2} Kin. 24:17, 18 ^bJer. 38:1 ^{c2} Kin. 25:18

2 ^aJer. 37:3, 7
¹Heb. *Nebuchadnezzar*, and so elsewhere in the book

4 ¹Or *Babylonians*, and so elsewhere in the book

11 But the LORD is ^awith me as a mighty, awesome One.
Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not ^bprevail.
They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper.
Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts,
You who test the righteous,
^bLet me see Your vengeance on them;
For I have pleaded my cause before You.

13 Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD!
For He has delivered the life of the poor
From the hand of evildoers.

14 "Cursed be the day in which I was born!
Let the day not be blessed in which my mother bore me!

15 Let the man be cursed
Who brought news to my father, saying,
"A male child has been born to you!"

Making him very glad.
16 And let that man be like the cities

Which the LORD overthrew,
and did not relent;
Let him hear the cry in the morning

And the shouting at noon,
17 "Because he did not kill me from the womb,
That my mother might have been my grave,
And her womb always enlarged with me.

18 "Why did I come forth from the womb to ^bsee labor and sorrow,
That my days should be consumed with shame?"

Jerusalem's Doom Is Sealed

21 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when "King Zedekiah sent to him "Pashhur the son of Melchiah, and "Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying,

2 "Please inquire of the LORD for us, for "Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us. Perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all His wonderful works, that the king may go away from us."

3 Then Jeremiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to Zedekiah,

4 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon and the "Chaldeans who besiege you outside

the walls; and ^aI will assemble them in the midst of this city.

5 "I myself will fight against you with an ^boutstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger and fury and great wrath.

6 "I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 "And afterward," says the LORD, ^a"I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence and the sword and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life; and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword. ^bHe shall not spare them, or have pity or mercy."

8 "Now you shall say to this people, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, ^aI set before you the way of life and the way of death.

9 "He who ^aremains in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; but he who goes out and ¹defects to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall ^blive, and his life shall be as a prize to him.

10 "For I have ^aset My face against this city for adversity and not for good," says the LORD. ^b"It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall ^cburn it with fire."

Message to the House of David

11 "And concerning the house of the king of Judah, say, 'Hear the word of the LORD.

12 'O house of David! Thus says the LORD:

^a"Execute¹ judgment ^bin the morning;
And deliver *him who is* plundered
Out of the hand of the oppressor,
Lest My fury go forth like fire
And burn so that no one can quench it,
Because of the evil of your doings.

13 "Behold, ^aI am against you, O ¹inhabitant of the valley, And rock of the plain," says the LORD,

"Who say, ^b'Who shall come down against us?
Or who shall enter our dwellings?'"

14 But I will punish you according to the ^a'fruit of your ¹doings," says the LORD;

"I will kindle a fire in its forest, And ^bit shall devour all things around it." ' "

4 ^aIs. 13:4

5 ^aIs. 63:10
^bEx. 6:6

7 ^aJer. 37:17;
39:5; 52:9 ^{b2}
Chr. 36:17

8 ^aDeut. 30:15, 19

9 ^aJer. 38:2
^bJer. 39:18
¹Lit. *falls away to*

10 ^aAmos 9:4
^bJer. 38:3 ^cJer. 34:2, 22; 37:10

12 ^aZech. 7:9
^bPs. 101:8
¹Dispense justice

13 ^a[Ezek. 13:8] ^bJer. 49:4
¹dweller

14 ^aIs. 3:10, 11
^{b2}Chr. 36:19
¹deeds

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2 ^aJer. 17:20

3 ^aJer. 21:12
^bJer. 7:6 ¹Dispense justice

4 ^aJer. 17:25

5 ^aHeb. 6:13,
17 ¹Obeys

6 ^aSong 4:1

7 ^aIs. 37:24
^bJer. 21:14

8 ^aDeut. 29:24-26

9 ^{a2}Chr. 34:25

10 ^{a2}Kin. 22:20 ^bJer. 14:17; 22:11

11 ^{a1}Chr. 3:15
^{b2}Kin. 23:34
¹Or *Jehoahaz*

13 ^{a2}Kin. 23:35 ^bJames 5:4 ¹Lit. *roof chambers, upper chambers*

22 Thus says the LORD: "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there speak this word,
2 "and say, ^a"Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, you who sit on the throne of David, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates!

3 "Thus says the LORD: ^a"Execute¹ judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the ^bfatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

4 "For if you indeed do this thing, ^athen shall enter the gates of this house, riding on horses and in chariots, accompanied by servants and people, kings who sit on the throne of David.

5 "But if you will not ¹hear these words, ^aI swear by Myself," says the LORD, "that this house shall become a desolation." ' "

6 For thus says the LORD to the house of the king of Judah:

"You are ^aGilead to Me,
The head of Lebanon;
Yet I surely will make you a wilderness,
Cities *which* are not inhabited.
7 I will prepare destroyers
against you,
Everyone with his weapons;
They shall cut down ^ayour choice cedars
^bAnd cast *them* into the fire.

8 "And many nations will pass by this city; and everyone will say to his neighbor, ^a"Why has the LORD done so to this great city?"

9 "Then they will answer, ^a"Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshiped other gods and served them."

10 Weep not for ^athe dead, nor bemoan him;
Weep bitterly for him ^bwho goes away,
For he shall return no more,
Nor see his native country.

Message to the Sons of Josiah

11 For thus says the LORD concerning ^a'Shallum' the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, ^bwho went from this place: "He shall not return here anymore.

12 "but he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 "Woe^a to him who builds his house by unrighteousness
And his ¹chambers by injustice,
^bWho uses his neighbor's service without wages

And gives him nothing for his work,
 14 Who says, 'I will build myself a wide house with spacious¹chambers,
 And cut out windows for it,
 Paneling it with cedar
 And painting it with vermillion.'

15 "Shall you reign because you enclose yourself in cedar?
 Did not your father eat and drink,

And do justice and righteousness?

Then ^ait was well with him.

16 He ¹judged the cause of the poor and needy;
 Then it was well.
 Was not this knowing Me?" says the LORD.

17 "Yet^a your eyes and your heart are for nothing but your covetousness,
 For shedding innocent blood,
 And practicing oppression and violence.'

18 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

^a"They shall not lament for him,
 Saying, 'Alas, my brother!' or 'Alas, my sister!'

They shall not lament for him,
 Saying, 'Alas, master!' or 'Alas, his glory!'

19 "He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey,
 Dragged and cast out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 "Go up to Lebanon, and cry out,
 And lift up your voice in Bashan;
 Cry from Abarim,
 For all your lovers are destroyed.

21 I spoke to you in your prosperity,
 But you said, 'I will not hear.'
^aThis has been your manner from your youth,

That you did not obey My voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all ^ayour¹rulers,
 And your lovers shall go into captivity;

Surely then you will be ashamed and humiliated
 For all your wickedness.

23 O inhabitant of Lebanon,
 Making your nest in the cedars,
 How gracious will you be when pangs come upon you,
 Like ^athe pain of a woman in¹labor?

Message to Coniah

24 "As I live," says the LORD,
^a"though ¹Coniah the son of Je-

14 ¹Lit. roof chambers, upper chambers

15 ^aPs. 128:2

16 ¹Defended

17 ^aEzek. 19:6

18 ^aJer. 16:4, 6
¹Kin. 13:30

19 ^aJer. 36:30

21 ^aJer. 3:24, 25; 32:30

22 ^aJer. 23:1
¹Lit. shepherd's

23 ^aJer. 6:24
¹childbirth

24 ^a2 Kin. 24:6, 8 ^bHag. 2:23 ¹Or Jehoniah or Jehoiachin
²signet ring

25 ^aJer. 34:20
¹Or Babylonians

26 ^a2 Kin. 24:15

28 ^aHos. 8:8
¹See note at v. 24

29 ^aDeut. 32:1

30 ^aMatt. 1:12
^bJer. 36:30

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1 ^aJer. 10:21

2 ^aEx. 32:34

3 ^aJer. 32:37

4 ^aJer. 3:15

5 ^aJer. 33:14
^bPs. 72:2 ¹act wisely ²justice
³land

6 ^aZech. 14:11
^bJer. 32:37 ^c[1 Cor. 1:30]

hoiakim, king of Judah, ^bwere the ²signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off;

25 ^a"and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of ^athose whose face you fear—the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of the ¹Chaldeans.

26 ^a"So I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country where you were not born; and there you shall die.

27 "But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return.

28 "Is this man ¹Coniah a despised, broken idol—
^aA vessel in which is no pleasure?

Why are they cast out, he and his descendants,
 And cast into a land which they do not know?

29 "O earth, earth, earth,
 Hear the word of the LORD!

30 Thus says the LORD:
^aWrite this man down as ^achildless,
 A man who shall not prosper in his days;
 For ^bnone of his descendants shall prosper,
 Sitting on the throne of David,
 And ruling anymore in Judah.'

The Branch of Righteousness

23 "Woe ^ato the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the LORD.

2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. ^aBehold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the LORD.

3 "But ^aI will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 "I will set up ^ashepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD.

5 "Behold, ^athe days are coming," says the LORD,

"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
 A King shall reign and ¹prosper,

^bAnd execute ²judgment and righteousness in the ³earth.

6 "In His days Judah will be saved,
 And Israel ^bwill dwell safely;
 Now ^athis is His name by which He will be called:

¹THE LORD OUR
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 “Therefore, behold, ^athe days are coming,” says the LORD, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’
8 “but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country ^aand from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own ^bland.”

False Prophets and Empty Oracles

9 My heart within me is broken
Because of the prophets;
“All my bones shake.
I am like a drunken man,
And like a man whom wine has overcome,
Because of the LORD,
And because of His holy words.
10 For ^athe land is full of adulterers;
For ^bbecause of a curse the land mourns.
“The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up.
Their course of life is evil,
And their might is not right.
11 “For ^aboth prophet and priest are profane;
Yes, ^bin My house I have found their wickedness,” says the LORD.
12 “Therefore^a their way shall be to them
Like slippery ways;
In the darkness they shall be driven on
And fall in them;
For I ^bwill bring disaster on them,
The year of their punishment,” says the LORD.
13 “And I have seen ¹folly in the prophets of Samaria:
“They prophesied by Baal
And ^bcaused My people Israel to err.
14 Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem:
“They commit adultery and walk in lies;
They also ^bstrengthen the hands of evildoers,
So that no one turns back from his wickedness.
All of them are like ^cSodom to Me,
And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

15 “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets:

“Behold, I will feed them with
^awormwood,

6 ¹Heb.
YHWH Tsid-
kenu

7 ^aJer. 16:14

8 ^aIs. 43:5, 6
^bGen. 12:7

9 ^aHab. 3:16

10 ^aJer. 9:2
^bHos. 4:2 ^cJer. 9:10

11 ^aZeph. 3:4
^bJer. 7:30;
32:34

12 ^a[Prov. 4:19]
^bJer. 11:23

13 ^aJer. 2:8 ^bIs. 9:16
¹Lit. *distastefulness*

14 ^aJer. 29:23
^bEzek. 13:22,
23 ^cIs. 1:9, 10

15 ^aJer. 9:15
¹Or *Pollution*

16 ^aJer. 14:14

17 ^aEzek. 13:10 ^bDeut. 29:19; Jer. 3:17 ^cMic. 3:11 ¹*stubbornness, or imagination*

18 ^a[1 Cor. 2:16]

19 ^aAmos 1:14

20 ^aJer. 30:24
^bGen. 49:1

21 ^aJer. 14:14;
23:32; 27:15

22 ^aJer. 25:5

24 ^a[Ps. 139:7]
^b[1 Kin. 8:27]

And make them drink the
water of gall;
For from the prophets of
Jerusalem
¹Profaneness has gone out into
all the land.’ ”

16 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

“Do not listen to the words of
the prophets who prophesy to
you.

They make you worthless;
“They speak a vision of their
own heart,
Not from the mouth of the
LORD.

17 They continually say to those
who despise Me,
“The LORD has said, “You shall
have peace” ’;
And to everyone who ^bwalks
according to the ¹dictates of
his own heart, they say,
“No evil shall come upon you.” ’

18 For ^awho has stood in the
counsel of the LORD,
And has perceived and heard
His word?
Who has marked His word and
heard it?

19 Behold, a ^awhirlwind of the
LORD has gone forth in fury—
A violent whirlwind!
It will fall violently on the head
of the wicked.

20 The ^aanger of the LORD will not
turn back
Until He has executed and
performed the thoughts of His
heart.

^bIn the latter days you will
understand it perfectly.

21 “^aI have not sent these prophets,
yet they ran.
I have not spoken to them, yet
they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in My
counsel,
And had caused My people to
hear My words,
Then they would have ^aturned
them from their evil way
And from the evil of their
doings.

23 “Am I a God near at hand,” says
the LORD,
“And not a God afar off?

24 Can anyone ^ahide himself in
secret places,
So I shall not see him?” says
the LORD;
^b“Do I not fill heaven and earth?”
says the LORD.

25 “I have heard what the prophets
have said who prophesy lies in My
name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I
have dreamed!’

26 “How long will *this* be in the

heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart,
27 “who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, ‘as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.

28 “The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream;
And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully.
What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD.

29 “Is not My word like a ‘fire?’” says the LORD,
“And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?

30 “Therefore behold, *I am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who steal My words every one from his neighbor.

31 “Behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’

32 “Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams,” says the LORD, “and tell them, and cause My people to err by their ‘lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not ‘profit this people at all,” says the LORD.

33 “So when these people or the prophet or the priest ask you, saying, ‘What is the ‘oracle of the LORD?’ you shall then say to them, ‘What oracle?’ I will even forsake you,” says the LORD.

34 “And as for the prophet and the priest and the people who say, ‘The ‘oracle of the LORD!’ I will even punish that man and his house.

35 “Thus every one of you shall say to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, ‘What has the LORD answered?’ and, ‘What has the LORD spoken?’

36 “And the ‘oracle of the LORD you shall mention no more. For every man’s word will be his oracle, for you have ‘perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God.

37 “Thus you shall say to the prophet, ‘What has the LORD answered you?’ and, ‘What has the LORD spoken?’

38 “But since you say, ‘The ‘oracle of the LORD!’ therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Because you say this word, “The oracle of the LORD!” and I have sent to you, saying, “Do not say, ‘The oracle of the LORD!’”

39 “therefore behold, I, even I, ‘will utterly forget you and forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and will cast you out of My presence.

40 “And I will bring ‘an everlasting reproach upon you, and a per-

27 ^aJudg. 3:7

29 ^aJer. 5:14

30 ^aDeut. 18:20; Ps. 34:16; Jer. 14:14, 15; Ezek. 13:8, 9

31 ^aEzek. 13:9

32 ^aJer. 20:6; 27:10; Lam. 2:14; 3:37
^bZeph. 3:4
^cJer. 7:8; Lam. 2:14

33 ^aIs. 13:1; Nah. 1:1; Hab. 1:1; Zech. 9:1; Mal. 1:1
^bburden, prophecy
^cLXX, Tg., Vg. ‘You are the burden.’

34 ^bburden, prophecy

36 ^aDeut. 4:2
^bburden, prophecy

38 ^bburden, prophecy

39 ^aHos. 4:6

40 ^aJer. 20:11; Ezek. 5:14, 15
^bMic. 3:5-7

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1 ^aAmos 7:1, 4; 8:1
^{b2} Kin. 24:12-16;
2 Chr. 36:10
^cJer. 22:24-28; 29:2

2 ^aIs. 5:4, 7; Jer. 29:17

5 ^bregard

6 ^aJer. 12:15; 29:10; Ezek. 11:17
^bJer. 32:41; 33:7; 42:10

7 ^a[Deut. 30:6; Jer. 32:39; Ezek. 11:19; 36:26, 27]
^bIs. 51:16; Jer. 30:22; 31:33; 32:38; Ezek. 14:11; Zech. 8:8; [Heb. 8:10]
^{c1} Sam. 7:3; Ps. 119:2; Jer. 29:13

8 ^aJer. 29:17
^bJer. 39:9
^cJer. 44:1, 26-30

9 ^aDeut. 28:25; 37:1
^b Kin. 9:7; 2 Chr. 7:20; Jer. 15:4; 29:18; 34:17
^bPs. 44:13, 14

10 ^bdestroyed

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1 ^aJer. 36:1
^{b2} Kin. 24:1, 2; 2 Chr. 36:4-6; Dan. 1:1, 2

petual ^bshame, which shall not be forgotten.’ ”

The Sign of Two Baskets of Figs

24 The ^aLORD showed me, and there were two baskets of figs set before the temple of the LORD, after Nebuchadnezzar ^bking of Babylon had carried away captive ^cJechoniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket *had* very good figs, like the figs *that* are first ripe; and the other basket *had* very bad figs which could not be eaten, they were so ^abad.

3 Then the LORD said to me, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad.”

4 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so will I ‘acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for *their own* good, into the land of the Chaldeans.

6 ‘For I will set My eyes on them for good, and ^aI will bring them back to this land; ^bI will build them and not pull *them* down, and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up.

7 ‘Then I will give them ^aa heart to know Me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be ^bMy people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me ^cwith their whole heart.

8 ‘And as the bad ‘figs which cannot be eaten, they are so bad’—surely thus says the LORD—‘so will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, his princes, the ^bresidue of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and ‘those who dwell in the land of Egypt.

9 ‘I will deliver them to ‘trouble into all the kingdoms of the earth, for *their* harm, ^bto be a reproach and a byword, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them.

10 ‘And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them, till they are ‘consumed from the land that I gave to them and their fathers.’ ”

Seventy Years of Desolation

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, ‘in the fourth year of ^bJehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (which was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and

to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:

3 ^a“From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, this is the twenty-third year in which the word of the LORD has come to me; and I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, ^bbut you have not listened. 4 “And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets, ^crising early and sending *them*, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear.

5 “They said, ^a“Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers forever and ever.

6 “Do not go after other gods to serve them and worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will not harm you.”

7 “Yet you have not listened to Me,” says the LORD, “that you might ^cprovoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Because you have not heard My words,

9 ‘behold, I will send and take ^aall the families of the north,’ says the LORD, ‘and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, ^bMy servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and ^cmake them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 ‘Moreover I will ^atake from them the ‘voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, ^bthe sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

11 ‘And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 ‘Then it will come to pass, ^awhen ‘seventy years are completed, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,’ says the LORD; ^band I will make it a perpetual desolation.

13 ‘So I will bring on that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all the nations.

14 ^a“(For many nations ^band great kings shall ^cbe served by them also; ^aand I will repay them according to their deeds and according to the works of their own hands.)”

Judgment on the Nations

15 For thus says the LORD God of Israel to me: “Take this ‘wine cup of ^afury from My hand, and cause all

3 ^aJer. 1:2 ^bJer. 7:13; 11:7, 8, 10

4 ^aJer. 7:13, 25

5 ^aJer. 18:11

7 ^aDeut. 32:21

9 ^aJer. 1:15 ^bIs. 45:1 ^cJer. 18:16

10 ^aRev. 18:23 ^bEccl. 12:4 ^cLit. *cause to perish from them*

11 ^aJer. 29:10

12 ^aEzra 1:1 ^bIs. 13:20 ^cBeginning circa 605 B.C. (2 Kin. 24:1) and ending circa 536 B.C. (Ezra 1:1)

14 ^aJer. 50:9; 51:27, 28 ^bJer. 51:27 ^cJer. 27:7 ^dJer. 50:29; 51:6, 24

15 ^aRev. 14:10 ^bwrath

16 ^aNah. 3:11

18 ^aJer. 25:9, 11 ^bJer. 24:9

20 ^aJob 1:1 ^bJer. 47:1–7 ^cIs. 20:1

21 ^aJer. 49:7

22 ^aJer. 47:4 ^bJer. 49:23

23 ^aJer. 49:7, 8

24 ^aEzek. 30:5

25 ^aJer. 49:34 ^bJer. 51:11, 28

26 ^aJer. 50:9 ^bA code word for Babylon, Jer. 51:41

27 ^aHab. 2:16 ^bIs. 63:6

29 ^aEzek. 9:6 ^bDan. 9:18 ^cEzek. 38:21

30 ^aAmos 1:2 ^bPs. 11:4 ^c1 Kin. 9:3 ^dIs. 16:9

the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

16 “And ^athey will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them.”

17 Then I took the cup from the LORD’s hand, and made all the nations drink, to whom the LORD had sent me:

18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and its princes, to make them ^aa desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and ^ba curse, as it is this day;

19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes, and all his people; 20 all the mixed multitude, all the kings of ^athe land of Uz, all the kings of the land of the ^bPhilistines (namely, Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and ^cthe remnant of Ashdod);

21 ^aEdom, Moab, and the people of Ammon;

22 all the kings of ^aTyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the coastlands which *are* across the ^bsea;

23 ^aDedan, Tema, Buz, and all *who are* in the farthest corners;

24 all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the ^amixed multitude who dwell in the desert;

25 all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of ^aElam, and all the kings of the ^bMedes;

26 ^aall the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world which *are* on the face of the earth. Also the king of ^aSheshach shall drink after them.

27 “Therefore you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ^a“Drink, ^bbe drunk, and vomit! Fall and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.”’

28 “And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “You shall certainly drink!”

29 “For behold, ^aI begin to bring calamity on the city ^bwhich is called by My name, and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished, for ^cI will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth,” says the LORD of hosts.’

30 “Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them:

‘The LORD will ^aroar from on high, And utter His voice from ^bHis holy habitation; He will roar mightily against ^cHis fold.

He will give ^aa shout, as those who tread *the grapes*, Against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 A noise will come to the ends of the earth—
For the LORD has ^aa controversy with the nations;
^bHe will plead His case with all flesh.
He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword,^c says the LORD.”

32 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

“Behold, disaster shall go forth
From nation to nation,
And ^aa great whirlwind shall be raised up
From the farthest parts of the earth.

33 ^a“And at that day the slain of the LORD shall be from *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth. They shall not be ^blamented, ^cor gathered, or buried; they shall become refuse on the ground.

34 “Wail,^a shepherds, and cry!
Roll about *in the ashes*,
You leaders of the flock!
For the days of your slaughter
and your dispersions are fulfilled;

You shall fall like a precious vessel.

35 And the shepherds will have no ¹way to flee,
Nor the leaders of the flock to escape.

36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds,
And a wailing of the leaders to the flock *will be heard*.
For the LORD has plundered their pasture,

37 And the peaceful dwellings are cut down
Because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

38 He has left His lair like the lion;
For their land is desolate
Because of the fierceness of the Oppressor,
And because of His fierce anger.”

Jeremiah Saved from Death

26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying,

2 “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in ^athe court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD’s house, ^ball the words that I command you to speak to them. ^cDo not diminish a word.

3 ^a“Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may ^brelent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.’

31 ^aHos. 4:1; Mic. 6:2 ^bIs. 66:16; Joel 3:2

32 ^aJer. 23:19; 30:23

33 ^aIs. 34:2, 3; 66:16 ^bJer. 16:4, 6; Ezek. 39:4, 17 ^cPs. 79:3; Jer. 8:2; Rev. 11:9

34 ^aJer. 4:8; 6:26; Ezek. 27:30

35 ¹Or *refuge*

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2 ^a2 Chr. 24:20, 21; Jer. 19:14 ^bDeut. 4:2; Jer. 43:1; Ezek. 3:10; Matt. 28:20; [Rev. 22:19] ^cActs 20:27

3 ^aIs. 1:16–19; Jer. 36:3–7 ^bJer. 18:8; Jon. 3:9

4 ^aLev. 26:14, 15; Deut. 28:15; 1 Kin. 9:6; Is. 1:20; Jer. 17:27; 22:5

5 ^aJer. 25:4; 29:19

6 ^a1 Sam. 4:10, 11; Ps. 78:60; Jer. 7:12, 14 ^b2 Kin. 22:19; Is. 65:15; Jer. 24:9

9 ^aJer. 9:11

11 ^aJer. 38:4 ¹Lit. *A judgment of death to this man*

13 ^aJer. 7:3; [Joel 2:13]; Jon. 3:8

14 ^aJer. 38:5 ¹right

17 ^aActs 5:34

18 ^aMic. 1:1

4 “And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: ^a“If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you,

5 “to heed the words of My servants the prophets ^awhom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending *them* (but you have not heeded),

6 “then I will make this house like ^aShiloh, and will make this city ^ba curse to all the nations of the earth.” ’ ”

7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

8 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die!

9 “Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be ^adesolate, without an inhabitant’?” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD’s house.

11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, ¹“This man deserves to ^adie! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.”

12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard.

13 “Now therefore, ^aamend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you.

14 “As for me, here ^aI am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and ¹proper to you.

15 “But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

16 So the princes and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “This man does not deserve to die. For he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.”

17 ^aThen certain of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying:

18 ^a“Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of

Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts:

^b"Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, Jerusalem shall become ^cheaps of ruins, And the mountain of the ^dtemple Like the ^ebare hills of the forest."

19 "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah ever put him to death? ^aDid he not fear the LORD and ^bseek the LORD's favor? And the LORD ^crelented concerning the doom which He had pronounced against them. ^dBut we are doing great evil against ourselves."

20 Now there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath Jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah.

21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid and fled, and went to Egypt.

22 Then Jehoiakim the king sent men to Egypt: Elnathan the son of Achbor, and other men who went with him to Egypt.

23 And they brought Urijah from Egypt and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword and cast his dead body into the graves of the ¹common people.

24 Nevertheless ^athe hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

Symbol of the Bonds and Yokes

27 In¹ the beginning of the reign of ²Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, ^aking of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD to me: 'Make for yourselves bonds and yokes, ^aand put them on your neck, 3 ^aand send them to the king of Edom, the king of Moab, the king of the Ammonites, the king of Tyre, and the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.

4 'And command them to say to their masters, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel—thus you shall say to your masters:

5 "I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* on the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and ^ahave given it to whom it seemed proper to Me.

6 ^a"And now I have given all these

18 ^bMic. 3:12
^cNeh. 4:2; Ps. 79:1; Jer. 9:11
¹Lit. *house*
²Lit. *high places*

19 ^a2 Chr. 32:26; Is. 37:1, 4, 15-20
²2 Kin.
20:1-19 ^cEx. 32:14; 2 Sam. 24:16; Jer. 18:8 ^d[Acts 5:39]

23 ¹Lit. *sons of the people*

24 ^a2 Kin. 22:12-14; Jer. 39:14; 40:5-7

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1 ^aJer. 27:3, 12; 20:28; 1 ^bLXX omits v. 1, ²So with MT, Tg., Vg.; some Heb. mss., Arab., Syr. *Zedekiah* (cf. 27:3, 12; 28:1)

2 ^aJer. 28:10; 12; Ezek. 4:1; 12:3; 24:3

5 ^aPs. 115:15; 146:6; Is. 45:12 ^bDeut. 9:29; Ps. 115:16; Jer. 32:17; Dan. 4:17, 25, 32

6 ^aJer. 28:14
^bJer. 25:9; 43:10; Ezek. 29:18, 20 ^cJer. 28:14; Dan. 2:38

7 ^a2 Chr. 36:20
^bJer. 25:12; 50:27; [Dan. 5:26]; Zech. 2:8, 9 ^cJer. 25:14

9 ¹Lit. *dreams*

10 ^aJer. 23:16; 32; 28:15

12 ^aJer. 28:1; 38:17

13 ^a[Prov. 8:36]; Jer. 27:8; 38:23; [Ezek. 18:31]

14 ^aJer. 23:16
^bJer. 14:14; 23:21; 29:8, 9; Ezek. 13:22

15 ^aJer. 23:21; 29:9

16 ^a2 Kin. 24:13; 2 Chr. 36:7, 10; Jer. 28:3; Dan. 1:2

lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, ^bMy servant; and ^cthe beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him.

7 ^a"So all nations shall serve him and his son and his son's son, ^buntil the time of his land comes; ^cand then many nations and great kings shall make him serve them.

8 'And it shall be, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish,' says the LORD, 'with the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

9 'Therefore do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your ¹dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, "You shall not serve the king of Babylon."

10 'For they prophesy a ^alie to you, to remove you far from your land; and I will drive you out, and you will perish.

11 'But the nations that bring their necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, I will let them remain in their own land,' says the LORD, 'and they shall till it and dwell in it.' "

12 I also spoke to ^aZedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live!

13 ^a"Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 "Therefore ^ado not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon,' for they prophesy ^ba lie to you;

15 "for I have ^anot sent them," says the LORD, "yet they prophesy a lie in My name, that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you."

16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, "Behold, ^athe vessels of the LORD's house will now shortly be brought back from Babylon"; for they prophesy a lie to you. 17 'Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live! Why should this city be laid waste?

18 'But if they *are* prophets, and if the word of the LORD is with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which *are* left in the house of the LORD, *in* the house of the king of Ju-

dah, and at Jerusalem, do not go to Babylon.'

19 "For thus says the LORD of hosts "concerning the pillars, concerning the Sea, concerning the carts, and concerning the remainder of the vessels that remain in this city,

20 "which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away "captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem—

21 "yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the "vessels that remain in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem:

22 "They shall be "carried to Babylon, and there they shall be until the day that I "visit them," says the LORD. "Then I will bring them up and restore them to this place."

Hananiah's Falsehood and Doom

28 And "it happened in the same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the "fourth year and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of "Azur the prophet, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2 "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: 'I have broken "the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 "Within two full years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon "took away from this place and carried to Babylon.

4 "And I will bring back to this place "Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah who went to Babylon," says the LORD, "for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon."

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD,

6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! The LORD do so; the LORD perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place.

7 "Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people:

8 "The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence.

9 "As for "the prophet who prophesies of "peace, when the word of

19 ^{a1} Kin. 7:15; 2 Kin. 25:13–17; Jer. 52:17, 20, 21

20 ^{a2} Kin. 24:14, 15; 2 Chr. 36:10, 18; Jer. 24:1

21 ^a Jer. 20:5

22 ^{a2} Kin. 25:13; 2 Chr. 36:18 ^{b2} Chr. 36:21; Jer. 29:10; 32:5 ^c Ezra 1:7; 7:19

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1 ^a Jer. 27:1 ^b Jer. 51:59 ^c Ezek. 11:1

2 ^a Jer. 27:12

3 ^a Jer. 27:16; ^{b2} Kin. 24:13; Dan. 1:2

4 ¹ *Jehoiachin*, 2 Kin. 24:12

6 ^{a1} Kin. 1:36; Ps. 41:13; Jer. 11:5

9 ^a Deut. 18:22 ^b Jer. 23:17; Ezek. 13:10, 16

10 ^a Jer. 27:2

11 ^a Jer. 27:7

14 ^a Deut. 28:48; Jer. 27:7, 8 ^b Jer. 27:6

15 ^a Jer. 20:6; 29:31; Lam. 2:14; Ezek. 13:22; Zech. 13:3 ^b Jer. 27:10; 29:9

16 ^a Jer. 20:6 ^b Deut. 13:5; Jer. 29:32

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1 ^a Jer. 27:20

2 ^{a2} Kin. 24:12–16; 2 Chr. 36:9, 10; Jer. 22:24–28 ^{b2} Kin. 24:12, 15; Jer. 13:18 ¹ *Jehoiachin*, 2 Kin. 24:12; 2 Chr. 36:10 ² *Or officers*

3 ^{a2} Chr. 34:8

the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent."

10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the "yoke off the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it.

11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon "from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years.'" And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 Now the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 "Go and tell Hananiah, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made in their place yokes of iron."

14 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him. "I have given him the beasts of the field also."

15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, "Hear now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, but "you make this people trust in a "lie.

16 "Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall "die, because you have taught "rebellion against the LORD."

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah's Letter to the Captives

29 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the elders who were "carried away captive—to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon.

2 (This happened after "Jehoiakim the king, the "queen mother, the "eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.)

3 *The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of "Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiyah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon, to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying,*

4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 Build houses and dwell in

- them*; plant gardens and eat their fruit.
- 6 Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters—that you may be increased there, and not diminished.
- 7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, ^aand pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.
- 8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst ^adeceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.
- 9 For they prophesy ^afalsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the LORD.
- 10 For thus says the LORD: After ^aseventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to ^breturn to this place.
- 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- 12 Then you will ^acall upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will ^blisten to you.
- 13 And ^ayou will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me ^bwith all your heart.
- 14 ^aI will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; ^bI will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.
- 15 Because you have said, “The LORD has raised up prophets for us in Babylon”—
- 16 ^atherefore thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, concerning all the people who dwell in this city, and concerning your brethren who have not gone out with you into captivity—
- 17 thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like ^arotten figs that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.
- 18 And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence; and I ^awill deliver them to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth—to be ^aa curse, an astonishment, a
- 7 ^aEzra 6:10; Neh. 1:4–11; Dan. 9:16; 1 Tim. 2:2
- 8 ^aJer. 14:14; 23:21; 27:14, 15; Eph. 5:6
- 9 ^aJer. 28:15; 37:19
- 10 ^a2 Chr. 36:21–23; Ezra 1:1–4; Jer. 25:12; 27:22; Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5
- ^b[Jer. 24:6, 7]; Zeph. 2:7
- 12 ^aPs. 50:15; Jer. 33:3; Dan. 9:3 ^bPs. 145:19
- 13 ^aLev. 26:39–42; Deut. 30:1–3
- ^b1 Chr. 22:19; 2 Chr. 22:9; Jer. 24:7
- 14 ^a[Deut. 4:7]; Ps. 32:6; 46:1; [Is. 55:6, 7]; Jer. 24:7 ^bIs. 43:5, 6; Jer. 23:8; 32:37
- 16 ^aJer. 38:2, 3, 17–23
- 17 ^aJer. 24:3, 8–10
- 18 ^aDeut. 28:25; 2 Chr. 29:8; Jer. 15:4; 24:9; 34:17; Ezek. 12:15
- ^bJer. 26:6; 42:18
- 19 ^aJer. 25:4; 26:5; 35:15
- 21 ^aJer. 14:14, 15; Lam. 2:14; 2 Pet. 2:1
- 22 ^aGen. 48:20; Is. 65:15
- ^bDan. 3:6, 21
- 23 ^aJer. 23:14
- ^b[Prov. 5:21; Jer. 16:17; Mal. 3:5; [Heb. 4:13]
- 25 ^a2 Kin. 25:18; Jer. 21:1
- 26 ^aJer. 20:1
- ^b2 Kin. 9:11; Hos. 9:7; Mark 3:21; John 10:20; Acts 26:24; [2 Cor. 5:13]
- ^cJer. 20:1, 2; Acts 16:24
- hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them,
- 19 because they have not heeded My words, says the LORD, which ^aI sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; neither would you heed, says the LORD.
- 20 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.
- 21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy ^alie to you in My name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall slay them before your eyes.
- 22 ^aAnd because of them a curse shall be taken up by all the captivity of Judah who *are* in Babylon, saying, “The LORD make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, ^bwhom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire”; because ^athey have done disgraceful things in Israel, have committed adultery with their neighbors’ wives, and have spoken lying words in My name, which I have not commanded them. Indeed I ^bknow, and *am* a witness, says the LORD.
- 24 You shall also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,
- 25 Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: You have sent letters in your name to all the people who *are* at Jerusalem, ^ato Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,
- 26 “The LORD has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, so that there should be ^aofficers in the house of the LORD over every man *who* is ^ademented and considers himself a prophet, that you should ^aput him in prison and in the stocks.
- 27 Now therefore, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth who makes himself a prophet to you?”
- 28 For he has sent to us *in* Babylon, saying, “This *captivity* is long; build houses and dwell *in them*, and plant gardens and eat their fruit.”
- 29 Now Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet.
- 30 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying:

- 31 Send to all those in captivity, saying, Thus says the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, ^aand I have not sent him, and he has caused you to trust in a ^blie—
- 32 therefore thus says the LORD: Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his ^cfamily: he shall not have anyone to dwell among this people, nor shall he see the good that I will do for My people, says the LORD, ^abecause he has taught rebellion against the LORD.

Restoration of Israel and Judah

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
 2 "Thus speaks the LORD God of Israel, saying: 'Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you.

3 'For behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that ^aI will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the LORD, ^b'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.' "

4 Now these *are* the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah.

5 "For thus says the LORD:

'We have heard a voice of trembling,

Of ^afear, and not of peace.

6 Ask now, and see,
 Whether a ^aman is ever in ^blabor with child?
 So why do I see every man ^cwith his hands on his loins

^aLike a woman in labor,
 And all faces turned pale?

7 ^aAlas! For that day is great,
^bSo that none is like it;
 And it is the time of Jacob's trouble,
 But he shall be saved out of it.

8 'For it shall come to pass in that day,'
 Says the LORD of hosts,
 'That I will break his yoke from your neck,
 And will burst your bonds;
 Foreigners shall no more enslave them.

9 But they shall serve the LORD their God,
 And ^aDavid their king,
 Whom I will ^braise up for them.

10 'Therefore ^ado not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel;
 For behold, I will save you from afar,
 And your seed ^bfrom the land of their captivity.

31 ^aJer. 28:15
^bEzek. 13:8-16, 22, 23

32 ^aJer. 28:16
¹descendants,
 lit. seed

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3 ^aPs. 53:6;
 Jer. 29:14;
 30:18; 32:44;
 Ezek. 39:25;
 Amos 9:14;
 Zeph. 3:20
^bJer. 16:15;
 Ezek. 20:42;
 36:24

5 ¹dread

6 ^aJer. 4:31;
 6:24 ¹Lit. male
 can give birth
²childbirth

7 ^a[Is. 2:12];
 Hos. 1:11; Joel 2:11; Amos 5:18; Zeph. 1:14 ^bLam. 1:12; Dan. 9:12; 12:1

9 ^aIs. 55:3;
 Ezek. 34:23;
 37:24; Hos. 3:5
^b[Luke 1:69;
 Acts 2:30;
 13:23]

10 ^aIs. 41:13;
 43:5; 44:2; Jer. 46:27, 28 ^bJer. 3:18

11 ^a[Is. 43:2-5]
^bAmos 9:8
^cJer. 4:27;
 46:27, 28 ^dPs. 6:1; Is. 27:8;
 Jer. 10:24;
 46:28

12 ^a2 Chr. 36:16; Jer. 15:18

13 ^aJer. 8:22

14 ^aJer. 22:20,
 22; Lam. 1:2
^bJob 13:24;
 16:9; 19:11
^cJob 30:21
^dJer. 5:6

15 ^aJer. 15:18

16 ^aEx. 23:22;
 Is. 41:11; Jer. 10:25 ^bIs. 14:2;
 Joel 3:8 ^dIs. 33:1; Ezek. 39:10 ^cJer. 2:3

17 ^aEx. 15:26;
 Ps. 107:20; Is. 30:26; Jer. 33:6

18 ^aPs. 102:13
¹ruins

19 ^aPs. 126:1,
 2; Is. 51:11;
 Jer. 31:4;
 Zeph. 3:14

Jacob shall return,
 have rest and be quiet,
 And no one shall make *him* afraid.

11 For I *am* with ^ayou,' says the LORD, 'to save you;
^bThough I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you,
^cYet I will not make a complete end of you.
 But I will correct you ^din justice,
 And will not let you go altogether unpunished.'

12 "For thus says the LORD:

^a'Your affliction is incurable,
 Your wound is severe.

13 *There is* no one to plead your cause,

That you may be bound up;

^aYou have no healing medicines.

14 ^aAll your lovers have forgotten you;

They do not seek you;
 For I have wounded you with the wound ^bof an enemy,

With the chastisement ^cof a cruel one,

For the multitude of your iniquities,

^aBecause your sins have increased.

15 Why ^ado you cry about your affliction?

Your sorrow *is* incurable.
 Because of the multitude of your iniquities,

Because your sins have increased,

I have done these things to you.

16 'Therefore all those who devour you ^ashall be devoured;

And all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into

^bcaptivity;

Those who plunder you shall become ^cplunder,

And all who prey upon you I will make a ^dprey.

17 ^aFor I will restore health to you
 And heal you of your wounds,'

says the LORD,

'Because they called you an outcast saying:

"This *is* Zion;
 No one seeks her." '

18 "Thus says the LORD:

'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents,

And ^ahave mercy on his dwelling places;

The city shall be built upon its own ^bmount,

And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.

19 Then ^aout of them shall proceed thanksgiving

- And the voice of those who make merry;
^bI will multiply them, and they shall not diminish;
 I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.
 20 Their children also shall be ^aas before,
 And their congregation shall be established before Me;
 And I will punish all who oppress them.
 21 Their nobles shall be from among them,
^aAnd their governor shall come from their midst;
 Then I will ^bcause him to draw near,
 And he shall approach Me;
 For who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me? ^csays the LORD.
 22 'You shall be 'My people, And I will be your God.' "
 23 Behold, the ^awhirlwind of the LORD
 Goes forth with fury,
 A ^ccontinuing whirlwind;
 It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.
 24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not return until He has done it,
 And until He has performed the intents of His heart.

^aIn the latter days you will consider it.

The Remnant of Israel Saved

- 31** "At ^athe same time," says the LORD, ^b"I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people."
 2 Thus says the LORD:
 "The people who survived the sword
 Found grace in the wilderness—
 Israel, when ^aI went to give him rest."
 3 The LORD has appeared ¹of old to me, *saying*:
 "Yes, ^aI have loved you with ^ban everlasting love;
 Therefore with lovingkindness I have ^cdrawn you.
 4 Again ^aI will build you, and you shall be rebuilt,
 O virgin of Israel!
 You shall again be adorned with your ^btambourines,
 And shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.
 5 ^aYou shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria;
 The planters shall plant and ¹eat them as ordinary food.
 6 For there shall be a day

¹⁹ ^bIs.
 49:19–21; Jer.
 23:3; 33:22;
 Zech. 10:8

²⁰ ^aIs. 1:26

²¹ ^aGen. 49:10
^bNum. 16:5;
 Ps. 65:4

²² ^aEx. 6:7;
 Jer. 32:38;
 Ezek. 36:28;
 Hos. 2:23;
 Zech. 13:9

²³ ^aJer. 23:19,
 20; 25:32 ¹Or
sweeping

²⁴ ^aGen. 49:1

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¹ ^aJer. 30:24
^bJer. 30:22

² ^aEx. 33:14;
 Num. 10:33;
 Deut. 1:33;
 Josh. 1:13; Ps.
 95:11; Is.
 63:14

³ ^aDeut. 4:37;
 7:8; Mal. 1:2
^bIs. 43:4; Rom.
 11:28 ^cHos.
 11:4 ¹Lit. *from afar*

⁴ ^aJer. 33:7
^bEx. 15:20;
 Judg. 11:34;
 Ps. 149:3

⁵ ^aPs. 107:37;
 Is. 65:21;
 Ezek. 28:26;
 Amos 9:14
¹Lit. *treat them as common*

⁶ ^aIs. 2:3; Jer.
 31:12; 50:4, 5;
 Mic. 4:2]

⁷ ^aIs. 12:5, 6

⁸ ^aJer. 3:12, 18;
 23:8 ^bDeut.
 30:4; Is. 43:6;
 Ezek. 20:34,
 41; 34:13

⁹ ^a[Ps. 126:5;
 Jer. 50:4] ^bIs.
 35:8; 43:19;
 49:10, 11 ^cEx.
 4:22

¹⁰ ^aIs. 40:11;
 Ezek.
 34:12–14 ¹Or
coastlands

¹¹ ^aIs. 44:23;
 48:20; Jer.
 15:21; 50:19
^bIs. 49:24

¹² ^aEzek.
 17:23 ^bHos.
 3:5 ^cIs. 58:11
^dIs. 35:10;
 65:19; [John
 16:22; Rev.
 21:4]

¹⁴ ¹Fill to the full

When the watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim,
^a'Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
 To the LORD our God.' "

- 7 For thus says the LORD:

^a"Sing with gladness for Jacob,
 And shout among the chief of the nations;
 Proclaim, give praise, and say,
 'O LORD, save Your people,
 The remnant of Israel!'

- 8 Behold, I will bring them ^afrom the north country,
 And ^bgather them from the ends of the earth,
 Among them the blind and the lame,
 The woman with child
 And the one who labors with child, together;
 A great throng shall return there.

- 9 ^a'They shall come with weeping,
 And with supplications I will lead them.
 I will cause them to walk ^bby the rivers of waters,
 In a straight way in which they shall not stumble;
 For I am a Father to Israel,
 And Ephraim is My ^cfirstborn.

- 10 "Hear the word of the LORD,
 O nations,
 And declare *it* in the ¹isles afar off, and say,
 'He who scattered Israel ^awill gather him,
 And keep him as a shepherd ^bdoes his flock.'

- 11 For ^athe LORD has redeemed Jacob,
 And ransomed him ^bfrom the hand of one stronger than he.
 12 Therefore they shall come and sing in ^athe height of Zion,
 Streaming to ^bthe goodness of the LORD—
 For wheat and new wine and oil,
 For the young of the flock and the herd;
 Their souls shall be like a ^cwell-watered garden,
^dAnd they shall sorrow no more at all.

- 13 "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance,
 And the young men and the old, together;
 For I will turn their mourning to joy,
 Will comfort them,
 And make them rejoice rather than sorrow.
 14 I will ¹satisfy the soul of the priests with abundance,
 And My people shall be

satisfied with My goodness,
says the LORD.”

Mercy on Ephraim

15 Thus says the LORD:

“A voice was heard in ^bRamah,
Lamentation and bitter
^cweeping,
Rachel weeping for her
children,
Refusing to be comforted for
her children,
Because “they are no more.”

16 Thus says the LORD:

“Refrain your voice from
^aweeping,
And your eyes from tears;
For your work shall be
rewarded, says the LORD,
And they shall come back from
the land of the enemy.

17 There is ^ahope in your future,
says the LORD,
That *your* children shall come
back to their own border.

18 “I have surely heard Ephraim
bemoaning himself:
‘You have ^achastised me, and I
was chastised.
Like an untrained bull;
^bRestore me, and I will return,
For You are the LORD my God.

19 Surely, “after my turning, I
repented;
And after I was instructed, I
struck myself on the thigh;
I was ^ashamed, yes, even
humiliated,
Because I bore the reproach of
my youth.’

20 Is Ephraim My dear son?
Is he a pleasant child?
For though I spoke against him,
I earnestly remember him still;
^aTherefore My ^bheart yearns for
him;
^bI will surely have mercy on
him, says the LORD.

21 “Set up signposts,
Make landmarks;
^aSet your heart toward the
highway,
The way in *which* you went.
¹Turn back, O virgin of Israel,
Turn back to these your cities.

22 How long will you ^agad about,
O you ^bbacksliding daughter?
For the LORD has created a
new thing in the earth—
A woman shall encompass a
man.”

Future Prosperity of Judah

23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: “They shall again use
this speech in the land of Judah and
in its cities, when I bring back their
captivity: “The LORD bless you, O

15 ^aMatt. 2:17,
18 ^bJosh.
18:25 ^cGen.
37:35 ^dJer.
10:20

16 ^a[Is. 25:8;
30:19]

17 ^aJer. 29:11

18 ^aPs. 94:12
^bLam. 5:21

19 ^aDeut. 30:2
^bEzek. 36:31

20 ^aIs. 63:15
^b[Hos. 14:4]
¹Lit. *inward*
parts

21 ^aJer. 50:5
¹Or *Return*

22 ^aJer. 2:18,
23, 36 ^bJer.
3:6, 8, 11, 12,
14, 22

23 ^aIs. 1:26
^b[Zech. 8:3]

24 ^aJer. 33:12

25 ¹fully satis-
fied

26 ^aProv. 3:24

27 ^aEzek.
36:9–11

28 ^aJer. 44:27
^bJer. 1:10; 18:7
^cJer. 24:6

29 ^aEzek. 18:2,
3

30 ^a[Gal. 6:5,
7]

31 ^aHeb. 8:8–
12; 10:16, 17

32 ^aDeut. 1:31
¹So with MT,
Tg., Vg.; LXX,
Syr. and I
turned away
from them

33 ^aJer. 32:40
^bPs. 40:8 ^cJer.
24:7; 30:22;
32:38 ¹Lit.
inward parts

34 ^a[John 6:45]
^b[Rom. 11:27]

35 ^aGen. 1:14–
18 ^bIs. 51:15
^cJer. 10:16

home of justice, and ^bmountain of
holiness!’

24 “And there shall dwell in Judah
itself, and “in all its cities together,
farmers and those going out with
flocks.

25 “For I have ¹satiated the weary
soul, and I have replenished every
sorrowful soul.”

26 After this I awoke and looked
around, and my sleep was “sweet to
me.

27 “Behold, the days are coming,
says the LORD, that “I will sow the
house of Israel and the house of
Judah with the seed of man and the
seed of beast.

28 “And it shall come to pass, *that*
as I have “watched over them ^bto
pluck up, to break down, to throw
down, to destroy, and to afflict, so I
will watch over them ^cto build and
to plant, says the LORD.

29 “In those days they shall say no
more:

‘The fathers have eaten sour
grapes,
And the children’s teeth are set
on edge.’

30 “But every one shall die for his
own iniquity; every man who eats
the sour grapes, his teeth shall be
set on edge.

A New Covenant

31 “Behold, the “days are coming,
says the LORD, when I will make a
new covenant with the house of
Israel and with the house of Judah—

32 “not according to the covenant
that I made with their fathers in the
day *that* “I took them by the hand to
lead them out of the land of Egypt,
My covenant which they broke,
“though I was a husband to them,
says the LORD.

33 “But this is the covenant that I
will make with the house of Israel
after those days, says the LORD: ^bI
will put My law in their minds, and
write it on their ¹hearts; “and I will
be their God, and they shall be My
people.

34 “No more shall every man teach
his neighbor, and every man his
brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’
for “they all shall know Me, from the
least of them to the greatest of them,
says the LORD. For ^bI will forgive
their iniquity, and their sin I will
remember no more.”

35 Thus says the LORD,
“Who gives the sun for a light
by day,
The ordinances of the moon
and the stars for a light by
night,
Who disturbs ^bthe sea,
And its waves roar
“The LORD of hosts is His
name):

36 "If those ordinances depart
From before Me, says the LORD,
Then the seed of Israel shall
also cease
From being a nation before Me
forever."

37 Thus says the LORD:

^a"If heaven above can be
measured,
And the foundations of the
earth searched out beneath,
I will also ^bcast off all the seed
of Israel
For all that they have done,
says the LORD.

38 "Behold, the days are coming,
says the LORD, that the city shall be
built for the LORD ^afrom the Tower
of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

39 ^a"The surveyor's line shall again
extend straight forward over the hill
Gareb; then it shall turn toward
Goath.

40 "And the whole valley of the
dead bodies and of the ashes, and all
the fields as far as the Brook Kidron,
^ato the corner of the Horse Gate
toward the east, ^bshall be holy to the
LORD. It shall not be plucked up or
thrown down anymore forever."

Jeremiah Buys a Field

32 The word that came to Jere-
miah from the LORD ^ain the
tenth year of Zedekiah king of
Judah, which was the eighteenth
year of Nebuchadnezzar.

2 For then the king of Babylon's
army besieged Jerusalem, and Jere-
miah the prophet was shut up ^ain
the court of the prison, which was *in*
the king of Judah's house.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had
shut him up, saying, "Why do you
^aprophecy and say, 'Thus says the
LORD: ^b"Behold, I will give this city
into the hand of the king of Baby-
lon, and he shall take it;

4 "and Zedekiah king of Judah
^ashall not escape from the hand of
the Chaldeans, but shall surely be
delivered into the hand of the king of
Babylon, and shall speak with him
¹face to face, and see him ^beye to eye;

5 "then he shall ^alead Zedekiah to
Babylon, and there he shall be ^auntil
I visit him," says the LORD; "though
you fight with the Chaldeans, you
shall not succeed"?"

6 And Jeremiah said, "The word
of the LORD came to me, saying,

7 'Behold, Hanamel the son of
Shallum your uncle will come to
you, saying, "Buy my field which is
in Anathoth, for the ^aright of
redemption is yours to buy it.'"

8 "Then Hanamel my uncle's son
came to me in the court of the prison
according to the word of the LORD,

36 ^aPs. 148:6

37 ^aJer. 33:22
^b[Rom. 11:2-5,
26, 27]

38 ^aZech.
14:10

39 ^aZech. 2:1,
2

40 ^aNeh. 3:28
^b[Joel 3:17]

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1 ^aJer. 39:1, 2

2 ^aJer. 33:1;
37:21; 39:14

3 ^aJer. 26:8, 9
^bJer. 21:3-7;
34:2

4 ^aJer. 34:3;
38:18, 23;
39:5; 52:9 ^bJer.
39:5 ¹Lit.
*mouth to
mouth*

5 ^aEzek. 12:12,
13 ^bJer. 27:22
^cJer. 21:4; 33:5

7 ^aRuth 4:4

9 ^aZech. 11:12

10 ¹Lit. *book*

12 ^aJer. 36:4
^bIs. 8:2

13 ^aJer. 36:4

15 ^a[Jer. 31:5,
12, 14]

17 ^{a2} Kin.
19:15 ^bLuke
18:27 ¹diffi-
cult

18 ^aDeut. 5:9,
10 ^b[Is. 9:6]
^cJer. 10:16

19 ^aIs. 28:29
^bProv. 5:21
^cJer. 17:10
¹deed

20 ^aIs. 63:12

21 ^aEx. 6:6

and said to me, 'Please buy my field
that is in Anathoth, which is in the
country of Benjamin; for the right of
inheritance is yours, and the redem-
ption yours; buy it for yourself.'
Then I knew that this was the word
of the LORD.

9 "So I bought the field from Han-
amel, the son of my uncle who was
in Anathoth, and ^aweighed out to
him the money—seventeen shekels
of silver.

10 "And I signed the ¹deed and
sealed it, took witnesses, and
weighed the money on the scales.

11 "So I took the purchase deed,
both that which was sealed *accord-*
ing to the law and custom, and that
which was open;

12 "and I gave the purchase deed to
^aBaruch the son of Neriah, son of
Mahseiah, in the presence of Han-
amel my uncle's son, and in the
presence of the ^bwitnesses who
signed the purchase deed, before all
the Jews who sat in the court of the
prison.

13 "Then I charged ^aBaruch before
them, saying,

14 "Thus says the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel: "Take these deeds,
both this purchase deed which is
sealed and this deed which is open,
and put them in an earthen vessel,
that they may last many days."

15 "For thus says the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel: "Houses
and fields and vineyards shall be
^a"possessed again in this land."'

Jeremiah Prays for Understanding

16 "Now when I had delivered the
purchase deed to Baruch the son of
Neriah, I prayed to the LORD, saying:
17 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, ^aYou
have made the heavens and the
earth by Your great power and out-
stretched arm. ^bThere is nothing too
¹hard for You.

18 'You show ^alovingkindness to
thousands, and repay the iniquity of
the fathers into the bosom of their
children after them—the Great, ^bthe
Mighty God, whose name is 'the
LORD of hosts.

19 'You are ^agreat in counsel and
mighty in ¹work, for Your ^beyes are
open to all the ways of the sons of
men, ^cto give everyone according to
his ways and according to the fruit
of his doings.

20 'You have set signs and wonders
in the land of Egypt, to this day, and
in Israel and among *other* men; and
You have made Yourself ^aa name, as
it is this day.

21 'You ^ahave brought Your people
Israel out of the land of Egypt with
signs and wonders, with a strong
hand and an outstretched arm, and
with great terror;

22 'You have given them this land,
of which You swore to their fathers

to give them—"a land flowing with milk and honey."

23 'And they came in and took possession of it, but "they have not obeyed Your voice or walked in Your law. They have done nothing of all that You commanded them to do; therefore You have caused all this calamity to come upon them."

24 'Look, the siege mounds! They have come to the city to take it; and the city has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of "the sword and famine and pestilence. What You have spoken has happened; there You see it!"

25 'And You have said to me, O Lord GOD, "Buy the field for money, and take witnesses!"—yet the city has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'

God's Assurance of the People's Return

26 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,
27 "Behold, I *am* the LORD, the "God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"

28 "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

29 'And the Chaldeans who fight against this city shall come and "set fire to this city and burn it, with the houses "on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger;

30 'because the children of Israel and the children of Judah "have done only evil before Me from their youth. For the children of Israel have provoked Me only to anger with the work of their hands,' says the LORD.

31 'For this city has been to Me a *provocation* of My anger and My fury from the day that they built it, even to this day; "so I will remove it from before My face

32 'because of all the evil of the children of Israel and the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger—they, their kings, their princes, their priests, "their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 'And they have turned to Me the "back, and not the face; though I taught them, "rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.

34 'But they "set their abominations in "the house which is called by My name, to defile it.

35 'And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to "cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to "Molech, "which I did not command them, nor did it

22 ^aEx. 3:8, 17

23 ^a[Neh. 9:26]

24 ^aJer. 14:12

27 ^a[Num. 16:22]

29 ^{a2} Chr. 36:19 ^bJer. 19:13

30 ^aJer. 2:7; 3:25; 7:22–26

31 ^{a2} Kin. 23:27; 24:3

32 ^aDan. 9:8 ^bJer. 23:14

33 ^aJer. 2:27; 7:24 ^bJer. 7:13

34 ^aJer. 7:10–12, 30; 23:11 ¹The temple

35 ^aJer. 7:31; 19:5 ^bLev. 18:21 ^cJer. 7:31

37 ^aDeut. 30:3 ^bJer. 33:16

38 ^a[Jer. 24:7; 30:22; 31:33]

39 ^a[Ezek. 11:19]

40 ^aIs. 55:3 ^b[Jer. 31:33]

41 ^aDeut. 30:9 ^bAmos 9:15 ¹truly

42 ^aJer. 31:28

43 ^aJer. 33:10

44 ^aJer. 17:26 ^bJer. 33:7, 11 ¹Heb. *shephelah* ²Heb. *Negev*

CHAPTER 33

1 ^aJer. 32:2, 3

2 ^aIs. 37:26 ^bEx. 15:3 ¹Heb. *YHWH*

3 ^aJer. 29:12 ¹inaccessible

4 ^aIs. 22:10

5 ^{a2} Kin. 23:14

come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.'

36 "Now therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence':

37 'Behold, I will "gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them "to dwell safely.

38 'They shall be "My people, and I will be their God;

39 'then I will "give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them.

40 'And "I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but "I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

41 'Yes, "I will rejoice over them to do them good, and "I will "assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.'

42 "For thus says the LORD: "Just as I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them.

43 'And fields will be bought in this land "of which you say, "*It is desolate, without man or beast; it has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans.*"

44 'Men will buy fields for money, sign deeds and seal *them*, and take witnesses, in "the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the "lowland, and in the cities of the "South; for "I will cause their captives to return," says the LORD.'

Excellence of the Restored Nation

33 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still "shut up in the court of the prison, saying,
2 "Thus says the LORD "who made it, the LORD who formed it to establish it "the! LORD is His name):

3 "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and "mighty things, which you do not know.'

4 "For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah, which have been pulled down to *fortify* against "the siege mounds and the sword:

5 'They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *only* to "fill their places with the dead bodies of men whom I will slay in My anger and My fury, all for whose wickedness I have hidden My face from this city.

6 'Behold, ^aI will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 'And ^aI will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places ^bas at the first.

8 'I will ^acleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me.

9 'Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall ^bfear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.'

10 "Thus says the LORD: 'Again there shall be heard in this place—^aof which you say, "It is desolate, without man and without beast"—in the cities of Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast,

11 'the ^avoice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say:

^b"Praise the LORD of hosts,
For the LORD is good,
For His mercy endures
forever"—

and of those who will bring "the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first," says the LORD.

12 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: ^a"In this place which is desolate, without man and without beast, and in all its cities, there shall again be a dwelling place of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

13 ^a"In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the South, in the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall again ^bpass under the hands of him who counts *them*," says the LORD.

14 ^a"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, 'that ^bI will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

16 In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely.

6 ^aJer. 30:17

7 ^aJer. 30:3;
32:44 ^bIs. 1:26

8 ^aZech. 13:1

9 ^aIs. 62:7 ^bIs. 60:5

10 ^aJer. 32:43

11 ^aRev. 18:23
^bIs. 12:4 ^cLev. 7:12

12 ^aIs. 65:10

13 ^aJer. 17:26;
32:44 ^bLev. 27:33

14 ^aJer. 23:5;
31:27, 31 ^bJer. 29:10; 32:42

15 ^aJer. 23:5

16 ¹Heb.
YHWH Tsid-
kenu; cf. Jer. 23:5, 6

17 ^a2 Sam. 7:16

18 ^aEzek. 44:15 ^b[1 Pet. 2:5, 9] ¹burn

21 ^a2 Sam. 23:5; Ps. 89:34

22 ^aGen. 15:5;
22:17 ^bJer. 30:19 ^cIs. 66:21

24 ^aEsth. 3:6-8

25 ^aGen. 8:22
^bPs. 74:16;
104:19

26 ^aJer. 31:37
^bRom. 11:1, 2

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1 ^a2 Kin. 25:1
^bJer. 1:15; 25:9

2 ^a2 Chr. 36:11, 12 ^bJer. 21:10; 32:3, 28

3 ^a2 Kin. 25:4,
5

And this is the name by which she will be called:

'THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

17 "For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never ^alack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

18 'nor shall the ^apriests, the Levites, lack a man to ^boffer burnt offerings before Me, to ¹kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'

The Permanence of God's Covenant

19 And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

20 "Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season,

21 'then ^a"My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers.

22 'As ^a"the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I ^bmultiply the descendants of David My servant and the ^cLevites who minister to Me.'

23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 "Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the LORD has chosen, He has also cast them off? Thus they have ^adespised My people, as if they should no more be a nation before them.

25 "Thus says the LORD: 'If ^a"My covenant is not with day and night, and if I have not ^bappointed the ordinances of heaven and earth,

26 ^a"then I will ^bcast away the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, so that I will not take *any* of his descendants to be rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their captives to return, and will have mercy on them.'

Zedekiah Warned by God

34 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, "when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army, ^ball the kingdoms of the earth under his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem and all its cities, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Go and ^aspeak to Zedekiah king of Judah and tell him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, ^bI will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

3 'And ^ayou shall not escape from his hand, but shall surely be taken and delivered into his hand; your

eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, he shall speak with you ^{face} to face, and you shall go to Babylon.”

4 “Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the LORD concerning you: ‘You shall not die by the sword.

5 ‘You shall die in peace; as in the ceremonies of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, ^{so} they shall burn *incense* for you and lament for you, *saying*, “Alas, lord!” For I have pronounced the word, says the LORD.’”

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

7 when the king of Babylon’s army fought against Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and Azekah; for only ^{these} fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

Treacherous Treatment of Slaves

8 *This* is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem to proclaim ^{liberty} to them:

9 “that every man should set free his male and female slave—a Hebrew man or woman—that no one should keep a Jewish brother in bondage.

10 Now when all the princes and all the people, who had entered into the covenant, heard that everyone should set free his male and female slaves, that no one should keep them in bondage anymore, they obeyed and let *them* go.

11 But afterward they changed their minds and made the male and female slaves return, whom they had set free, and brought them into subjection as male and female slaves.

12 Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,

14 “At the end of seven years let every man set free his Hebrew brother, who has been sold to him; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you.” But your fathers did not obey Me nor incline their ear.

15 ‘Then you recently turned and did what was right in My sight—every man proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and you made a covenant before Me ⁱⁿ the house which is called by My name.

16 ‘Then you turned around and profaned My name, and every one of you brought back his male and female slaves, whom you had set at

3 ^bJer. 32:4; 39:5, 6 ¹Lit. *mouth to mouth*

5 ^{a2} Chr. 16:14; 21:19 ^bDan. 2:46 ^cJer. 22:18

7 ^{a2} Kin. 18:13; 19:8

8 ^aEx. 21:2

9 ^aNeh. 5:11 ^bLev. 25:39–46

13 ^aEx. 24:3, 7, 8

14 ^aDeut. 15:12 ¹Or *sold himself*

15 ^aNeh. 10:29 ^bJer. 7:10 ¹Lit. *today*

16 ^aEx. 20:7

17 ^a[Matt. 7:2] ^bJer. 32:24, 36 ^cDeut. 28:25, 64

18 ^aGen. 15:10, 17

19 ¹Or *officers*

20 ^aJer. 22:25 ^bJer. 7:33; 16:4; 19:7

21 ^aJer. 37:5–11; 39:4–7

22 ^aJer. 37:8, 10 ^bJer. 38:3; 39:1, 2, 8; 52:7, 13 ^cJer. 9:11; 44:2, 6

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2 ^{a1} Chr. 2:55 ^{b1} Kin. 6:5, 8

4 ^{a1} Chr. 9:18, 19 ¹Lit. *threshold*

6 ^{a2} Kin. 10:15, 23

liberty, at their pleasure, and brought them back into subjection, to be your male and female slaves.”

17 “Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother and every one to his neighbor. Behold, I proclaim liberty to you,’ says the LORD—to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine! And I will deliver you to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 ‘And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it—

19 ‘the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf—

20 ‘I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. Their dead bodies shall be for meat for the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the earth.

21 ‘And I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes into the hand of their enemies, into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon’s army which has gone back from you.

22 ‘Behold, I will command,’ says the LORD, ‘and cause them to return to this city. They will fight against it and take it and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant.’”

The Obedient Rechabites

35 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 “Go to the house of the Rechabites, speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.”

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, his brothers and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites,

4 and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door.

5 Then I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, “Drink wine.”

6 But they said, “We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us,

saying, 'You shall drink ^bno wine, you nor your sons, forever.

7 'You shall not build a house, sow seed, plant a vineyard, nor have *any of these*; but all your days you shall dwell in tents, ^athat you may live many days in the land where you are sojourners.'

8 "Thus we have ^aobeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters,

9 "nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; nor do we have vineyard, field, or seed.

10 "But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 "But it came to pass, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, 'Come, let us ^ago to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and for fear of the army of the Syrians.' So we dwell at Jerusalem."

12 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,

13 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not ^areceive instruction to ^bobey My words?" says the LORD.

14 "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; for to this day they drink none, and obey their father's commandment. ^aBut although I have spoken to you, ^brising early and speaking, you did not ^bobey Me.

15 "I have also sent to you all My ^aservants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, ^b"Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will ^adwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers.' But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me.

16 "Surely the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their ^afather, which he commanded them, but this people has not obeyed Me."

17 "Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the doom that I have pronounced against them; ^abecause I have spoken to them but they have not heard, and I have called to them but they have not answered.' "

18 And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts and done

6 ^bLuke 1:15

7 ^aEx. 20:12

8 ^a[Col. 3:20]

11 ^aJer. 4:5-7; 8:14

13 ^aJer. 6:10; 17:23; 32:33
¹*listen to*

14 ^{a2} Chr. 36:15 ^bJer. 7:13; 25:3
¹*listen to*

15 ^aJer. 26:4, 5; 29:19 ^bJer. 18:11; 25:5, 6
^cJer. 7:7; 25:3, 6

16 ^a[Heb. 12:9]

17 ^aProv. 1:24

19 ^aJer. 15:19

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1 ^aJer. 25:1, 3; 45:1

2 ^aZech. 5:1
^bJer. 30:2 ^cJer. 25:15 ^dJer. 25:3

3 ^aJer. 26:3
^bJon. 3:8

4 ^aJer. 32:12
^bJer. 45:1 ¹Lit. *from Jeremiah's mouth*

6 ^aActs 27:9
¹Lit. *from my mouth*

10 ^aJer. 26:10
¹Lit. *ears*

according to all that he commanded you,

19 'therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to ^astand before Me forever.' "

The Scroll Read in the Temple

36 Now it came to pass in the ^afourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, *that* this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:

2 "Take a ^ascroll of a book and ^bwrite on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against ^aall the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of ^aJosiah even to this day.

3 "It ^amay be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may ^bturn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

4 Then Jeremiah ^acalled Baruch the son of Neriah; and ^bBaruch wrote on a scroll of a book, ¹at the instruction of Jeremiah, all the words of the LORD which He had spoken to him.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I *am* confined, I cannot go into the house of the LORD.

6 "You go, therefore, and read from the scroll which you have written ¹at my instruction, the words of the LORD, in the hearing of the people in the LORD's house on ^athe day of fasting. And you shall also read them in the hearing of all Judah who come from their cities.

7 "It may be that they will present their supplication before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way. For great is the anger and the fury that the LORD has pronounced against this people."

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

10 Then Baruch read from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court at the ^aentry of the New Gate of the LORD's house, in the ¹hearing of all the people.

The Scroll Read in the Palace

11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the LORD from the book,

12 he then went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber; and there all the princes were sitting—"Elishama the scribe, Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, ^bElnathan the son of Achbor, Gemariah the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

13 Then Michaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the hearing of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cush, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read in the hearing of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them.

15 And they said to him, "Sit down now, and read it in our hearing." So Baruch read it in their hearing.

16 Now it happened, when they had heard all the words, that they looked in fear from one to another, and said to Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words."

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now, how did you write all these words—"at his instruction?"

18 So Baruch answered them, "He proclaimed with his mouth all these words to me, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book."

19 Then the princes said to Baruch, "Go and hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no one know where you are."

The King Destroys Jeremiah's Scroll

20 And they went to the king, into the court; but they stored the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the hearing of the king.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to bring the scroll, and he took it from Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king.

22 Now the king was sitting in "the winter house in the ninth month, with a fire burning on the hearth before him.

23 And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, *that the king* cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor did they "tear their garments, the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words.

25 Nevertheless Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah implored the king not to burn the scroll; but he would not listen to them.

26 And the king commanded Jerah-

12 ^aJer. 41:1
^bJer. 26:22

17 ¹Lit. *with his mouth*

22 ^aJudg. 3:20;
Amos 3:15

24 ^a[Ps. 36:1];
Jer. 36:16
^bGen. 37:29,
34; 2 Sam.
11:11; 1 Kin.
21:27; 2 Kin.
19:1, 2; 22:11;
Is. 36:22; 37:1;
Jon. 3:6

26 ¹Or *son of Hammelech*

27 ¹Lit. *from Jeremiah's mouth*

29 ^aJer. 32:3
^bJer. 25:9-11;
26:9

30 ^aJer. 22:30
^bJer. 22:19

31 ¹Lit. *seed*

32 ¹Lit. *from Jeremiah's mouth*

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1 ^{a2} Kin.
24:17; 1 Chr.
3:15; 2 Chr.
36:10; Jer.
22:24

2 ^{a2} Kin.
24:19, 20;
2 Chr.
36:12-16;
[Prov. 29:12]

3 ^aJer. 21:1, 2;
29:25; 52:24
^{b1} Kin. 13:6;
Jer. 42:2; Acts
8:24

5 ^{a2} Kin. 24:7;
Jer. 37:7;
Ezek. 17:15

meel "the king's son. Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them.

Jeremiah Rewrites the Scroll

27 Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words which Baruch had written ¹at the instruction of Jeremiah, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying:

28 "Take yet another scroll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

29 "And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, 'Thus says the LORD: "You have burned this scroll, saying, "Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and cause man and beast to ^bcease from here?" "

30 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: "He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be ^bcast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night.

31 "I will punish him, his ¹family, and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah all the doom that I have pronounced against them; but they did not heed."

32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it ¹at the instruction of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And besides, there were added to them many similar words.

Zedekiah's Vain Hope

37 Now King "Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 "But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land gave heed to the words of the LORD which He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and "Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ^b"Pray now to the LORD our God for us."

4 Now Jeremiah was coming and going among the people, for they had not yet put him in prison.

5 Then "Pharaoh's army came up from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

6 Then the word of the LORD came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD, the God of

Israel, "Thus you shall say to the king of Judah, 'who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: "Behold, Pharaoh's army which has come up to help you will return to Egypt, to their own land.

8 "And the Chaldeans shall come back and fight against this city, and take it and burn it with fire."

9 "Thus says the LORD: 'Do not deceive yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans will surely depart from us," for they will not depart.

10 "For though you had defeated the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained only wounded men among them, they would rise up, every man in his tent, and burn the city with fire."

Jeremiah Imprisoned

11 And it happened, when the army of the Chaldeans left the siege of Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

12 that Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin to claim his property there among the people.

13 And when he was in the Gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there whose name was Irijah the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "You are defecting to the Chaldeans!"

14 Then Jeremiah said, "False! I am not defecting to the Chaldeans." But he did not listen to him. So Irijah seized Jeremiah and brought him to the princes.

15 Therefore the princes were angry with Jeremiah, and they struck him "and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made that the prison.

16 When Jeremiah entered the dungeon and the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days,

17 then Zedekiah the king sent and took him out. The king asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there any word from the LORD?" And Jeremiah said, "There is." Then he said, "You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon!"

18 Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, "What offense have I committed against you, against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?

19 "Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, 'The king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land'?

20 "Therefore please hear now, O my lord the king. Please, let my petition be accepted before you, and do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there."

21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah to the court of the prison,

7 ^aIs. 36:6; Jer. 21:2; Ezek. 17:17

8 ^a2 Chr. 36:19; Jer. 34:22

10 ^aLev. 26:36-38; Is. 30:17; Jer. 21:4, 5

14 ^{1a} lie

15 ^aJer. 20:2; [Matt. 21:35] ^bGen. 39:20; 2 Chr. 16:10; 18:26; Jer. 38:26; Acts 5:18

16 ^aJer. 38:6

17 ^a2 Kin. 25:4-7; Jer. 21:7; Ezek. 12:12, 13; 17:19-21

21 ^aJer. 32:2; 38:13, 28 ^b2 Kin. 25:3; Jer. 38:9; 52:6

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1 ^aJer. 37:3 ^bJer. 21:1 ^cJer. 21:8 ^dJehucal, Jer. 37:3

2 ^aJer. 21:9

3 ^aJer. 21:10; 32:3 ^bJer. 34:2

4 ^aJer. 26:11 ¹Is discouraging ²Well-being; lit. peace

6 ^aJer. 37:21; Lam. 3:55 ¹Or son of Hammelech

7 ^aJer. 39:16 ¹Or officers

9 ^aJer. 37:21

and that they should give him daily a piece of bread from the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was gone. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

Jeremiah in the Dungeon

38 Now Shephatiah the son of Mattan, Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, ^aJucal¹ the son of Shelemiah, and ^bPashhur the son of Malchiah heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD: 'He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; but he who goes over to the Chaldeans shall live; his life shall be as a prize to him, and he shall live.'

3 "Thus says the LORD: 'This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.'

4 Therefore the princes said to the king, "Please, let this man be put to death, for thus he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man does not seek the ²welfare of this people, but their harm."

5 Then Zedekiah the king said, "Look, he is in your hand. For the king can do nothing against you."

6 "So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the king's son, which was in the court of the prison, and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire. So Jeremiah sank in the mire.

7 "Now Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon. When the king was sitting at the Gate of Benjamin,

8 Ebed-Melech went out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying:

9 "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon, and he is likely to die from hunger in the place where he is. For there is no more bread in the city."

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take from here thirty men with you, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon before he dies."

11 So Ebed-Melech took the men with him and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took from there old clothes and old rags, and let them down by ropes into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 Then Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Please put these old clothes and rags under your arm-

pits, under the ropes." And Jeremiah did so.

13 So they pulled Jeremiah up with ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

Zedekiah's Fears and Jeremiah's Advice

14 Then Zedekiah the king sent and had Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at the third entrance of the house of the LORD. And the king said to Jeremiah, "I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me."

15 Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

16 So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, "As the LORD lives, who made our very souls, I will not put you to death, nor will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life."

17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'If you surely surrender¹ to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul shall live; this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live.

18 'But if you do not surrender to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans; they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.'

19 And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who have defected to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they abuse me."

20 But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver you. Please, obey the voice of the LORD which I speak to you. So it shall be 'well with you, and your soul shall live.

21 "But if you refuse to surrender, this is the word that the LORD has shown me:

22 'Now behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house shall be surrendered to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say:

"Your close friends have set upon you
And prevailed against you;
Your feet have sunk in the mire,
And they have turned away again."

23 'So they shall surrender all your wives and children to the Chaldeans. You shall not escape from their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon. And you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.'

24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah,

13 ^aNeh. 3:25; Jer. 37:21; Acts 23:35; 24:27; 28:16, 30

14 ^aJer. 21:1, 2; 37:17

16 ^aNum. 16:22; Is. 57:16; Zech. 12:1; [Acts 17:25, 28]

17 ^{a2} Kin. 24:12 ^bJer. 39:3 ¹Lit. go out

18 ^aJer. 32:4; 34:3 ¹Lit. go out

19 ^aJer. 39:9 ^{b1} Sam. 31:4

20 ^aJer. 40:9

21 ¹Lit. go out

22 ^aJer. 8:10 ¹Or misted ²Deserted you

23 ^aJer. 39:6; 41:10 ^bJer. 39:5

26 ^aJer. 37:20 ^bJer. 37:15

28 ^a[Ps. 23:4]; Jer. 37:21; 39:14

CHAPTER 39

1 ^{a2} Kin. 25:1-12; Jer. 52:4; Ezek. 24:1, 2

2 ^aJer. 1:3 ¹city wall was breached

3 ^aJer. 1:15; 38:17 ^{1A} title, probably *Chief Officer*; also v. 13 ^{2A} title, probably *Troop Commander*; also v. 13

4 ^{a2} Kin. 25:4; Is. 30:16; Jer. 52:7; Amos 2:14 ¹Or *Arabah*; the Jordan Valley

5 ^aJer. 21:7; 32:4; 38:18, 23 ^{b2} Kin. 23:33; Jer. 52:9, 26, 27

6 ^aDeut. 28:34 ^bJer. 34:19-21

7 ^{a2} Kin. 25:7; Jer. 52:11; Ezek. 12:13 ¹chains

8 ^{a2} Kin. 25:9; Jer. 38:18; 52:13 ^bJer. 21:10 ^{c2} Kin. 25:10; Neh. 1:3; Jer. 52:14

9 ^{a2} Kin. 25:8, 11, 12, 20

"Let no one know of these words, and you shall not die.

25 "But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you, 'Declare to us now what you have said to the king, and also what the king said to you; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death,'

26 "then you shall say to them, 'I presented my request before the king, that he would not make me return to Jonathan's house to die there.'"

27 Then all the princes came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they stopped speaking with him, for the conversation had not been heard.

28 Now Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken. And he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

The Fall of Jerusalem

39 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the city was penetrated.

3 Then all the princes of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the Middle Gate: Nergal-Sharezer, Samgar-Nebo, Sarsechim, Rabaris, Nergal-Sarezer, Rabmag, with the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 So it was, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, that they fled and went out of the city by night, by way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went out by way of the plain.

5 But the Chaldean army pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. And when they had captured him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he pronounced judgment on him.

6 Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes in Riblah; the king of Babylon also killed all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive to Babylon the remnant of the people who remained in the city and those

who ^bdefected to him, with the rest of the people who remained.
 10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left in the land of Judah the "poor people, who had nothing, and gave them vineyards and fields ¹at the same time.

Jeremiah Goes Free

11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,

12 "Take him and look after him, and do him no "harm; but do to him just as he says to you."

13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent Nebushasban, Rab-saris, Nergal-Sharezzer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's chief officers;

14 then they sent *someone* ^ato take Jeremiah from the court of the prison, and committed him ^bto Gedaliah the son of "Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should take him home. So he dwelt among the people.

15 Meanwhile the word of the LORD had come to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 "Go and speak to "Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, ^bI will bring My words upon this city for adversity and not for good, and they shall be *performed* in that day before you.

17 "But I will deliver you in that day," says the LORD, "and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you *are* afraid.

18 "For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword; but ^ayour life shall be as a prize to you, ^bbecause you have put your trust in Me," says the LORD.' "

Jeremiah with Gedaliah the Governor

40 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD "after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him bound in chains among all who were carried away captive from Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon.

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah and "said to him: "The LORD your God has pronounced this doom on this place.

3 "Now the LORD has brought it, and has done just as He said. "Because you *people* have sinned against the LORD, and not obeyed His voice, therefore this thing has come upon you.

4 "And now look, I free you this day from the chains that ¹were on your hand. "If it seems good to you to come with me to Babylon, come,

9 ^bJer. 38:19

10 ^aJer. 40:7
¹Lit. on that day

12 ^aJer. 1:18,
 19; 15:20, 21

14 ^aJer. 38:28
^bJer. 40:5
^c2 Kin. 22:12,
 14; 2 Chr.
 34:20; Jer.
 26:24

16 ^aJer. 38:7,
 12 ^bJer. 21:10;
 [Dan. 9:12;
 Zech. 1:6]

18 ^aJer. 21:9;
 45:5 ^b1 Chr.
 5:20; Ps.
 37:40; [Jer.
 17:7, 8]

CHAPTER 40

1 ^aJer. 39:9, 11

2 ^aJer. 50:7

3 ^aDeut. 29:24,
 25; Jer. 50:7;
 Dan. 9:11;
 [Rom. 2:5]

4 ^aJer. 39:12
^bGen. 20:15
¹Or *are*

5 ^aJer. 39:14
²2 Kin. 25:22;
 Jer. 41:10

6 ^aJer. 39:14
^bJudg. 20:1;
 1 Sam. 7:5;
 2 Chr. 16:6

7 ^a2 Kin.
 25:23, 24 ^bJer.
 39:10

8 ^aJer. 41:1-10
^bJer. 41:11;
 43:2 ^cJer. 42:1
^dDeut. 3:14;
 Josh. 12:5;
 2 Sam. 10:6
¹Jaazaniah,
 2 Kin. 25:23

9 ^aJer. 27:11;
 38:17-20

12 ^aJer. 43:5

14 ^aJer. 41:10
¹Or *Certainly*
you know
that

and I will look after you. But if it seems wrong for you to come with me to Babylon, remain here. See, ^ball the land is before you; wherever it seems good and convenient for you to go, go there."

5 Now while Jeremiah had not yet gone back, *Nebuzaradan said*, "Go back to "Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ^bwhom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people. Or go wherever it seems convenient for you to go." So the captain of the guard gave him rations and a gift and let him go.

6 "Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, to ^bMizpah, and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land.

7 "And when all the captains of the armies who *were* in the fields, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, women, children, and ^bthe poorest of the land who had not been carried away captive to Babylon,

8 then they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah—"Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, ^bJohanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and "Jezaniah¹ the son of a "Maachathite, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, took an oath before them and their men, saying, "Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be ^awell with you.

10 "As for me, I will indeed dwell at Mizpah and serve the Chaldeans who come to us. But you, gather wine and summer fruit and oil, put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken."

11 Likewise, when all the Jews who *were* in Moab, among the Ammonites, in Edom, and who *were* in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,

12 then all the Jews ^areturned out of all places where they had been driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruit in abundance.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields came to Gedaliah at Mizpah,

14 and said to him, ¹"Do you certainly know that "Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to murder you?"

But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah, saying, "Let me go, please, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no one will know it. Why should he murder you, so that all the Jews who are gathered to you would be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?"

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall not do this thing, for you speak falsely concerning Ishmael."

Insurrection Against Gedaliah

41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal ¹family and of the officers of the king, came with ten men to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, at ²Mizpah. And there they ate bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him, arose and ³struck Gedaliah the son of ⁴Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword, and killed him whom the king of Babylon had made ⁵governor over the land.

3 Ishmael also struck down all the Jews who were with him, *that is*, with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

4 And it happened, on the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, when as yet no one knew it,

5 that certain men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men ⁶with their beards shaved and their clothes torn, having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to ⁷the house of the LORD.

6 Now Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he went along; and it happened as he met them that he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam!"

7 So it was, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah ⁸killed them and *cast them* into the midst of a ⁹pit, he and the men who were with him.

8 But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, "Do not kill us, for we have treasures of wheat, barley, oil, and honey in the field." So he desisted and did not kill them among their brethren.

9 Now the ¹⁰pit into which Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain, because of Gedaliah, was ¹¹the same one Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel. Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *the* slain.

10 Then Ishmael carried away cap-

15 ^aJer. 42:2

CHAPTER 41

1 ^{a2} Kin. 25:25

^bJer. 40:6, 10

¹Lit. *seed*

2 ^{a2} Sam. 3:27;

20:9, 10;

2 Kin. 25:25;

Ps. 41:9;

109:5; John

13:18 ^bJer.

26:24 ^cJer.

40:5

5 ^aLev. 19:27;

28; Deut. 14:1;

Is. 15:2

^{b1} Sam. 1:7;

2 Kin. 25:9;

Neh. 10:34, 35

7 ^aPs. 55:23;

Is. 59:7; Ezek.

22:27; 33:24;

26 ¹Or *cistern*

9 ^{a1} Kin.

15:22; 2 Chr.

16:6 ¹Or *cis-*

tern

10 ^aJer. 40:11.

12 ^bJer. 43:6

^cJer. 40:7 ^dJer.

40:14

11 ^aJer. 40:7, 8,

13-16

12 ^{a2} Sam.

2:13

16 ^aJer. 40:11,

12; 43:4-7

17 ^{a2} Sam.

19:37, 38 ^bJer.

43:7

18 ^aJer. 40:5

CHAPTER 42

1 ^aJer. 40:8, 13;

41:11

2 ^aJer. 15:11

^bEx. 8:28;

1 Sam. 7:8;

12:19; 1 Kin.

13:6; Is. 37:4;

Jer. 37:3; Acts

8:24; [James

5:16] ^cLev.

26:22; Deut.

28:62; Is. 1:9;

Lam. 1:1

3 ^aEzra 8:21

tive all the ^arest of the people who were in Mizpah, ^bthe king's daughters and all the people who remained in Mizpah, ^cwhom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive and departed to go over to ^dthe Ammonites.

11 But when ^eJohanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that were with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

12 they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah; and they found him by ^fthe great pool that is in Gibeon.

13 So it was, when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, that they were glad.

14 Then all the people whom Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, took from Mizpah all the ^grest of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah after he had murdered Gedaliah the son of Ahikam—the mighty men of war and the women and the children and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon.

17 And they departed and dwelt in the habitation of ^hChimham, which is near Bethlehem, as they went on their way to ⁱEgypt.

18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had murdered Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, ^jwhom the king of Babylon had made governor in the land.

The Flight to Egypt Forbidden

42 Now all the captains of the forces, ^kJohanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people, from the least to the greatest, came near

2 and said to Jeremiah the prophet, ^l"Please, let our petition be acceptable to you, and ^mpray for us to the LORD your God, for all this remnant (since we are left *but* ⁿa few of many, as you can see),

3 "that the LORD your God may show us ^othe way in which we should walk and the thing we should do."

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard. Indeed, I will pray to the LORD your God according to your words, and it shall be, *that*

“whatever the LORD answers you, I will declare it to you. I will ^bkeep nothing back from you.”

5 So they said to Jeremiah, “Let the LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not do according to everything which the LORD your God sends us by you.

6 “Whether it is ¹pleasing or ²displeasing, we will ^aobey the voice of the LORD our God to whom we send you, ^bthat it may be well with us when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.”

7 And it happened after ten days that the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.

8 Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, all the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 and said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him:

10 ‘If you will still remain in this land, then ^aI will build you and not pull you down, and I will plant you and not pluck you up. For I ^arelent concerning the disaster that I have brought upon you.

11 ‘Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid of him,’ says the LORD, “for I am with you, to save you and deliver you from his hand.

12 ‘And ^aI will show you mercy, that he may have mercy on you and cause you to return to your own land.’

13 “But if ^ayou say, ‘We will not dwell in this land,’ disobeying the voice of the LORD your God,

14 “saying, ‘No, but we will go to the land of ^aEgypt where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor be hungry for bread, and there we will dwell’—

15 “Then hear now the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah! Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘If you ^awholly ¹set ^byour faces to enter Egypt, and go to dwell there, 16 “then it shall be *that* the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; the famine of which you were afraid shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there you shall die.

17 ‘So shall it be with all the men who set their faces to go to Egypt to dwell there. They shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. And ^anone of them shall remain or escape from the disaster that I will bring upon them.’

18 “For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘As My anger and My fury have been ^apoured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so will My fury be poured out on you when you enter Egypt. And ^byou shall be an oath, an astonishment, a curse,

4 ^a1 Kin. 22:14
^b1 Sam. 3:17, 18

5 ^aGen. 31:50

6 ^aEx. 24:7
^bJer. 7:23 ¹Lit. good ²Lit. evil

10 ^aJer. 24:6; 31:28; 33:7
^b[Jer. 18:8]

11 ^aRom. 8:31

12 ^aPs. 106:46

13 ^aJer. 44:16

14 ^aJer. 41:17; 43:7

15 ^aDeut. 17:16 ^bLuke 9:51 ¹Or surely

16 ^aEzek. 11:8

17 ^aJer. 44:14, 28

18 ^aJer. 7:20
^bIs. 65:15

19 ^aDeut. 17:16 ¹warned

20 ¹Lit. used deceit against your souls

21 ^aIs. 30:1–7

22 ^aEzek. 6:11

CHAPTER 43

1 ^aJer. 42:9–18

2 ^aJer. 42:1

3 ^aJer. 36:4; 45:1 ¹Or incited

4 ^a2 Kin. 25:26

5 ^aJer. 40:11, 12

6 ^aJer. 41:10
^bJer. 39:10; 40:7

7 ^aJer. 42:19
^bJer. 2:16; 44:1

8 ^aJer. 44:1–30

9 ¹Or mortar

and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.’

19 “The LORD has said concerning you, O remnant of Judah, “Do not go to Egypt!” Know certainly that I have ¹admonished you this day.

20 “For you ¹were hypocrites in your hearts when you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, ‘Pray for us to the LORD our God, and according to all that the LORD your God says, so declare to us and we will do it.’

21 “And I have this day declared it to you, but you have ^anot obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, or anything which He has sent you by me.

22 “Now therefore, know certainly that you ^ashall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence in the place where you desire to go to dwell.”

Jeremiah Taken to Egypt

43 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had stopped speaking to all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, all these words,

2 “that Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah, “You speak falsely! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, ‘Do not go to Egypt to dwell there.’

3 “But ^aBaruch the son of Neriah has ¹set you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death or carry us away captive to Babylon.”

4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, all the captains of the forces, and all the people would ^anot obey the voice of the LORD, to remain in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces took ^aall the remnant of Judah who had returned to dwell in the land of Judah, from all nations where they had been driven—

6 men, women, children, ^athe king’s daughters, ^band every person whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah.

7 “So they went to the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of the LORD. And they went as far as ^bTahpanhes.

8 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 “Take large stones in your hand, and hide them in the sight of the men of Judah, in the ¹clay in the brick courtyard which is at the entrance to Pharaoh’s house in Tahpanhes;

10 “and say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Behold, I will send and bring Nebu-

chadnezzar the king of Babylon, "My servant, and will set his throne above these stones that I have hidden. And he will spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 "When he comes, he shall strike the land of Egypt *and deliver to death those appointed for death, and to captivity those appointed for captivity, and to the sword those appointed for the sword.*

12 "I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt, and he shall burn them and carry them away captive. And he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment, and he shall go out from there in peace.

13 "He shall also break the *sacred pillars of Beth Shemesh that are in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians he shall burn with fire.*" "

Israelites Will Be Punished in Egypt

44 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who dwell in the land of Egypt, who dwell at Migdol, at Tahpanhes, at Noph,¹ and in the country of Pathros, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'You have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and on all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are a desolation, and no one dwells in them,

3 'because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense and to serve other gods whom they did not know, they nor you nor your fathers.

4 'However I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, "Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate!"

5 'But they did not listen or incline their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods.

6 "So My fury and My anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they were wasted and desolate, as it is this day."

7 "Now therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Why do you commit this great evil against yourselves, to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, out of Judah, leaving none to remain,

8 'in that you provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have gone to dwell, that you may cut yourselves off and be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 'Have you forgotten the wicked-

ness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 "They have not been humbled,¹ to this day, nor have they feared; they have not walked in My law or in My statutes that I set before you and your fathers."

11 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will set My face against you for catastrophe and for cutting off all Judah.

12 "And I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to dwell there, and they shall all be consumed and fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be consumed by the sword and by famine. They shall die, from the least to the greatest, by the sword and by famine; and they shall be an oath, an astonishment, a curse and a reproach!"

13 "For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence,

14 'so that none of the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there shall escape or survive, lest they return to the land of Judah, to which they desire¹ to return and dwell. For none shall return except those who escape.'

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, with all the women who stood by, a great multitude, and all the people who dwell in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying:

16 "As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we will not listen to you!"

17 "But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble.

18 "But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine."

19 The women also said, "And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands' permission?"

20 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the

10 ^aJer. 25:9; 27:6
11 ^aJer. 25:15-19; 44:13; 46:1, 2, 13-26
^bJer. 15:2
12 ^aJer. 46:25
¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Syr., Vg. He
13 ¹Lit. *House of the Sun*, ancient On, later called Heliopolis
CHAPTER 44
1 ^aJer. 46:14
^bJer. 43:7
^cIs. 19:13
^dEzek. 29:14; 30:14
¹Ancient Memphis
2 ^aJer. 4:7; 9:11; 34:22
3 ^aJer. 19:4
^bDeut. 13:6; 32:17
4 ^aJer. 7:25; 25:4; 26:5; 29:19
6 ¹Or *became a ruin*
7 ^aNum. 16:38
8 ^aJer. 25:6, 7; 44:3
^bJer. 42:18
10 ^aJer. 6:15; 8:12
^bProv. 28:14
¹Lit. *crushed*
11 ^aAmos 9:4
¹destroying
12 ^aJer. 42:15-17, 22
^bIs. 65:15
13 ^aJer. 43:11
14 ^aJer. 22:26; 27
^bJer. 44:28
¹Lit. *lift up their soul*
16 ^aJer. 6:16
17 ^aNum. 30:12
^bJer. 7:18
¹Lit. *bread*
19 ^aJer. 7:18

people—the men, the women, and all the people who had given him *that* answer—saying:

21 “The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and did it *not* come into His mind?

22 “So the LORD could no longer bear it, because of the evil of your doings *and* because of the abominations which you committed. Therefore your land is a desolation, an astonishment, a curse, and without an inhabitant, *as it is* this day.

23 “Because you have burned incense and because you have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD or walked in His law, in His statutes or in His testimonies, *therefore* this calamity has happened to you, *as at* this day.”

24 Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people and to all the women, “Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt!

25 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: ‘You and your wives have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled with your hands, saying, “We will surely keep our vows that we have made, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her.” You will surely keep your vows and perform your vows!’

26 “Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: ‘Behold, *¶* I have sworn by My *¶* great name,’ says the LORD, ‘that *¶* My name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, “The Lord God lives.”’

27 ‘Behold, I will watch over them for adversity and not for good. And all the men of Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt *¶* shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, until there is an end to them.

28 ‘Yet *¶* a small number who escape the sword shall return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone to the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose words will stand, Mine or theirs.’

29 ‘And this *shall be* a sign to you,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that My words will surely *¶* stand against you for adversity.’

30 “Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, *¶* I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those who seek his life, as I gave *¶* Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy who sought his life.’”

22 ^aJer. 25:11, 18, 38

23 ^{a1} Kin. 9:9; Neh. 13:18; Jer. 44:2; Dan. 9:11, 12

26 ^aGen. 22:16; Deut. 32:40, 41; Jer. 22:5; Amos 6:8; Heb. 6:13 ^bJer. 10:6 ^cNeh. 9:5; Ps. 50:16; Ezek. 20:39

27 ^aJer. 1:10; 31:28; Ezek. 7:6

28 ^aIs. 10:19; 27:12, 13

29 ^a[Ps. 33:11]

30 ^aJer. 46:25, 26; Ezek. 29:3; 30:21 ^{b2} Kin. 25:4–7; Jer. 39:5

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1 ^aJer. 36:1, 4, 32 ^bJer. 32:12, 16; 43:3 ^cJer. 25:1; 36:1; 46:2 ¹Lit. *from Jeremiah's mouth*

3 ^aPs. 6:6; 69:3; [2 Cor. 4:1, 16; Gal. 6:9]

4 ^aIs. 5:5; Jer. 1:10; 11:17; 18:7–10; 31:28

5 ^aJer. 25:26 ^bJer. 21:9; 38:2; 39:18

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1 ^aJer. 25:15

2 ^aJer. 25:17–19; Ezek. 29:2—32:32 ^{b2} Kin. 23:33–35 ^{c2} Kin. 23:29; 24:7; 2 Chr. 35:20 ^aJer. 45:1

3 ¹Set in order ²A small shield

4 ^aIs. 21:5; Jer. 51:11, 12; Joel 3:9; Nah. 2:1; 3:14

5 ^aJer. 49:29

6 ^aJer. 46:12, 16; Dan. 11:19

7 ^aIs. 8:7, 8; Jer. 47:2; Dan. 11:22

Assurance to Baruch

45 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to ^bBaruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book ¹at the instruction of Jeremiah, in the ^cfourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch:

3 ‘You said, “Woe is me now! For the LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I *¶* fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.”’

4 “Thus you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Behold, *¶* what I have built I will break down, and what I have planted I will pluck up, that is, this whole land.

5 “And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek *them*; for behold, *¶* I will bring adversity on all flesh,” says the LORD. “But I will give your ^blife to you as a prize in all places, wherever you go.”’”

Judgment on Egypt

46 The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against ^cthe nations.

2 Against ^cEgypt. ^bConcerning the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which was by the River Euphrates in Carchemish, and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon ^cdefeated in the ^cfourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

3 “Order¹ the ²buckler and shield, And draw near to battle!

4 Harness the horses, And mount up, you horsemen! Stand forth with *your* helmets, Polish the spears, *¶*Put on the armor!

5 Why have I seen them dismayed *and* turned back? Their mighty ones are beaten down;

They have speedily fled, And did not look back, For “fear was all around,” says the LORD.

6 “Do not let the swift flee away, Nor the mighty man escape; They will *¶* stumble and fall! Toward the north, by the River Euphrates.

7 “Who is this coming up *¶*like a flood, Whose waters move like the rivers?

8 Egypt rises up like a flood, And its waters move like the rivers;

And he says, ‘I will go up *and* cover the earth, I will destroy the city and its inhabitants.’

9 Come up, O horses, and rage, O chariots!

- And let the mighty men come forth:
¹The Ethiopians and ²the Libyans who handle the shield,
 And the Lydians ^awho handle and bend the bow.
- 10 For this is ^athe day of the Lord GOD of hosts,
 A day of vengeance,
 That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries.
^bThe sword shall devour;
 It shall be ¹satiated and made drunk with their blood;
 For the Lord GOD of hosts ^ahas a sacrifice
 In the north country by the River Euphrates.
- 11 “Go^a up to Gilead and take balm,
^bO virgin, the daughter of Egypt;
 In vain you will use many medicines;
^cYou shall not be cured.
- 12 The nations have heard of your ^ashame,
 And your cry has filled the land;
 For the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty;
 They both have fallen together.”
- Babylonia Will Strike Egypt*
- 13 The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon would come and ^astrike the land of Egypt.
- 14 “Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in ^aMigdol;
 Proclaim in ¹Noph and in ^bTahpanhes;
 Say, ‘Stand fast and prepare yourselves,
 For the sword devours all around you.’
- 15 Why are your valiant *men* swept away?
 They did not stand
 Because the LORD drove them away.
- 16 He made many fall;
 Yes, ^aone fell upon another.
 And they said, ‘Arise!’
^bLet us go back to our own people
 And to the land of our nativity
 From the oppressing sword.’
- 17 They cried there,
 ‘Pharaoh, king of Egypt, is but a noise.
 He has passed by the appointed time!’
- 18 “As I live,” says the King,
^aWhose name is the LORD of hosts,
 “Surely as Tabor is among the mountains

⁹ ^aIs. 66:19
¹Heb. *Cush*
²Heb. *Put*

10 ^aIs. 13:6;
 Joel 1:15
^bDeut. 32:42;
 Is. 31:8; Jer. 12:12 ^cIs. 34:6;
 Zeph. 1:7;
 Ezek. 39:17
¹Filled to the full

11 ^aJer. 8:22
^bIs. 47:1; Jer. 31:4, 21
^cEzek. 30:21

12 ^aJer. 2:36;
 Nah. 3:8–10

13 ^aIs. 19:1;
 Jer. 43:10, 11;
 Ezek. 29:1–21

14 ^aJer. 44:1
^bEzek. 30:18
¹Ancient Memphis

16 ^aLev. 26:36,
 37; Jer. 46:6
^bJer. 51:9

18 ^aIs. 47:4;
 Jer. 48:15;
 Mal. 1:14

19 ^aJer. 48:18
^bIs. 20:4
¹Ancient Memphis

20 ^aHos. 10:11
^bJer. 1:14

21 ^a[Ps. 37:13];
 Jer. 50:27 ¹Lit.
calves of the stall

22 ^a[Is. 29:4]

23 ^aIs. 10:34
^bJudg. 6:5;
 7:12; Joel 2:25

24 ^aJer. 1:15

25 ^aEzek. 30:14–16;
 Nah. 3:8 ^bEx. 12:12; Jer. 43:12, 13;
 Ezek. 30:13;
 Zeph. 2:11 ^cIs. 30:1–5; 31:1–3
¹A sun god
²Ancient Thebes

26 ^aJer. 44:30;
 Ezek. 32:11
^bEzek. 29:8–14

27 ^aIs. 41:13,
 14; 43:5; 44:2;
 Jer. 30:10, 11
^bIs. 11:11; Jer. 23:3, 4; Mic. 7:12

- And as Carmel by the sea, so he shall come.
- 19 O ^ayou daughter dwelling in Egypt,
 Prepare yourself ^bto go into captivity!
 For ¹Noph shall be waste and desolate, without inhabitant.
- 20 “Egypt is a very pretty ^aheifer,
 But destruction comes, it comes ^bfrom the north.
- 21 Also her mercenaries are in her midst like ¹fat bulls,
 For they also are turned back,
 They have fled away together.
 They did not stand,
 For ^athe day of their calamity had come upon them,
 The time of their punishment.
- 22 ^aHer noise shall go like a serpent,
 For they shall march with an army
 And come against her with axes,
 Like those who chop wood.
- 23 “They shall ^acut down her forest,” says the LORD,
 “Though it cannot be searched,
 Because they *are* innumerable,
 And more numerous than ^bgrasshoppers.
- 24 The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed;
 She shall be delivered into the hand
 Of ^athe people of the north.”
- 25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says: “Behold, I will bring punishment on ¹Amon of ^aNo,² and Pharaoh and Egypt, ^bwith their gods and their kings—Pharaoh and those who trust in him.
- 26 ^a“And I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of his servants. ^bAfterward it shall be inhabited as in the days of old,” says the LORD.
- God Will Preserve Israel*
- 27 “But^a do not fear, O My servant Jacob,
 And do not be dismayed,
 O Israel!
 For behold, I will ^bsave you from afar,
 And your offspring from the land of their captivity;
 Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease;
 No one shall make *him* afraid.
- 28 Do not fear, O Jacob My servant,” says the LORD,
 “For I *am* with you;
 For I will make a complete end of all the nations
 To which I have driven you,

But I will not make ^aa complete end of you.
I will rightly ^bcorrect you,
For I will not leave you wholly unpunished.”

Judgment on Philistia

47 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet ^aagainst the Philistines, ^bbefore Pharaoh attacked Gaza.
2 Thus says the LORD:

“Behold, ^awaters rise ^bout of the north,
And shall be an overflowing flood;
They shall overflow the land and all that is in it,
The city and those who dwell within;
Then the men shall cry,
And all the inhabitants of the land shall wail.

3 At the ^anoise of the stamping hooves of his strong horses,
At the rushing of his chariots,
At the rumbling of his wheels,
The fathers will not look back for their children,
¹Lacking courage,

4 Because of the day that comes to plunder all the ^aPhilistines,
To cut off from ^bTyre and Sidon every helper who remains;
For the LORD shall plunder the Philistines,
^cThe remnant of the country of ^dCaphtor.¹

5 ^aBaldness has come upon Gaza,
^bAshkelon is cut off
With the remnant of their valley.
How long will you cut yourself?

6 “O you ^asword of the LORD,
How long until you are quiet?
Put yourself up into your scabbard,

7 Rest and be still!
How can ¹it be quiet,
Seeing the LORD has ^agiven it a charge
Against Ashkelon and against the seashore?
There He has ^bappointed it.”

Judgment on Moab

48 Against ^aMoab.
Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

“Woe to ^bNebo!
For it is plundered,
^cKirjathaim is shamed and taken;

¹The high stronghold is shamed and dismayed—

2 ^aNo more praise of Moab.
In ^bHeshbon they have devised evil against her:
‘Come, and let us cut her off as a nation.’

²⁸ ^aAmos 9:8,
⁹ ^bJer. 30:11

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¹ ^aZeph. 2:4, 5
^bAmos 1:6

² ^aIs. 8:7, 8
^bJer. 1:14

³ ^aJer. 8:16
¹Lit. *From sinking hands*

⁴ ^aIs. 14:29–31
^bJer. 25:22
^cEzek. 25:16
^dGen. 10:14
¹Cappadocia in Asia Minor

⁵ ^aMic. 1:16
^bJer. 25:20

⁶ ^aEzek. 21:3–5

⁷ ^aEzek. 14:17
^bMic. 6:9 ¹Lit. *you*

CHAPTER 48

¹ ^aIs. 15:1–16:14; 25:10
^bIs. 15:2
^cNum. 32:37
¹Heb. *Misgab*

² ^aIs. 16:14
^bJer. 49:3 ^cIs. 10:31 ¹A city of Moab

³ ^aIs. 15:5

⁴ ¹So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX *Proclaim it in Zoar*

⁵ ^aIs. 15:5

⁶ ^aJer. 17:6
¹Or *Aroer*, a city of Moab

⁷ ^aJer. 9:23
^bJer. 48:7
^cJer. 49:3

⁸ ^aJer. 6:26

⁹ ^aPs. 55:6

¹⁰ ^a1 Sam. 15:3

¹¹ ^aZeph. 1:12
¹Heb. uses masc. and fem. pronouns interchangeably in this chapter.

¹² ¹Lit. *tipplers* of wine bottles

¹³ ^a1 Kin. 11:7
^bHos. 10:6
^c1 Kin. 12:29; 13:32–34

¹⁴ ^aIs. 16:6

You also shall be cut down,
O ^aMadmen!¹

3 The sword shall pursue you;
A voice of crying *shall be* from ^aHoronaim:
‘Plundering and great destruction!’

4 “Moab is destroyed;
¹Her little ones have caused a cry to be heard;

5 ^aFor in the Ascent of Luhith they ascend with continual weeping;
For in the descent of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 “Flee, save your lives!
And be like ¹the ^ajuniper in the wilderness.

7 For because you have trusted in your works and your treasures,
You also shall be taken.
And ^bChemosh shall go forth into captivity,
His ^cpriests and his princes together.

8 And ^athe plunderer shall come against every city;
No one shall escape.
The valley also shall perish,
And the plain shall be destroyed,
As the LORD has spoken.

9 “Give^a wings to Moab,
That she may flee and get away;

For her cities shall be desolate,
Without any to dwell in them.

10 ^aCursed is he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully,
And cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.

11 “Moab has been at ease from ¹his youth;
He ^ahas settled on his dregs,
And has not been emptied from vessel to vessel,
Nor has he gone into captivity.
Therefore his taste remained in him,
And his scent has not changed.

12 “Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD,
“That I shall send him ¹wine-workers
Who will tip him over
And empty his vessels
And break the bottles.

13 Moab shall be ashamed of ^aChemosh,
As the house of Israel ^bwas ashamed of ^cBethel, their confidence.

14 “How can you say, ^a‘We are mighty

- And strong men for the war?"
 15 Moab is plundered and gone up *from* her cities;
 Her chosen young men have
 "gone down to the slaughter,"
 says ^bthe King,
 Whose name is the LORD of
 hosts.
- 16 "The calamity of Moab is near at
 hand,
 And his affliction comes
 quickly.
- 17 Bemoan him, all you who are
 around him;
 And all you who know his
 name,
 Say, "How the strong staff is
 broken,
 The beautiful rod!"
- 18 "O ^adaughter inhabiting ^bDibon,
 Come down from *your* glory,
 And sit in thirst;
 For the plunderer of Moab has
 come against you,
 He has destroyed your
 strongholds.
- 19 O inhabitant of ^aAroer,
^bStand by the way and watch;
 Ask him who flees
 And her who escapes;
 Say, "What has happened?"
- 20 Moab is shamed, for he is
 broken down.
^aWail and cry!
 Tell it in ^bArnon, that Moab is
 plundered.
- 21 "And judgment has come on the
 plain country:
 On Holon and Jahzah and
 Mephaath,
- 22 On Dibon and Nebo and Beth
 Diblathaim,
- 23 On Kirjathaim and Beth Gamul
 and Beth Meon,
- 24 On ^aKerioth and Bozrah,
 On all the cities of the land of
 Moab,
 Far or near.
- 25 "The ^ahorn of Moab is cut off,
 And his ^barm is broken," says
 the LORD.
- 26 "Make^a him drunk,
 Because he exalted *himself*
 against the LORD.
 Moab shall wallow in his
 vomit,
 And he shall also be in
 derision.
- 27 For ^awas not Israel a derision to
 you?
^bWas he found among thieves?
 For whenever you speak of
 him,
 You shake *your head* in ^cscorn.
- 28 You who dwell in Moab,
 Leave the cities and ^d dwell in
 the rock,
 And be like ^bthe dove *which*
 makes her nest
- 15 ^a[Is. 40:30,
 31]; Jer. 50:27
^bJer. 46:18;
 51:57; Mal.
 1:14
 17 ^aIs. 9:4;
 14:4, 5
 18 ^aIs. 47:1
^bNum. 21:30;
 Josh. 13:9, 17;
 Is. 15:2; Jer.
 48:22
 19 ^aDeut. 2:36;
 Josh. 12:2; Is.
 17:2 ^b1 Sam.
 4:13, 14, 16
 20 ^aIs. 16:7
^bNum. 21:13
 24 ^aJer. 48:41;
 Amos 2:2
 25 ^aPs. 75:10;
 Zech. 1:19–21
^bEzek. 30:21
¹Strength
 26 ^aJer. 25:15
 27 ^aZeph. 2:8
^bJer. 2:26
^cLam. 2:15;
 [Mic. 7:8–10]
 28 ^aPs. 55:6, 7
^bSong 2:14
 29 ^aIs. 16:6;
 Zeph. 2:8, 10
^bJer. 49:16
 30 ^aIs. 16:6;
 Jer. 50:36 ¹*idle*
talk
 31 ^aIs. 15:5;
 16:7, 11 ¹So
 with DSS,
 LXX, Vg.; MT
He
 32 ^aIs. 16:8, 9
^bNum. 21:32;
 Is. 16:10
 33 ^aIs. 16:10;
 Jer. 25:10;
 Joel 1:12
¹*cease*
 34 ^aIs. 15:4–6
^bNum. 32:3,
 37 ^cIs. 15:5, 6
¹Or *The Third*
Eglath, an un-
 known city,
 Is. 15:5
 35 ^aIs. 15:2;
 16:12 ¹Places
 for pagan
 worship
 36 ^aIs. 15:5;
 16:11 ^bIs. 15:7
 37 ^aIs. 15:2, 3;
 Jer. 16:6; 41:5;
 47:5 ^bGen.
 37:34; Is. 15:3;
 20:2
 38 ^aIs. 15:3
^bJer. 22:28
 In the sides of the cave's
 mouth.
- 29 "We have heard the ^apride of
 Moab
 (He is exceedingly proud),
 Of his loftiness and arrogance
 and ^bpride,
 And of the haughtiness of his
 heart."
- 30 "I know his wrath," says the
 LORD,
^a"But it is not right;
^aHis ^blies have made nothing
 right.
- 31 Therefore ^aI will wail for
 Moab,
 And I will cry out for all Moab;
¹I will mourn for the men of Kir
 Heres.
- 32 "O vine of Sibmah! I will weep
 for you with the weeping of
^bJazer.
 Your plants have gone over the
 sea,
 They reach to the sea of Jazer.
 The plunderer has fallen on
 your summer fruit and your
 vintage.
- 33 "Joy and gladness are taken
 From the plentiful field
 And from the land of Moab;
 I have caused wine to ¹fail from
 the winepresses;
 No one will tread with joyous
 shouting—
 Not joyous shouting!
- 34 "From^a the cry of Heshbon to
^bElealeh and to Jahaz
 They have uttered their voice,
^c"From Zoar to Horonaim,
^d*Like* ¹a three-year-old heifer;
 For the waters of Nimrim also
 shall be desolate.
- 35 "Moreover," says the LORD,
^a"I will cause to cease in Moab
^aThe one who offers *sacrifices* in
 the ^bhigh places
 And burns incense to his gods.
- 36 Therefore ^a"My heart shall wail
 like flutes for Moab,
 And like flutes My heart shall
 wail
 For the men of Kir Heres.
 Therefore ^bthe riches they have
 acquired have perished.
- 37 "For ^aevery head *shall* be bald,
 and every beard clipped;
 On all the hands *shall* be cuts,
 and ^bon the loins sackcloth—
- 38 A general lamentation
 On all the ^ahousetops of Moab,
 And in its streets;
 For I have ^bbroken Moab like a
 vessel in which is no
 pleasure," says the LORD.
- 39 "They shall wail:
^a"How she is broken down!
 How Moab has turned her back
 with shame!"

- So Moab shall be a derision
And a dismay to all those about
her.”
- 40 For thus says the LORD:
“Behold, ^aone shall fly like an
eagle,
And ^bspread his wings over
Moab.
- 41 Kerioth is taken,
And the strongholds are
surprised;
“The mighty men’s hearts in
Moab on that day shall be
Like the heart of a woman in
birth pangs.
- 42 And Moab shall be destroyed
“as a people,
Because he exalted *himself*
against the LORD.
- 43 “Fear and the pit and the snare
shall be upon you,
O inhabitant of Moab,” says the
LORD.
- 44 “He who flees from the fear
shall fall into the pit,
And he who gets out of the pit
shall be caught in the ^asnare.
For upon Moab, upon it ^bI will
bring
The year of their punishment,”
says the LORD.
- 45 “Those who fled stood under the
shadow of Heshbon.
Because of exhaustion.
But ^aa fire shall come out of
Heshbon,
A flame from the midst of
^bSihon,
And ^cshall devour the brow of
Moab,
The crown of the head of the
sons of tumult.
- 46 “Woe to you, O Moab!
The people of Chemosh perish;
For your sons have been taken
captive,
And your daughters captive.
- 47 “Yet I will bring back the
captives of Moab
“In the latter days,” says the
LORD.
- Thus far is the judgment of Moab.
- Judgment on Ammon*
- 49 Against the ^aAmmonites.
Thus says the LORD:
“Has Israel no sons?
Has he no heir?
Why *then* does ¹Milcom inherit
^bGad,
And his people dwell in its
cities?
- 2 “Therefore behold, the days are
coming,” says the LORD,
“That I will cause to be heard an
alarm of war
In ^bRabbah of the Ammonites;
- 40 ^aDeut.
28:49; Jer.
49:22; Hos.
8:1; Hab. 1:8
^bIs. 8:8
41 ^aIs. 13:8;
21:3; Jer. 30:6;
Mic. 4:9, 10
42 ^aPs. 83:4;
Jer. 48:2
43 ^aIs. 24:17;
18; Lam. 3:47
44 ^a1 Kin.
19:17; Is.
24:18; Amos
5:19 ^bJer.
11:23
45 ^aNum.
21:28, 29
^bNum. 21:21;
26; Ps. 135:11
^cNum. 24:17
46 ^aNum. 21:29
47 ^aJer. 49:6,
39
CHAPTER 49
1 ^aDeut. 23:3;
4; 2 Chr. 20:1;
Jer. 25:21;
Ezek.
21:28–32;
25:1–7 ^bAmos
1:13–15; Zeph.
2:8–11 ¹Heb.
Malcam, lit.
their king; an
Ammonite
god, 1 Kin.
11:5; Molech,
Lev. 18:21
2 ^aAmos
1:13–15
^bEzek. 25:5
¹Lit. daugh-
ters
3 ^aJer. 48:2 ^bIs.
32:11; Jer.
48:37 ^cJer.
48:7 ¹See v. 1
4 ^aJer. 9:23
^bJer. 3:14 ^cJer.
48:7 ^aJer.
21:13 ¹Lit.
Your valley is
flowing
6 ^aJer. 48:47
7 ^aGen. 25:30;
32:3; Is. 34:5;
6; Jer. 25:21;
Ezek.
25:12–14;
35:1–15; Joel
3:19; Amos
1:11, 12;
Obad. 1–9, 15,
16 ^bGen.
36:11; Job
2:11 ^cIs. 19:11
^aJer. 8:9
8 ^aIs. 21:13;
Jer. 25:23
9 ^aObad. 5, 6
10 ^aObad. 5, 6;
Mal. 1:3 ^bIs.
17:14
12 ^aJer. 25:29;
Obad. 16
It shall be a desolate mound,
And her ¹villages shall be
burned with fire.
Then Israel shall take
possession of his
inheritance,” says the LORD.
- 3 “Wail, O ^aHeshbon, for Ai is
plundered!
Cry, you daughters of Rabbah,
^bGird yourselves with sackcloth!
Lament and run to and fro by
the walls;
For ¹Milcom shall go into
captivity
With his ^cpriests and his
princes together.
- 4 Why ^ado you boast in the
valleys,
¹Your flowing valley,
O ^bbacksliding daughter?
Who trusted in her ^ctreasures,
^asaying,
“Who will come against me?”
Behold, I will bring fear upon
you.”
Says the Lord GOD of hosts,
“From all those who are around
you;
You shall be driven out,
everyone headlong,
And no one will gather those
who wander off.
- 6 But ^aafterward I will bring back
The captives of the people of
Ammon,” says the LORD.
- Judgment on Edom*
- 7 ^aAgainst Edom.
Thus says the LORD of hosts:
^b“Is wisdom no more in Teman?
^cHas counsel perished from the
prudent?
Has their wisdom ^avanished?
8 Flee, turn back, dwell in the
depths, O inhabitants of
^aDedan!
For I will bring the calamity of
Esau upon him,
The time *that* I will punish
him.
- 9 “If grape-gatherers came to you,
Would they not leave *some*
gleaning grapes?
If thieves by night,
Would they not destroy until
they have enough?
- 10 “But I have made Esau bare;
I have uncovered his secret
places,
And he shall not be able to hide
himself.
His descendants are plundered,
His brethren and his neighbors,
And ^bhe is no more.
- 11 Leave your fatherless children,
I will preserve *them* alive;
And let your widows trust in
Me.”
- 12 For thus says the LORD: “Behold,
^athose whose judgment was not to

drink of the cup have assuredly drunk. And *are* you the one who will altogether go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink of it.

13 "For ^aI have sworn by Myself," says the LORD, "that ^bBozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a ¹waste, and a curse. And all its cities shall be perpetual ²wastes."

14 "I have heard a message from the LORD,
And an ambassador has been sent to the nations:
"Gather together, come against her,
And rise up to battle!"

15 "For indeed, I will make you small among nations,
Despised among men.

16 Your fierceness has deceived you,
The ^apride of your heart,
O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock,
Who hold the height of the hill!

^bThough you make your ^cnest as high as the eagle,

^dI will bring you down from there," says the LORD.

17 "Edom also shall be an astonishment;
^aEveryone who goes by it will be astonished

And will hiss at all its plagues.

18 "As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah
And their neighbors," says the LORD,

"No one shall remain there,
Nor shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 "Behold,^a he shall come up like a lion from ^bthe ¹floodplain of the Jordan

Against the dwelling place of the strong;

But I will suddenly make him run away from her.

And who is a chosen *man* that I may appoint over her?

For ^awho is like Me?

Who will arraign Me?

And ^awho is that shepherd
Who will withstand Me?"

20 "Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that He has taken against Edom.
And His purposes that He has proposed against the inhabitants of Teman:

Surely the least of the flock shall ¹draw them out;

Surely He shall make their dwelling places desolate with them.

21 "The earth shakes at the noise of their fall;

13 ^aGen. 22:16; Is. 45:23; Jer. 44:26; Amos 6:8 ^bGen. 36:33; 1 Chr. 1:44; Is. 34:6; 63:1; Amos 1:12 ¹ruin ²ruins

14 ^aObad. 1-4

16 ^aJer. 48:29 ^bObad. 3, 4 ^cJob 39:27; Is. 14:13-15 ^dAmos 9:2

17 ^aJer. 18:16; 49:13; 50:13; Ezek. 35:7

18 ^aGen. 19:24, 25; Deut. 29:23; Jer. 50:40; Amos 4:11; Zeph. 2:9

19 ^aJer. 50:44 ^bJosh. 3:15; Jer. 12:5 ^cEx. 15:11; Is. 46:9 ^dJob 41:10 ¹Or *thicket*

20 ^aIs. 14:24, 27; Jer. 50:45 ¹Or *drag them away*

21 ^aJer. 50:46; Ezek. 26:15, 18

22 ^aJer. 48:40, 41

23 ^aIs. 17:1-3; Amos 1:3, 5; Zech. 9:1, 2 ^bJer. 39:5; Zech. 9:2 ^c[Is. 57:20] ¹anxiety

24 ^aIs. 13:8; Jer. 4:31; 6:24; 48:21 ¹child-birth

25 ^aJer. 33:9

26 ^aJer. 50:30; Amos 4:10

27 ^aAmos 1:4

28 ^aGen. 25:13; Ps. 120:5; Is. 21:16, 17; Jer. 2:10; Ezek. 27:21 ^bJudg. 6:3; Job 1:3

29 ^aPs. 120:5 ^bJer. 46:5

31 ^aEzek. 38:11 ^bNum. 23:9; Deut. 33:28; Mic. 7:16

At the cry its noise is heard at the Red Sea.

22 Behold, ^aHe shall come up and fly like the eagle,

And spread His wings over

Bozrah;

The heart of the mighty men of

Edom in that day shall be
Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.

Judgment on Damascus

23 ^aAgainst Damascus.

^b"Hamath and Arpad are shamed,

For they have heard bad news.

They are fainthearted;

^cThere is ¹trouble on the sea;

It cannot be quiet.

24 Damascus has grown feeble;

She turns to flee,

And fear has seized her.

^aAnguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor.

25 Why is ^athe city of praise now deserted, the city of My joy?

26 "Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets,

And all the men of war shall be cut off in that day," says the LORD of hosts.

27 "I^a will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus,
And it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad."

Judgment on Kedar and Hazor

28 ^aAgainst Kedar and against the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon shall strike.

Thus says the Lord:

"Arise, go up to Kedar,
And devastate ^athe men of the East!

29 Their ^atents and their flocks they shall take away.

They shall take for themselves their curtains,

All their vessels and their camels;

And they shall cry out to them,
^b"Fear is on every side!"

30 "Flee, get far away! Dwell in the depths,
O inhabitants of Hazor!" says the LORD.

"For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you,
And has conceived a plan against you.

31 "Arise, go up to ^athe wealthy nation that dwells securely," says the LORD,

"Which has neither gates nor bars,

^bDwelling alone.

- 32 Their camels shall be for booty,
And the multitude of their
cattle for plunder.
I will "scatter to all winds those
in the farthest corners,
And I will bring their calamity
from all its sides," says the
LORD.
- 33 "Hazor "shall be a dwelling for
jackals, a desolation forever;
No one shall reside there,
Nor son of man dwell in it."

Judgment on Elam

- 34 The word of the LORD that came
to Jeremiah the prophet against
"Elam, in the "beginning of the reign
of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
35 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Behold, I will break "the "bow
of Elam,
The foremost of their might.
36 Against Elam I will bring the
four winds
From the four quarters of
heaven,
And scatter them toward all
those winds;
There shall be no nations
where the outcasts of Elam
will not go.

- 37 For I will cause Elam to be
dismayed before their
enemies
And before those who seek
their life.

"I will bring disaster upon them,
My fierce anger," says the
LORD;

'And I will send the sword after
them

Until I have consumed them.

- 38 I will "set My throne in Elam,
And will destroy from there the
king and the princes," says
the LORD.

- 39 'But it shall come to pass "in the
latter days:
I will bring back the captives of
Elam," says the LORD."

*Judgment on Babylon and
Babylonia*

50 The word that the LORD spoke
"against Babylon and against
the land of the Chaldeans by Jere-
miah the prophet.

- 2 "Declare among the nations,
Proclaim, and "set up a
standard;
Proclaim—do not conceal it—
Say, 'Babylon is "taken, "Bel is
shamed.

"Merodach is broken in pieces;
"Her idols are humiliated,
Her images are broken in
pieces."

- 3 "For out of the north "a nation
comes up against her,

32 ^aEzek. 5:10
¹Lit. *cut off at
the corner*,
Jer. 9:26;
25:23

33 ^aMal. 1:3

34 ^aJer. 25:25
^{b2} Kin. 24:17,
18

35 ^aIs. 22:6
¹Power

37 ^aJer. 9:16

38 ^aJer. 43:10

39 ^aJer. 48:47

CHAPTER 50

1 ^aIs. 13:1;
47:1

2 ^aIs. 21:9 ^bIs.
46:1 ^cJer.
43:12, 13 ¹*lift*
²Or *Marduk*; a
Babylonian
god

3 ^aJer. 51:48
^bIs. 13:17, 18,
20 ¹Or *wan-
der*

4 ^aHos. 1:11
^bEzra 3:12, 13
^cHos. 3:5

5 ^aJer. 31:31

6 ^aIs. 53:6 ^bJer.
23:1 ^cJer.
2:20; 3:6, 23]

7 ^aPs. 79:7
^bZech. 11:5
^cJer. 2:3 ^d[Ps.
90:1; 91:1]
^ePs. 22:4

8 ^aIs. 48:20
¹*male goats*

9 ^aJer. 15:14;
51:27 ^{b2} Sam.
1:22 ¹So with
some Heb.
mss., LXX,
Syr.; MT, Tg.,
Vg. *a warrior
who makes
childless*

10 ^a[Rev.
17:16]

11 ^aIs. 47:6
^bHos. 10:11
¹Or *neigh like
steeds*

Which shall make her land
desolate,
And no one shall dwell therein.
They shall "move, they shall
depart,
Both man and beast.

- 4 "In those days and in that time,"
says the LORD,
"The children of Israel shall
come,
"They and the children of Judah
together;
^bWith continual weeping they
shall come,
^cAnd seek the LORD their God.
5 They shall ask the way to Zion,
With their faces toward it,
saying,
'Come and let us join ourselves
to the LORD
In "a perpetual covenant
That will not be forgotten.'

- 6 "My people have been "lost
sheep.
Their shepherds have led them
"astray;
They have turned them away
on "the mountains.
They have gone from mountain
to hill;
They have forgotten their
resting place.

- 7 All who found them have
"devoured them;
And "their adversaries said,
^c"We have not offended,
Because they have sinned
against the LORD, "the
habitation of justice,
The LORD, "the hope of their
fathers.'

- 8 "Move^a from the midst of
Babylon,
Go out of the land of the
Chaldeans;
And be like the "rams before
the flocks.

- 9 "For behold, I will raise and
cause to come up against
Babylon
An assembly of great nations
from the north country,
And they shall array
themselves against her;
From there she shall be
captured.

Their arrows *shall be like those*
of "an expert warrior;

- ^bNone shall return in vain.
10 "And Chaldea shall become
plunder;
^aAll who plunder her shall be
satisfied," says the LORD.

- 11 "Because^a you were glad,
because you rejoiced,
You destroyers of My heritage,
Because you have grown fat
^blike a heifer threshing grain,
And you "bellow like bulls,

- 12 Your mother shall be deeply ashamed;
She who bore you shall be ashamed.
Behold, the least of the nations *shall be* a wilderness,
A dry land and a desert.
- 13 Because of the wrath of the LORD
She shall not be inhabited,
^aBut she shall be wholly desolate.
^bEveryone who goes by Babylon shall be horrified
And hiss at all her plagues.
- 14 "Put^a yourselves in array against Babylon all around,
All you who bend the bow;
Shoot at her, spare no arrows,
For she has sinned against the LORD.
15 Shout against her all around;
She has ^agiven her hand,
Her foundations have fallen,
^bHer walls are thrown down;
For ^cit is the vengeance of the LORD.
Take vengeance on her.
As she has done, so do to her.
- 16 Cut off the sower from Babylon,
And him who handles the sickle at harvest time.
For fear of the oppressing sword
^aEveryone shall turn to his own people,
And everyone shall flee to his own land.
- 17 "Israel *is* like ^ascattered sheep;
^bThe lions have driven *him* away.
First ^cthe king of Assyria devoured him;
Now at last this
^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones."
- 18 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

"Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land,
As I have punished the king of ^aAssyria.
19 ^aBut I will bring back Israel to his home,
And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan;
His soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead."
20 In those days and in that time," says the LORD,
^a"The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but *there shall be* none;
And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found;
For I will pardon those ^bwhom I preserve.
- 12 ^aJer. 51:43
13 ^aJer. 25:12
^bJer. 49:17
14 ^aJer. 51:2
15 ^a1 Chr. 29:24; 2 Chr. 30:8; Lam. 5:6; Ezek. 17:18
^bJer. 51:58
^cJer. 51:6, 11
16 ^aIs. 13:14; Jer. 51:9
17 ^a2 Kin. 24:10, 14 ^bJer. 2:15 ^c2 Kin. 15:29; 17:6; 18:9-13
^d2 Kin. 24:10-14; 25:1-7
18 ^aIs. 10:12; Ezek. 31:3, 11, 12; Nah. 3:7, 18, 19
19 ^aIs. 65:10; Jer. 33:12; Ezek. 34:13
20 ^aNum. 23:21; Is. 43:25; [Jer. 31:34; Mic. 7:19] ^bIs. 1:9
21 ^aEzek. 23:23 ^b2 Sam. 16:11; 2 Kin. 18:25; 2 Chr. 36:23; Is. 10:6; 44:28; 48:14
^cOr *Attack* with the sword
22 ^aJer. 51:54
23 ^aIs. 14:6; Jer. 51:20-24
24 ^aJer. 51:8, 31; Dan. 5:30
^b[Is. 45:9]
25 ^aIs. 13:5
27 ^aPs. 22:12; Is. 34:7; Jer. 46:21 ^bPs. 37:13; Jer. 48:44; Ezek. 7:7
28 ^aPs. 149:6-9; Jer. 51:10
29 ^aPs. 137:8; Jer. 51:56; [2 Thess. 1:6; Rev. 18:6] ^b[Is. 47:10] ^cOr, some Heb. mss., LXX, Tg. add to her
30 ^aIs. 13:18; Jer. 49:26; 51:4
31 ^aSo with MT. Tg.: LXX, Vg. *The time of your punishment*
32 ^aIs. 26:5; Mal. 4:1
- 21 "Go up against the land of Merathaim, against it,
And against the inhabitants of ^aPekod.
¹Waste and utterly destroy them," says the LORD.
"And do ^baccording to all that I have commanded you.
22 ^aA sound of battle *is* in the land,
And of great destruction.
23 How ^athe hammer of the whole earth has been cut apart and broken!
How Babylon has become a desolation among the nations!
24 I have laid a snare for you;
You have indeed been ^atrapped,
O Babylon,
And you were not aware;
You have been found and also caught,
Because you have ^bcontended against the LORD.
25 The LORD has opened His armory,
And has brought out ^athe weapons of His indignation;
For this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of hosts
In the land of the Chaldeans.
26 Come against her from the farthest border;
Open her storehouses;
Cast her up as heaps of ruins,
And destroy her utterly;
Let nothing of her be left.
27 Slay all her ^abulls,
Let them go down to the slaughter.
Woe to them!
For their day has come, the time of ^btheir punishment.
28 The voice of those who flee and escape from the land of Babylon
^aDeclares in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God,
The vengeance of His temple.
29 "Call together the archers against Babylon.
All you who bend the bow, encamp against it all around;
Let none of them ¹escape.
^aRepay her according to her work;
According to all she has done, do to her;
^bFor she has been proud against the LORD,
Against the Holy One of Israel.
30 Therefore her young men shall fall in the streets,
And all her men of war shall be cut off in that day," says the LORD.
31 "Behold, I *am* against you,
O most haughty one!" says the Lord GOD of hosts;
"For your day has come,
¹The time *that* I will punish you.
32 The most ^aproud shall stumble and fall,

- And no one will raise him up;
^bIt will kindle a fire in his cities,
 And it will devour all around
 him.”
- 33 Thus says the LORD of hosts:
 “The children of Israel *were*
 oppressed,
 Along with the children of
 Judah;
 All who took them captive have
 held them fast;
 They have refused to let them
 go.
 34 “Their Redeemer is strong;
^bThe LORD of hosts is His name.
 He will thoroughly plead their
^ccase,
 That He may give rest to the
 land,
 And disquiet the inhabitants of
 Babylon.
- 35 “A sword is against the
 Chaldeans,” says the LORD,
 “Against the inhabitants of
 Babylon,
 And ^aagainst her princes and
^bher wise men.
- 36 A sword is ^aagainst the
 soothsayers, and they will be
 fools.
 A sword is against her mighty
 men, and they will be
 dismayed.
- 37 A sword is against their horses,
 Against their chariots,
 And against all ^athe mixed
 peoples who *are* in her midst;
 And ^bthey will become like
 women.
 A sword is against her
 treasures, and they will be
 robbed.
- 38 “A ^ddrought is against her
 waters, and they will be dried
 up.
 For it is the land of carved
 images,
 And they are insane with *their*
 idols.
- 39 “Therefore^a the wild desert
 beasts shall dwell *there* with
 the jackals,
 And the ostriches shall dwell in
 it.
^bIt shall be inhabited no more
 forever,
 Nor shall it be dwelt in from
 generation to generation.
- 40 “As God overthrew Sodom and
 Gomorrah
 And their neighbors,” says the
 LORD,
 “So no one shall reside there,
 Nor son of man ^bdwell in it.
- 41 “Behold,^a a people shall come
 from the north,
 And a great nation and many
 kings

32 ^bJer. 21:1434 ^aProv.
23:11; Is.
43:14; Jer.
15:21; 31:11;
Rev. 18:8 ^bIs.
47:4 ^cJer.
32:18;
51:19-2235 ^aDan. 5:30
^bIs. 47:13; Jer.
51:5736 ^aIs. 44:25;
Jer. 48:3037 ^aJer. 25:20;
Ezek. 30:5
^bJer. 51:30;
Nah. 3:1338 ^aIs. 44:27;
Jer. 51:36;
Rev. 16:12 ¹So
with MT, Tg.,
Vg.; Syr.
sword; LXX
omits A
drought is39 ^aIs. 13:21;
22; 34:14; Jer.
51:37; Rev.
18:2 ^bIs. 13:20;
Jer. 25:1240 ^aGen. 19:24,
25; Is. 13:19;
Jer. 49:18;
[Luke
17:28-30];
2 Pet. 2:6;
Jude 7 ^bIs.
13:2041 ^aIs. 13:2-5;
Jer. 6:22;
25:14; 51:2742 ^aJer. 6:23
^bIs. 13:18 ^cIs.
5:3043 ^aJer. 51:31
^bJer. 6:2444 ^aJer.
49:19-21 ^bJob
41:10; Jer.
49:19 ¹Or
thicket45 ^a[Ps. 33:11;
Is. 14:24]; Jer.
51:10, 11 ^bJer.
51:29 ^cJer.
49:19, 2046 ^aRev. 18:9

CHAPTER 51

1 ^aIs. 47:1; Jer.
50:1 ^{b2} Kin.
19:7; Jer. 4:11;
Hos. 13:15
¹Lit. *The*
Midst of
Those Who
Rise Up
Against Me; a
code word for
Chaldea,
Babylonia2 ^aIs. 41:16;
Jer. 15:7;
Matt. 3:12
^bJer. 50:143 ^aJer. 50:14,
29 ^bJer. 50:21Shall be raised up from the
ends of the earth.42 ^aThey shall hold the bow and
the lance;^bThey *are* cruel and shall not
show mercy.^cTheir voice shall roar like the
sea;They shall ride on horses,
Set in array, like a man for the
battle,
Against you, O daughter of
Babylon.43 “The king of Babylon has ^aheard
the report about them,
And his hands grow feeble;
Anguish has taken hold of him,
Pangs as of a woman in
^bchildbirth.44 “Behold,^a he shall come up like
a lion from the ¹floodplain of
the Jordan
Against the dwelling place of
the strong;
But I will make them suddenly
run away from her.
And who is a chosen *man that*
I may appoint over her?
For who is like Me?
Who will arraign Me?
And ^bwho is that shepherd
Who will withstand Me?”45 Therefore hear ^athe counsel of
the LORD that He has taken
against Babylon,
And His ^bpurposes that He has
proposed against the land of
the Chaldeans:
^cSurely the least of the flock
shall draw them out;
Surely He will make their
dwelling place desolate with
them.46 ^aAt the noise of the taking of
Babylon
The earth trembles,
And the cry is heard among the
nations.

The Utter Destruction of Babylon

51 Thus says the LORD:

^aBehold, I will raise up against
^aBabylon,Against those who dwell in
¹Leb Kamai,^{bA} destroying wind.2 And I will send ^awinnowers to
Babylon,
Who shall winnow her and
empty her land.^bFor in the day of doom
They shall be against her all
around.3 Against *her* ^alet the archer
bend his bow,
And lift himself up against *her*
in his armor.Do not spare her young men;
^bUtterly destroy all her army.

- 4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans,
 "And those thrust through in her streets.
- 5 For Israel is "not forsaken, nor Judah,
 By his God, the LORD of hosts,
 Though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel."
- 6 "Flee from the midst of Babylon,
 And every one save his life!
 Do not be cut off in her iniquity,
 For ^bthis is the time of the LORD's vengeance;
 "He shall recompense her.
- 7 "Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD's hand,
 That made all the earth drunk.
^bThe nations drank her wine;
 Therefore the nations "are deranged.
- 8 Babylon has suddenly "fallen and been destroyed.
^bWail for her!
 "Take balm for her pain;
 Perhaps she may be healed.
- 9 We would have healed Babylon,
 But she is not healed.
 Forsake her, and "let us go everyone to his own country;
^bFor her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up to the skies.
- 10 The LORD has "revealed our righteousness.
 Come and let us ^bdeclare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.
- 11 "Make¹ the arrows bright!
 Gather the shields!
^bThe LORD has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes.
 "For His plan is against Babylon to destroy it,
 Because it is "the vengeance of the LORD,
 The vengeance for His temple.
- 12 "Set up the standard on the walls of Babylon;
 Make the guard strong,
 Set up the watchmen,
 Prepare the ambushes.
 For the LORD has both devised and done
 What He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 13 "O you who dwell by many waters,
 Abundant in treasures,
 Your end has come,
 The measure of your covetousness.
- 14 "The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself:
 "Surely I will fill you with men,
^bas with locusts,
- And they shall lift up a shout against you."
- 15 "He has made the earth by His power;
 He has established the world by His wisdom,
 And ^bstretched out the heaven by His understanding.
- 16 When He utters His voice—
 There is a multitude of waters in the heavens;
 "He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
 He makes lightnings for the rain;
 He brings the wind out of His treasures."
- 17 "Everyone is dull-hearted,
 without knowledge;
 Every metalsmith is put to shame by the carved image;
^bFor his molded image is falsehood,
 And there is no breath in them.
- 18 They are futile, a work of errors;
 In the time of their punishment they shall perish.
- 19 The Portion of Jacob is not like them,
 For He is the Maker of all things;
 And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance.
 The LORD of hosts is His name.
- 20 "You^a are My battle-ax and weapons of war:
 For with you I will break the nation in pieces;
 With you I will destroy kingdoms;
- 21 With you I will break in pieces the horse and its rider;
 With you I will break in pieces the chariot and its rider;
- 22 With you also I will break in pieces man and woman;
 With you I will break in pieces "old and young;
 With you I will break in pieces the young man and the maiden;
- 23 With you also I will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock;
 With you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen;
 And with you I will break in pieces governors and rulers.
- 24 "And^a I will repay Babylon
 And all the inhabitants of Chaldea
 For all the evil they have done
 In Zion in your sight," says the LORD.
- 25 "Behold, I *am* against you,
 "O destroying mountain,

4 ^aJer. 49:26;
50:30, 37

5 ^a[Is. 54:7, 8;
Jer. 33:24–26;
46:28]

6 ^aJer. 50:8;
Rev. 18:4 ^bJer.
50:15 ^cJer.
25:14

7 ^aJer. 25:15;
Hab. 2:16;
Rev. 17:4
^bRev. 14:8
^cJer. 25:16

8 ^aIs. 21:9; Jer.
50:2; Rev.
14:8; 18:2 ^b[Is.
48:20]; Rev.
18:9, 11, 19
^cJer. 46:11

9 ^aIs. 13:14;
Jer. 46:16;
50:16 ^bEzra
9:6; Rev. 18:5

10 ^aPs. 37:6;
Mic. 7:9 ^b[Is.
40:2]; Jer.
50:28

11 ^aJer. 46:4, 9;
Joel 3:9, 10
^bIs. 13:17 ^cJer.
50:43 ^dJer.
50:28 ^ePolish
the arrows!

12 ^aNah. 2:1;
3:14

13 ^aRev. 17:1,
15

14 ^aJer. 49:13;
Amos 6:8 ^bJer.
51:27; Nah.
3:15 ^cJer.
50:15

15 ^aGen. 1:1, 6;
Jer. 10:12–16
^bJob 9:8; Ps.
104:2; Is.
40:22

16 ^aPs. 135:7;
Jer. 10:13

17 ^a[Is.
44:18–20]; Jer.
10:14 ^bJer.
50:2

20 ^aIs. 10:5, 15;
Jer. 50:23

22 ^a2 Chr.
36:17; Is.
13:15, 16

24 ^aJer. 50:15,
29

25 ^aIs. 13:2;
Zech. 4:7

- Who destroys all the earth,"
says the LORD.
"And I will stretch out My hand
against you,
Roll you down from the rocks,
^bAnd make you a burnt
mountain.
- 26 They shall not take from you a
stone for a corner
Nor a stone for a foundation,
"But you shall be desolate
forever," says the LORD.
- 27 "Set up a banner in the land,
Blow the trumpet among the
nations!
^bPrepare the nations against her,
Call "the kingdoms together
against her:
Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz.
Appoint a general against her;
Cause the horses to come up
like the bristling locusts.
- 28 Prepare against her the
nations,
With the kings of the Medes,
Its governors and all its rulers,
All the land of his dominion.
- 29 And the land will tremble and
sorrow;
For every "purpose of the LORD
shall be performed against
Babylon,
^bTo make the land of Babylon a
desolation without
inhabitant.
- 30 The mighty men of Babylon
have ceased fighting,
They have remained in their
strongholds;
Their might has failed,
"They became *like* women;
They have burned her dwelling
places,
^bThe bars of her *gate* are
broken.
- 31 "One runner will run to meet
another,
And one messenger to meet
another,
To show the king of Babylon
that his city is taken on *all*
sides;
- 32 "The passages are blocked,
The reeds they have burned
with fire,
And the men of war are
terrified.
- 33 For thus says the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel:

"The daughter of Babylon is
^alike a threshing floor
When *bit* is time to thresh her;
Yet a little while
"And the time of her harvest will
come."
- 34 "Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon
Has "devoured me, he has
crushed me;

25 ^bRev. 8:826 ^aJer. 50:26;
4027 ^aIs. 13:2;
Jer. 50:2;
51:12 ^bJer.
25:14 ^cJer.
50:41, 4229 ^aJer. 50:45
^bIs. 13:19, 20;
47:11; Jer.
50:13; 51:26;
4330 ^aIs. 19:16;
Jer. 48:41 ^bIs.
45:1, 2; Lam.
2:9; Amos 1:5;
Nah. 3:1331 ^aJer. 50:2432 ^aJer. 50:3833 ^aIs. 21:10;
Dan. 2:35;
Amos 1:3;
Mic. 4:13 ^bIs.
41:15; Hab.
3:12 ^cIs. 17:15;
Hos. 6:11; Joel
3:13; Rev.
14:1534 ^aJer. 50:17
^bIs. 24:1-336 ^a[Ps.
140:12]; Jer.
50:34 ^bJer.
50:3837 ^aIs. 13:22;
Jer. 50:39;
[Rev. 18:2]
^bJer. 25:9, 1139 ^aJer. 51:5741 ^aJer. 25:26
^bIs. 13:19; Jer.
49:25; [Dan.
4:30] ¹A code
word for
Babylon, Jer.
25:2642 ^aIs. 8:7, 8;
Jer. 51:55;
Dan. 9:2643 ^aJer. 50:39,
40 ^bIs. 13:2044 ^aJer. 50:2;
Is. 46:1 ^bJer.
50:15 ¹A
Babylonian
god45 ^aIs. 48:20;
[Jer. 50:8, 28;
51:6; Rev.
18:4] ¹Lit. *his*
*soul*46 ^a2 Kin. 19:7;
Is. 13:3-5

He has made me an ^bempty
vessel,
He has swallowed me up like a
monster;

He has filled his stomach with
my delicacies,
He has spit me out.

- 35 Let the violence *done* to me and
my flesh *be* upon Babylon,"
The inhabitant of Zion will say;
"And my blood be upon the
inhabitants of Chaldea!"
Jerusalem will say.

- 36 Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, "I will plead your case
and take vengeance for you.

^bI will dry up her sea and make
her springs dry.

- 37 "Babylon shall become a heap,
A dwelling place for jackals,
^bAn astonishment and a hissing,
Without an inhabitant.

- 38 They shall roar together like
lions,
They shall growl like lions'
whelps.

- 39 In their excitement I will
prepare their feasts;
^aI will make them drunk,
That they may rejoice,
And sleep a perpetual sleep
And not awake," says the
LORD.

- 40 "I will bring them down
Like lambs to the slaughter,
Like rams with male goats.

- 41 "Oh, how "Sheshach' is taken!
Oh, how ^bthe praise of the
whole earth is seized!
How Babylon has become
desolate among the nations!

- 42 "The sea has come up over
Babylon;
She is covered with the
multitude of its waves.

- 43 "Her cities are a desolation,
A dry land and a wilderness,
A land where ^bno one dwells,
Through which no son of man
passes.

- 44 I will punish "Bel' in Babylon,
And I will bring out of his
mouth what he has
swallowed;
And the nations shall not
stream to him anymore.
Yes, ^bthe wall of Babylon shall
fall.

- 45 "My^a people, go out of the midst
of her!
And let everyone deliver
¹himself from the fierce anger
of the LORD.

- 46 And lest your heart faint,
And you fear "for the rumor
that *will be* heard in the land
(A rumor will come *one* year,
And after that, in *another* year
A rumor *will come*,

- And violence in the land,
Ruler against ruler),
47 Therefore behold, the days are
coming
That I will bring judgment on
the carved images of
Babylon;
Her whole land shall be
ashamed,
And all her slain shall fall in
her midst.
48 Then "the heavens and the
earth and all that is in them
shall sing joyously over
Babylon;
^bFor the plunderers shall come
to her from the north," says
the LORD.
49 As Babylon *has caused* the
slain of Israel to fall,
So at Babylon the slain of all
the earth shall fall.
50 "You who have escaped the
sword,
Get away! Do not stand still!
^bRemember the LORD afar off,
And let Jerusalem come to your
mind.
51 "We are ashamed because we
have heard reproach.
Shame has covered our faces,
For strangers ^bhave come into
the ¹sanctuaries of the
LORD's house.
52 "Therefore behold, the days are
coming," says the LORD,
"That I will bring judgment on
her carved images,
And throughout all her land the
wounded shall groan.
53 "Though Babylon were to
¹mount up to heaven,
And though she were to fortify
the height of her strength,
Yet from Me plunderers would
come to her," says the
LORD.
54 "The sound of a cry comes from
Babylon,
And great destruction from the
land of the Chaldeans,
55 Because the LORD is
plundering Babylon
And silencing her loud voice,
Though her waves roar like
great waters,
And the noise of their voice is
uttered,
56 Because the plunderer comes
against her, against Babylon,
And her mighty men are
taken.
Every one of their bows is
broken;
^aFor the LORD is the God of
recompense,
He will surely repay.
57 "And I will make drunk
Her princes and ^awise men,

48 ^aIs. 44:23;
48:20; 49:13;
Rev. 18:20
^bJer. 50:3, 41

50 ^aJer. 44:28
^b[Deut.
4:29-31];
Ezek. 6:9

51 ^aPs. 44:15;
79:4 ^bPs.
74:3-8; Jer.
52:13; Lam.
1:10 ¹holy
places

53 ^aGen. 11:4;
Job 20:6; [Ps.
139:8-10; Is.
14:12-14]; Jer.
49:16; Amos
9:2; Obad. 4
¹ascend

54 ^aJer. 50:22

56 ^aPs. 94:1;
Jer. 50:29

57 ^aJer. 50:35
^bJer. 46:18;
48:15

58 ^aJer. 50:15
^bHab. 2:13
¹Lit. *laid ut-
terly bare*

59 ^aJer. 32:12

60 ^aIs. 30:8;
Jer. 36:2

62 ^aIs. 13:20;
14:22, 23; Jer.
50:3, 39

63 ^aJer. 19:10,
11; Rev. 18:21

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1 ^{a2} Kin.
24:18; 2 Chr.
36:11 ^bJosh.
10:29; 2 Kin.
8:22; Is. 37:8

3 ^{a2} Chr. 36:13

4 ^{a2} Kin. 25:1;
Jer. 39:1;
Ezek. 24:1, 2;
Zech. 8:19

Her governors, her deputies,
and her mighty men.
And they shall sleep a
perpetual sleep
And not awake," says ^bthe
King,
Whose name is the LORD of
hosts.

58 Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"The broad walls of Babylon
shall be utterly ^abroken,¹
And her high gates shall be
burned with fire;
^bThe people will labor in
vain,
And the nations, because of the
fire;
And they shall be weary."

Jeremiah's Command to Seraiah

59 The word which Jeremiah the
prophet commanded Seraiah the
son of ^aNeriah, the son of Mahseiah,
when he went with Zedekiah the
king of Judah to Babylon in the
fourth year of his reign. And Sera-
iah was the quartermaster.

60 So Jeremiah ^awrote in a book all
the evil that would come upon
Babylon, all these words that are
written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah,
"When you arrive in Babylon and
see it, and read all these words,
62 "then you shall say, 'O LORD,
You have spoken against this place
to cut it off, so that ^anone shall
remain in it, neither man nor beast,
but it shall be desolate forever.'

63 "Now it shall be, when you have
finished reading this book, ^athat
you shall tie a stone to it and throw
it out into the Euphrates.

64 "Then you shall say, 'Thus Bab-
ylon shall sink and not rise from the
catastrophe that I will bring upon
her. And they shall be weary.' " Thus
far are the words of Jeremiah.

The Fall of Jerusalem Reviewed

52 Zedekiah was ^atwenty-one
years old when he became
king, and he reigned eleven years in
Jerusalem. His mother's name was
Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah
of ^bLibnah.

2 He also did evil in the sight of
the LORD, according to all that
Jehoiakim had done.

3 For because of the anger of the
LORD *this* happened in Jerusalem
and Judah, till He finally cast them
out from His presence. Then Zede-
kiah ^arebelled against the king of
Babylon.

4 Now it came to pass in the ^aninth
year of his reign, in the tenth month,
on the tenth day of the month, *that*
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
and all his army came against

Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around.

5 So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

6 By the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

7 Then the city wall was broken through, and all the men of war fled and went out of the city at night by way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden, even though the Chaldeans were near the city all around. And they went by way of the plain.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him.

9 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he pronounced judgment on him.

10 Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. And he killed all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 He also put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in bronze fetters, took him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

The Temple and City Plundered and Burned

12 Now in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month (which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, who served the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

13 He burned the house of the LORD and the king's house; all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, he burned with fire.

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around.

15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive some of the poor people, the rest of the people who remained in the city, the defectors who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the craftsmen.

16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poor of the land as vinedressers and farmers.

17 The bronze pillars that were in the house of the LORD, and the carts and the bronze Sea that were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried all their bronze to Babylon.

18 They also took away the pots,

7 ¹Or *Arabah*; the Jordan Valley

9 ^a2 Kin. 25:6; Jer. 32:4; 39:5

10 ^aEzek. 12:13

11 ^aEzek. 12:13 ¹shackles

12 ^a2 Kin. 25:8-21 ^bJer. 52:29 ^cJer. 39:9

15 ^aJer. 39:9

17 ^aJer. 27:19 ^b1 Kin. 7:15, 23, 27, 50

18 ^aEx. 27:3; 1 Kin. 7:40, 45; 2 Kin. 25:14 ¹basins

20 ^a1 Kin. 7:47; 2 Kin. 25:16

21 ^a1 Kin. 7:15; 2 Kin. 25:17; 2 Chr. 3:15 ¹18 inches each ²3 inches

23 ^a1 Kin. 7:20

24 ^a2 Kin. 25:18; 1 Chr. 6:14; Ezra 7:1 ^bJer. 21:1; 29:25

25 ¹Lit. *eunuch*

28 ^a2 Kin. 24:2 ^b2 Kin. 24:12 ^c2 Kin. 24:14

29 ^a2 Kin. 25:11; Jer. 39:9

the shovels, the trimmers, the bowls, the spoons, and all the bronze utensils with which the priests ministered.

19 The basins, the firepans, the bowls, the pots, the lampstands, the spoons, and the cups, whatever was solid gold and whatever was solid silver, the captain of the guard took away.

20 The two pillars, one Sea, the twelve bronze bulls which were under it, and the carts, which King Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—the bronze of all these articles was beyond measure.

21 Now concerning the pillars: the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits, a measuring line of twelve cubits could measure its circumference, and its thickness was four fingers; it was hollow.

22 A capital of bronze was on it; and the height of one capital was five cubits, with a network and pomegranates all around the capital, all of bronze. The second pillar, with pomegranates was the same.

23 There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates, all around on the network, were one hundred.

The People Taken Captive to Babylon

24 The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers.

25 He also took out of the city an officer who had charge of the men of war, seven men of the king's close associates who were found in the city, the principal scribe of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the midst of the city.

26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took these and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

27 Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive from its own land.

28 These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Jews;

29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred and thirty-two persons;

30 in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred and forty-five persons. All the persons were four thousand six hundred.

Jehoiachin Released from Prison

31 ^aNow it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth day of the month, *that* ¹Evil-Merodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, ^blifted² up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison.
32 And he spoke kindly to him and

31 ^{a2} Kin. 25:27–30
^bGen. 40:13, 20; Ps. 3:3;
27:6 ¹Or *Awil-Marduk*; lit. *The Man of Marduk*
²Showed favor to

33 ^{a2} Sam. 9:7, 13; 1 Kin. 2:7
¹Lit. *he*

gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon.

33 So ¹Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, ^aand he ate bread regularly before the *king* all the days of his life.

34 And as for his provisions, there was a regular ration given him by the king of Babylon, a portion for each day until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

The Book of

LAMENTATIONS

LAMENTATIONS describes the funeral of a city. It is a tearstained portrait of the once proud Jerusalem, now reduced to rubble by the invading Babylonian hordes. In a five-poem dirge, Jeremiah exposes his emotions. A death has occurred; Jerusalem lies barren.

Jeremiah writes his lament in acrostic or alphabetical fashion. Beginning each chapter with the first letter A (aleph) he progresses verse by verse through the Hebrew alphabet, literally weeping from A to Z. And then, in the midst of this terrible holocaust, Jeremiah triumphantly cries out, “Great is Your faithfulness” (3:23). In the face of death and destruction, with life seemingly coming apart, Jeremiah turns tragedy into a triumph of faith. God has never failed him in the past. God has promised to remain faithful in the future. In the light of the God he knows and loves, Jeremiah finds hope and comfort.

The Hebrew title of this book comes from the first word of chapters 1, 2, and 4: *Ekah*, “Ah, how!” Another Hebrew word *Ginoth* (“Elegies” or “Lamentations”) has also been used as the title because it better represents the contents of the book. The Greek title *Threnoi* means “Dirges” or “Laments,” and the Latin title *Threni* (“Tears” or “Lamentations”) was derived from this word. The subtitle in Jerome’s Vulgate reads: “*Id est lamentationes Jeremiae prophetae*,” and this became the basis for the English title “The Lamentations of Jeremiah.”

Jerusalem in Affliction

HOW lonely sits the city
That was full of people!
^aHow like a widow is she,
Who was great among the nations!
The ^bprincess among the provinces
Has become a ¹slave!
2 She ^aweeps bitterly in the ^bnight,
Her tears *are* on her cheeks;
Among all her lovers
She has none to comfort *her*.
All her friends have dealt
treacherously with her;
They have become her enemies.

3 ^aJudah has gone into captivity,
Under affliction and hard servitude;

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aIs. 47:7–9
^{b1} Kin. 4:21;
Ezra 4:20; Jer. 31:7 ¹Lit.
forced laborer

2 ^aJer. 13:17
^bJob 7:3

3 ^aJer. 52:27
^bLam. 2:9
^cDeut. 28:65
¹*Gentiles*

4 ^aIs. 27:10
¹*appointed*

5 ^aDeut. 28:43
^bJer. 30:14, 15;
Dan. 9:7, 16
^cJer. 52:28
¹Lit. *her head*

^bShe dwells among the ¹nations,
She finds no ^arest;
All her persecutors overtake
her in dire straits.

4 The roads to Zion mourn
Because no one comes to the ¹set feasts.
All her gates are ^adesolate;
Her priests sigh,
Her virgins are afflicted,
And she is in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries ^ahave become
the master,
Her enemies prosper;
For the LORD has afflicted her
^bBecause of the multitude of her
transgressions.
Her ^achildren have gone into
captivity before the enemy.

6 And from the daughter of Zion
All her splendor has departed.

- Her princes have become like deer
That find no pasture,
That ¹flee without strength
Before the pursuer.
- 7 In the days of her affliction and roaming,
Jerusalem ^aremembers all her pleasant things
That she had in the days of old.
When her people fell into the hand of the enemy,
With no one to help her,
The adversaries saw her
And mocked at her ¹downfall.
- 8 ^aJerusalem has sinned gravely,
Therefore she has become ¹vile.
All who honored her despise her
Because ^bthey have seen her nakedness;
Yes, she sighs and turns away.
- 9 Her uncleanness is in her skirts;
She ^adid not consider her destiny;
Therefore her collapse was awesome;
She had no comforter.
“O LORD, behold my affliction,
For the enemy is exalted!”
- 10 The adversary has spread his hand
Over all her ¹pleasant things;
For she has seen ^athe nations enter her ²sanctuary,
Those whom You commanded ^bNot to enter Your assembly.
- 11 All her people sigh,
^aThey ¹seek bread;
They have given their ²valuables for food to restore life.
“See, O LORD, and consider,
For I am scorned.”
- 12 “Is it nothing to you, all you who ¹pass by?
Behold and see
^aIf there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which has been brought on me,
Which the LORD has inflicted
In the day of His fierce anger.
- 13 “From above He has sent fire into my bones,
And it overpowered them;
He has ^aspread a net for my feet
And turned me back;
He has made me desolate
And faint all the day.
- 14 “The ^ayoke of my transgressions was ¹bound;
They were woven together by His hands,
- ⁶ ¹Lit. are gone
⁷ ^aPs. 137:1
¹Vg. Sabbaths
⁸ ^a[1 Kin. 8:46]
^bJer. 13:22;
Ezek. 16:37;
Hos. 2:10
¹LXX, Vg. moved or removed
⁹ ^aDeut. 32:29;
Is. 47:7; Jer. 5:31
¹⁰ ^aPs. 74:4–8;
Is. 64:10, 11;
Jer. 51:51
^bDeut. 23:3;
Neh. 13:1 ¹desirable ¹holy place, the temple
¹¹ ^aJer. 38:9;
52:6 ¹hunt food ²desirable things
¹² ^aDan. 9:12
¹Lit. pass by this way
¹³ ^aEzek. 12:13; 17:20
¹⁴ ^aDeut. 28:48
¹So with MT, Tg., LXX, Syr., Vg. watched over
¹⁵ ^aIs. 63:3;
[Rev. 14:19]
¹⁶ ^aPs. 69:20;
Eccl. 4:1; Jer. 13:17; Lam. 2:18
¹⁷ ^a[Is. 1:15];
Jer. 4:31
^b2 Kin. 24:2–4;
Jer. 12:9
¹Prays
¹⁸ ^aNeh. 9:33;
Ps. 119:75;
Dan. 9:7, 14
^b1 Sam. 12:14, 15; Jer. 4:17
¹Lit. mouth
²⁰ ^aJob 30:27;
Is. 16:11; Jer. 4:19; Lam. 2:11; Hos. 11:8
^bDeut. 32:25;
Ezek. 7:15
¹Lit. inward parts
²¹ ^aPs. 35:15;
Jer. 48:27;
50:11; Lam. 2:15; Obad. 12
^bIs. 13; [Jer. 46] ¹proclaimed
²² ^aNeh. 4:4, 5;
Ps. 109:15;
137:7, 8; Jer. 30:16
- And thrust upon my neck.
He made my strength fail;
The Lord delivered me into the hands of those whom I am not able to withstand.
- 15 “The Lord has trampled underfoot all my mighty men in my midst;
He has called an assembly against me
To crush my young men;
^aThe Lord trampled as in a winepress
The virgin daughter of Judah.
- 16 “For these things I weep;
My eye, ^amy eye overflows with water;
Because the comforter, who should restore my life,
Is far from me.
My children are desolate
Because the enemy prevailed.”
- 17 ^aZion ¹spreads out her hands,
But no one comforts her;
The LORD has commanded concerning Jacob
That those ^baround him become his adversaries;
Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them.
- 18 “The LORD is ^arighteous,
For I ^brebelled against His ¹commandment.
Hear now, all peoples,
And behold my sorrow;
My virgins and my young men
Have gone into captivity.
- 19 “I called for my lovers,
But they deceived me;
My priests and my elders
Breathed their last in the city,
While they sought food
To restore their life.
- 20 “See, O LORD, that I am in distress;
My ^asoul¹ is troubled;
My heart is overturned within me,
For I have been very rebellious.
^bOutside the sword bereaves,
At home it is like death.
- 21 “They have heard that I sigh,
But no one comforts me.
All my enemies have heard of my trouble;
They are ^aglad that You have done it.
Bring on ^bthe day You have ¹announced,
That they may become like me.
- 22 “Let ^aall their wickedness come before You,
And do to them as You have done to me
For all my transgressions;

CHAPTER 2

- For my sighs *are* many,
And my heart is faint.”
- God's Anger with Jerusalem*
- 2 How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion
With a ^acloud in His anger!
^bHe cast down from heaven to the earth
^cThe beauty of Israel,
And did not remember ^dHis footstool
In the day of His anger.
- 2 The Lord has swallowed up and has ^anot pitied
All the dwelling places of Jacob.
He has thrown down in His wrath
The strongholds of the daughter of Judah;
He has brought *them* down to the ground;
^bHe has profaned the kingdom and its princes.
- 3 He has cut off in fierce anger Every ^ahorn of Israel;
^aHe has drawn back His right hand
From before the enemy.
^bHe has blazed against Jacob like a flaming fire
Devouring all around.
- 4 ^aStanding like an enemy, He has bent His bow;
With His right hand, like an adversary,
He has slain ^ball *who were* pleasing to His eye;
On the tent of the daughter of Zion,
He has poured out His fury like fire.
- 5 ^aThe Lord was like an enemy. He has swallowed up Israel,
He has swallowed up all her palaces;
^bHe has destroyed her strongholds,
And has increased mourning and lamentation
In the daughter of Judah.
- 6 He has done violence ^ato His ¹tabernacle,
^bAs if it were a garden;
He has destroyed His place of assembly;
The LORD has caused
The appointed feasts and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion.
In His burning indignation He has ^cspurned the king and the priest.
- 7 The Lord has spurned His altar,
He has ^aabandoned His sanctuary;
- 1 ^a[Lam. 3:44]
^bMatt. 11:23
^c2 Sam. 1:19
^dPs. 99:5
- 2 ^aLam. 3:43
^bPs. 89:39, 40
- 3 ^aPs. 74:11
^bPs. 89:46
¹Strength
- 4 ^aIs. 63:10
^bEzek. 24:25
- 5 ^aJer. 30:14
^bJer. 52:13
- 6 ^aPs. 80:12; 89:40 ^bIs. 1:8
^cIs. 43:28 ¹Lit. booth
- 7 ^aEzek. 24:21
^bPs. 74:3–8
¹delivered
- 8 ^aJer. 52:14
^b[Is. 34:11]
¹determined
- 9 ^aJer. 51:30
^bDeut. 28:36
^c2 Chr. 15:3
^dPs. 74:9
¹Gentiles
²Prophetic revelation
- 10 ^aIs. 3:26
^bJob 2:12 ^cIs. 15:3 ¹A sign of mourning
- 11 ^aLam. 3:48
^bJob 16:13
^cLam. 4:4 ¹Lit. inward parts
²Lit. liver
- 13 ^aLam. 1:12
¹Or bear witness to
- 14 ^aJer. 2:8; 23:25–29; 29:8, 9; 37:19 ^bIs. 58:1
- He has ^agiven up the walls of her palaces
Into the hand of the enemy.
^bThey have made a noise in the house of the LORD
As on the day of a set feast.
- 8 The LORD has ¹purposed to destroy
The ^awall of the daughter of Zion.
^bHe has stretched out a line;
He has not withdrawn His hand from destroying;
Therefore He has caused the rampart and wall to lament;
They languished together.
- 9 Her gates have sunk into the ground;
He has destroyed and ^abroken her bars.
^bHer king and her princes *are* among the ¹nations;
^cThe Law is no *more*,
And her ^dprophets find no ²vision from the LORD.
- 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion
^aSit on the ground *and* keep silence;
¹They ^bthrow dust on their heads
And ^cgird themselves with sackcloth.
The virgins of Jerusalem
Bow their heads to the ground.
- 11 ^aMy eyes fail with tears,
My ¹heart is troubled;
^bMy ²bile is poured on the ground
Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,
Because ^cthe children and the infants
Faint in the streets of the city.
- 12 They say to their mothers,
“Where is grain and wine?”
As they swoon like the wounded
In the streets of the city,
As their life is poured out
In their mothers’ bosom.
- 13 How shall I ^aconsole¹ you?
To what shall I liken you,
O daughter of Jerusalem?
What shall I compare with you,
that I may comfort you,
O virgin daughter of Zion?
For your ruin is spread wide as the sea;
Who can heal you?
- 14 Your ^aprophets have seen for you
False and deceptive visions;
They have not ^buncovered your iniquity,
To bring back your captives,

- But have envisioned for you
false ^cprophecies and
delusions.
- 15 All who ¹pass by ^cclap *their*
hands at you;
They hiss ^band shake their
heads
At the daughter of Jerusalem:
“Is this the city that is called
^c‘The perfection of beauty,
The joy of the whole earth’?”
- 16 “All your enemies have opened
their mouth against you;
They hiss and gnash *their*
teeth.
They say, ^b“We have swallowed
her up!
Surely this is the ^cday we have
waited for;
We have found it, ^awe have
seen it!”
- 17 The LORD has done what He
^apurposed;
He has fulfilled His word
Which He commanded in days
of old.
He has thrown down and has
not pitied,
And He has caused an enemy
to ^brejoice over you;
He has exalted the ¹horn of
your adversaries.
- 18 Their heart cried out to the
Lord,
“O wall of the daughter of Zion,
^aLet tears run down like a river
day and night;
Give yourself no relief;
Give ¹your eyes no rest.
- 19 “Arise, ^acry out in the night,
At the beginning of the
watches;
^bPour out your heart like water
before the face of the Lord.
Lift your hands toward Him
For the life of your young
children,
Who faint from hunger ^cat the
head of every street.”
- 20 “See, O LORD, and consider!
To whom have You done this?
^aShould the women eat their
offspring,
The children ¹they have
cuddled?
Should the priest and prophet
be slain
In the sanctuary of the Lord?
- 21 “Young^a and old lie
On the ground in the streets;
My virgins and my young men
Have fallen by the ^bsword;
You have slain *them* in the day
of Your anger,
You have slaughtered *and* not
pitied.
- 14 ^cJer.
23:33-36
- 15 ^aEzek. 25:6
^bPs. 44:14
^c[Ps. 48:2;
50:2] ¹Lit.
pass by this
way
- 16 ^aJob 16:9,
10 ^bPs. 56:2;
124:3 ^cLam.
1:21 ^dPs. 35:21
- 17 ^aLev. 26:16
^bPs. 38:16
¹Strength
- 18 ^aJer. 14:17
¹Lit. *the*
daughter of
your eye
- 19 ^aPs. 119:147
^bPs. 42:4; 62:8
^cIs. 51:20
- 20 ^aLev. 26:29
¹Vg. *a span*
long
- 21 ^a2 Chr.
36:17 ^bJer.
18:21
- 22 ^aPs. 31:13
^bHos. 9:12
^cJer. 16:2-4;
44:7
- CHAPTER 3
- 4 ^aJob 16:8
^bPs. 51:8
- 5 ¹hardship or
weariness
- 6 ^a[Ps. 88:5, 6;
143:3]
- 7 ^aHos. 2:6
- 8 ^aJob 30:20
- 10 ^aIs. 38:13
¹Lit. *secret*
places
- 11 ^aHos. 6:1
- 12 ^aJob 7:20;
16:12
- 13 ^aJob 6:4
¹Lit. *sons of*
²Lit. *kidneys*
- 14 ^aJer. 20:7
^bJob 30:9
- 15 ^aJer. 9:15
- 16 ^a[Prov.
20:17] ¹Lit.
bent me down
in
- 17 ¹Lit. *good*
- 18 ^aPs. 31:22
- 22 “You have invited as to a feast
day
^aThe terrors that surround me.
In the day of the LORD’s
anger
There was no refugee or
survivor.
^bThose whom I have borne and
brought up
My enemies have ^c‘destroyed.’”
- The Prophet’s Anguish and Hope*
- 3 I *am* the man *who* has seen
affliction by the rod of His
wrath.
- 2 He has led me and made *me*
walk
In darkness and not *in* light.
- 3 Surely He has turned His hand
against me
Time and time again
throughout the day.
- 4 He has aged ^amy flesh and my
skin,
And ^bbroken my bones.
- 5 He has besieged me
And surrounded *me* with
bitterness and ¹woe.
- 6 He has set me in dark places
Like the dead of long age.
- 7 ^aHe has hedged me in so that I
cannot get out;
He has made my chain heavy.
Even ^awhen I cry and shout,
He shuts out my prayer.
- 9 He has blocked my ways with
hewn stone;
He has made my paths
crooked.
- 10 ^aHe *has been* to me a bear lying
in wait,
Like a lion in ¹ambush.
- 11 He has turned aside my ways
and ^atorn me in pieces;
He has made me desolate.
- 12 He has bent His bow
And ^aset me up as a target for
the arrow.
- 13 He has caused ^athe ¹arrows of
His quiver
To pierce my ²loins.
- 14 I have become the ^aridicule of
all my people—
^bTheir taunting song all the day.
- 15 ^aHe has filled me with
bitterness,
He has made me drink
wormwood.
- 16 He has also broken my teeth
^awith gravel,
And ¹covered me with ashes.
- 17 You have moved my soul far
from peace;
I have forgotten ¹prosperity.
- 18 ^aAnd I said, “My strength and
my hope
Have perished from the LORD.”

- 19 Remember my affliction and roaming,
 "The wormwood and the ¹gall.
 20 My soul still remembers
 And ¹sinks within me.
 21 This I recall to my mind,
 Therefore I have "hope.
 22 "Through the LORD's mercies we
 are not consumed,
 Because His compassions ^bfail
 not.
 23 *They are new* "every morning;
 Great is Your faithfulness.
 24 "The LORD is my "portion," says
 my soul,
 "Therefore I ^bhope in Him!"
 25 The LORD is good to those who
 "wait for Him,
 To the soul *who* seeks Him.
 26 *It is good that one* should "hope
^band wait quietly
 For the salvation of the LORD.
 27 "It is good for a man to bear
 The yoke in his youth.
 28 "Let him sit alone and keep
 silent,
 Because *God* has laid *it* on him;
 29 "Let him put his mouth in the
 dust—
 There may yet be hope.
 30 "Let him give *his* cheek to the
 one who strikes him,
 And be full of reproach.
 31 "For the Lord will not cast off
 forever.
 32 Though He causes grief,
 Yet He will show compassion
 According to the multitude of
 His mercies.
 33 For "He does not afflict
¹willingly,
 Nor grieve the children of men.
 34 To crush under one's feet
 All the prisoners of the earth,
 35 To turn aside the justice *due* a
 man
 Before the face of the Most
 High.
 36 Or subvert a man in his cause—
 "The Lord does not approve.
 37 Who is he "who speaks and it
 comes to pass,
 When the Lord has not
 commanded *it*?
 38 *Is it* not from the mouth of the
 Most High
 That "woe and well-being
 proceed?
 39 "Why should a living man
¹complain,
^bA man for the punishment of
 his sins?
 40 Let us search out and examine
 our ways,
 And turn back to the LORD;
- 19 ^aJer. 9:15
¹bitterness
 20 ¹Lit. bowed
 down
 21 ^aPs. 130:7
 22 ^a[Mal. 3:6]
^bPs. 78:38
 23 ^aIs. 33:2
 24 ^aPs. 16:5;
 73:26; 119:57
^bMic. 7:7
 25 ^aIs. 30:18
 26 ^a[Rom.
 4:16–18] ^bPs.
 37:7
 27 ^aPs. 94:12
 28 ^aJer. 15:17
 29 ^aJob 42:6
 30 ^aIs. 50:6
 31 ^aPs. 77:7;
 94:14
 33 ^a[Ezek.
 33:11] ¹Lit.
 from his
 heart
 36 ^a[Hab. 1:13]
 37 ^a[Ps.
 33:9–11]
 38 ^aJob 2:10
 39 ^aProv. 19:3
^bMic. 7:9 ¹Or
 murmur
 41 ^aPs. 86:4
 42 ^aDan. 9:5
 45 ^a1 Cor. 4:13
 46 ^aLam. 2:16
 47 ^aIs. 24:17,
 18 ^bIs. 51:19
 48 ^aJer. 4:19;
 14:17
 49 ^aJer. 14:17
 50 ^aIs. 63:15
 52 ^aPs. 35:7, 19
 53 ^aJer. 37:16
^bDan. 6:17
¹LXX put to
 death ²Lit. a
 stone on
 54 ^aPs. 69:2
^bIs. 38:10
 55 ^aPs. 130:1
^bJer. 38:6–13
 56 ^aPs. 3:4
 57 ^aJames 4:8
^bIs. 41:10, 14
 58 ^aJer. 51:36
^bPs. 71:23
 59 ^aPs. 9:4
¹Lit. my
 wrong
 60 ^aJer. 11:19
- 41 "Let us lift our hearts and hands
 To God in heaven.
 42 "We have transgressed and
 rebelled;
 You have not pardoned.
 43 You have covered *Yourself* with
 anger
 And pursued us;
 You have slain *and* not pitied.
 44 You have covered Yourself with
 a cloud,
 That prayer should not pass
 through.
 45 You have made us an
 "offscouring and refuse
 In the midst of the peoples.
 46 "All our enemies
 Have opened their mouths
 against us.
 47 "Fear and a snare have come
 upon us,
^bDesolation and destruction.
 48 "My eyes overflow with rivers of
 water
 For the destruction of the
 daughter of my people.
 49 "My eyes flow and do not cease,
 Without interruption,
 50 Till the LORD from heaven
 "Looks down and sees.
 51 My eyes bring suffering to my
 soul
 Because of all the daughters of
 my city.
 52 My enemies "without cause
 Hunted me down like a bird.
 53 They ¹silenced my life "in the pit
 And ^bthrew ²stones at me.
 54 "The waters flowed over my
 head;
^bI said, "I am cut off!"
 55 "I called on Your name,
 O LORD,
 From the lowest ^bpit.
 56 "You have heard my voice:
 "Do not hide Your ear
 From my sighing, from my cry
 for help."
 57 You "drew near on the day I
 called on You,
 And said, ^b"Do not fear!"
 58 O Lord, You have "pleaded the
 case for my soul;
^bYou have redeemed my life.
 59 O LORD, You have seen ¹how I
 am wronged;
 "Judge my case.
 60 You have seen all their
 vengeance,
 All their "schemes against me.
 61 You have heard their reproach,
 O LORD,
 All their schemes against me,
 62 The lips of my enemies
 And their whispering against me
 all the day.

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- 63 Look at their ^asitting down and their rising up;
I *am* their taunting song.
- 64 ^aRepay them, O LORD,
According to the work of their hands.
- 65 Give them ^{1a} a veiled heart;
Your curse *be* upon them!
- 66 In Your anger,
Pursue and destroy them
^aFrom under the heavens of the ^bLORD.

The Degradation of Zion

- 4 How the gold has become dim!
How changed the fine gold!
The stones of the sanctuary are ¹scattered
At the head of every street.
- 2 The precious sons of Zion,
¹Valuable as fine gold,
How they are ²regarded ^aas clay pots,
The work of the hands of the potter!
- 3 Even the jackals present their breasts
To nurse their young;
But the daughter of my people is cruel,
^aLike ostriches in the wilderness.
- 4 The tongue of the infant clings
To the roof of its mouth for thirst;
^aThe young children ask for bread,
But no one breaks *it* for them.
- 5 Those who ate delicacies
Are desolate in the streets;
Those who were brought up in scarlet
^aEmbrace ash heaps.
- 6 The punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people
Is greater than the punishment of the ^asin of Sodom,
Which was ^boverthrown in a moment,
With no hand to help her!
- 7 Her ¹Nazirites were ²brighter than snow
And whiter than milk;
They were more ruddy in body than rubies,
Like sapphire in their ³appearance.
- 8 Now their appearance is blacker than soot;
They go unrecognized in the streets;
^aTheir skin clings to their bones,
It has become as dry as wood.

63 ^aPs. 139:2
64 ^aPs. 28:4;
Jer. 11:20;
2 Tim. 4:14

65 ^{1A} Jewish tradition *sorrow of*

66 ^aDeut. 25:19; Jer. 10:11 ^bPs. 8:3

CHAPTER 4

1 ¹Lit. *poured out*

2 ^aIs. 30:14; Jer. 19:11; [2 Cor. 4:7]

¹Lit. *Weighed against* ²reckoned

3 ^aJob 39:14-17

4 ^aPs. 22:15

5 ^aJob 24:8

6 ^aEzek. 16:48 ^bGen. 19:25; Jer. 20:16

7 ¹Or *nobles* ²Or *purer* ³Lit. *polishing*

8 ^aJob 19:20; Ps. 102:5

9 ^aLev. 26:39; Ezek. 24:23 ^bJer. 16:4

10 ^aLev. 26:29; Deut. 28:57; 2 Kin. 6:29; Jer. 19:9; Lam. 2:20; Ezek. 5:10 ^bIs. 49:15 ^cDeut. 28:57 ¹boiled

11 ^aJer. 7:20; Lam. 2:17; Ezek. 22:31 ^bDeut. 32:22; Jer. 21:14

12 ^aJer. 21:13

13 ^aJer. 5:31; Ezek. 22:26; 28; Zeph. 3:4 ^bJer. 2:30; 26:8, 9; Matt. 23:31

14 ^aJer. 2:34 ^bNum. 19:16

15 ^aLev. 13:45, 46

16 ^aLam. 5:12 ¹Tg. *anger*

17 ^a2 Kin. 24:7

18 ^a2 Kin. 25:4 ^bEzek. 7:2, 3, 6; Amos 8:2 ¹Lit. *hunted*

- 9 *Those* slain by the sword are better off
Than *those* who die of hunger;
For these ^apine away.
Stricken for *lack* of the fruits of the ^bfield.

- 10 The hands of the ^acompassionate women
Have ¹cooked their ^bown children;
They became ^cfood for them
In the destruction of the daughter of my people.

- 11 The LORD has fulfilled His fury,
^aHe has poured out His fierce anger.
^bHe kindled a fire in Zion,
And it has devoured its foundations.

- 12 The kings of the earth,
And all inhabitants of the world,
Would not have believed
That the adversary and the enemy
Could ^aenter the gates of Jerusalem—

- 13 ^aBecause of the sins of her prophets
And the iniquities of her priests,
^bWho shed in her midst
The blood of the just.

- 14 They wandered blind in the streets;
^aThey have defiled themselves with blood,
^bSo that no one would touch their garments.

- 15 They cried out to them,
“Go away, ^aunclean!
Go away, go away,
Do not touch us!”
When they fled and wandered,
Those among the nations said,
“They shall no longer dwell *here*.”

- 16 The ¹face of the LORD scattered them;
He no longer regards them.
^aThe *people* do not respect the priests
Nor show favor to the elders.

- 17 Still ^aour eyes failed us,
Watching vainly for our help;
In our watching we watched
For a nation *that* could not save us.

- 18 ^aThey ¹tracked our steps
So that we could not walk in our streets.
^bOur end was near;
Our days were over,
For our end had come.

19 Our pursuers were ^aswifter
Than the eagles of the heavens.
They pursued us on the
mountains
And lay in wait for us in the
wilderness.

20 The ^bbreath of our nostrils, the
anointed of the LORD,
^bWas caught in their pits,
Of whom we said, "Under his
shadow
We shall live among the
nations."

21 Rejoice and be glad,
O daughter of ^aEdom,
You who dwell in the land of
Uz!
^bThe cup shall also pass over to
you
And you shall become drunk
and make yourself naked.

22 *"The punishment of your
iniquity ¹is accomplished,
O daughter of Zion;
He will no longer send you into
captivity.
^bHe will punish your iniquity,
O daughter of Edom;
He will uncover your sins!*

A Prayer for Restoration

5 Remember, ^aO LORD,
what has come upon us;
Look, and behold ^bour
reproach!
2 ^aOur inheritance has been
turned over to aliens,
And our houses to foreigners.
3 We have become orphans and
waifs,
Our mothers *are* like ^awidows.
4 We pay for the water we
drink,
And our wood comes at a price.
5 ^aThey pursue at our ¹heels;
We labor *and* have no rest.
6 ^aWe have given our hand ^bto the
Egyptians
And the ^cAssyrians, to be
satisfied with bread.

19 ^aDeut. 28:49

20 ^aGen. 2:7
^bJer. 52:9;
Ezek. 12:13

21 ^aPs. 83:3-6
^bJer. 25:15;
Obad. 10

22 ^a[Is. 40:2;
Jer. 33:7, 8]
^bPs. 137:7
¹*has been
completed*

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aPs. 89:50

^bPs. 79:4;
Lam. 2:15

2 ^aPs. 79:1

3 ^aEx. 22:24;
Jer. 15:8;
18:21

5 ^aDeut. 28:48;
Jer. 28:14 ¹Lit.
necks

6 ^aGen. 24:2
^bHos. 9:3; 12:1
^cJer. 2:18;
Hos. 5:13

7 ^aJer. 31:29

11 ^aIs. 13:16;
Zech. 14:2

13 ^aJudg. 16:21

14 ^aIs. 24:8;
Jer. 7:34

15 ^aJer. 25:10;
Amos 8:10

16 ^aJob 19:9;
Ps. 89:39; Jer.
13:18

17 ^aPs. 6:7

18 ^aIs. 27:10

19 ^aPs. 9:7;
Hab. 1:12 ^bPs.
45:6

20 ^aPs. 13:1;
44:24

21 ^aPs. 80:3, 7,
19; Jer. 31:18
¹*returned*

7 ^aOur fathers sinned *and are* no
more,
But we bear their iniquities.
8 Servants rule over us;
*There is none to deliver us from
their hand.*

9 We get our bread *at the risk of*
our lives,
Because of the sword in the
wilderness.

10 Our skin is hot as an oven,
Because of the fever of famine.

11 They ^aravished the women in
Zion,
The maidens in the cities of
Judah.

12 Princes were hung up by their
hands,
And elders were not respected.

13 Young men ^aground at the
millstones;
Boys staggered under *loads of*
wood.

14 The elders have ceased
gathering at the gate,
And the young men from their
^amusic.

15 The joy of our heart has ceased;
Our dance has turned into
^amourning.

16 ^aThe crown has fallen *from* our
head.

17 Woe to us, for we have sinned!
Because of this our heart is
faint;

^aBecause of these *things* our
eyes grow dim;

18 Because of Mount Zion which
is ^adesolate,
With foxes walking about on it.

19 You, O LORD, ^aremain forever;
^bYour throne from generation to
generation.

20 ^aWhy do You forget us forever,
And forsake us for so long a
time?

21 ^aTurn us back to You, O LORD,
and we will be ¹restored;
Renew our days as of old.

22 Unless You have utterly rejected
us,
And are very angry with us!

The Book of EZEKIEL

EZEKIEL, a priest and a prophet, ministers during the darkest days of Judah's history: the seventy-year period of Babylonian captivity. Carried to Babylon before the final assault on Jerusalem, Ezekiel uses prophecies, parables, signs, and symbols to dramatize God's message to His exiled people. Though they are like dry bones in the sun, God will reassemble them and breathe life into the nation once again. Present judgment will be followed by future glory so that "you shall know that I am the LORD" (6:7).

The Hebrew name *Yehezke'l* means "God Strengthens" or "Strengthened by God." Ezekiel is indeed strengthened by God for the prophetic ministry to which he is called (3:8, 9). The name occurs twice in this book and nowhere else in the Old Testament. The Greek form in the Septuagint is *Iezekiel* and the Latin form in the Vulgate is *Ezechiel*.

Ezekiel's Vision of God

NOW it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

2 On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity,

3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was upon him there.

4 Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

5 Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.

6 Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings.

7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze.

8 The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings.

9 Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.

11 Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies.

12 And each one went straight for-

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aEzek. 3:15, 23; 10:15

^bRev. 4:1;

19:11 ^cEzek.

8:3 ¹So with

MT, LXX, Vg.;

Syr., Tg. *a*

vision

3 ^aEzek. 3:14,

22 ¹Or *Bab-*

ylonians, and

so elsewhere

in the book

4 ^aJer. 23:19;

25:32 ^bJer.

1:14

5 ^aRev. 4:6-8

^bEzek. 10:8

^cEzek. 10:14

7 ^aDan. 10:6

¹Lit. *feet*

8 ^aEzek. 10:8,

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9 ^aEzek. 1:12;

10:20-22

10 ^aRev. 4:7

^bNum. 2:10

^cNum. 2:3

^dNum. 2:18

^eNum. 2:25

11 ^aIs. 6:2

12 ^aEzek.

10:11, 22

13 ^aRev. 4:5

14 ^a[Matt.

24:27]

15 ^aEzek. 10:9

16 ^aEzek. 10:9,

10 ^bDan. 10:6

18 ^aEzek.

10:12

19 ^aEzek.

10:16, 17

20 ^aEzek.

10:17 ¹Lit. *liv-*

ing creature;

LXX, Vg.

spirit of life;

Tg. *creatures*

21 ¹See note

at v. 20

22 ^aEzek. 10:1

^bRev. 4:6

^cEzek. 10:1

¹Or *expanse*

²So with

LXX, Tg., Vg.;

MT reads *liv-*

ing creature

ward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning.

14 And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.

15 Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went.

18 As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them.

19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

21 When those went, these went; when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

22 The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures was like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads.

23 And under the firmament their wings *spread out* straight, one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two which covered the other side of the body.

24 ^aWhen they went, I heard the noise of their wings, ^blike the noise of many waters, like ^cthe voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and when they stood still, they let down their wings.

25 A voice came from above the firmament that was over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings.

26 ^aAnd above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, ^bin appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above ^cit.

27 Also from the appearance of His waist and upward ^dI saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around.

28 ^aLike the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. ^bThis was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

Ezekiel Sent to Rebellious Israel

So when I saw it, ^cI fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

2 And He said to me, "Son of man, ^astand on your feet, and I will speak to you."

2 Then ^athe Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me.

3 And He said to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has ^arebelled against Me; ^bthey and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

4 ^a"For they are ^bimpudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'

5 ^a"As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a ^brebellious house—yet they ^cwill know that a prophet has been among them.

6 "And you, son of man, ^ado not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though ^bbriers and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; ^cdo not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, ^dthough they are a rebellious house.

7 ^a"You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether

24 ^aEzek. 3:13; 10:5 ^bRev. 1:15 ^cJob 37:4, 5

26 ^aEzek. 10:1 ^bEx. 24:10, 16 ^cEzek. 8:2

27 ^aEzek. 8:2

28 ^aRev. 4:3; 10:1 ^bEzek. 3:23; 8:4 ^cDan. 8:17

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aDan. 10:11

2 ^aEzek. 3:24

3 ^aEzek. 5:6; 20:8, 13, 18 ^bJer. 3:25

4 ^aEzek. 3:7 ¹Lit. *stiff-faced and hard-hearted sons*

5 ^aEzek. 3:11, 26, 27 ^bEzek. 3:26 ^cEzek. 33:33

6 ^aJer. 1:8, 17 ^bMic. 7:4 ^c[1 Pet. 3:14] ^dEzek. 3:9, 26, 27

7 ^aJer. 1:7, 17

8 ^aRev. 10:9

9 ^a[Ezek. 8:3] ^bEzek. 3:1

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aEzek. 2:8, 9

3 ^aRev. 10:9 ^bPs. 19:10; 119:103

6 ^aMatt. 11:21

7 ^aJohn 15:20, 21 ^bEzek. 2:4 ¹Lit. *strong of forehead*

9 ^aMic. 3:8 ^bJer. 1:8, 17

11 ^aEzek. 2:5, 7

12 ^aActs 8:39 ^bEzek. 1:28; 8:4

13 ^aEzek. 1:24; 10:5

14 ^a2 Kin. 3:15 ¹Or *anger*

they refuse, for they are rebellious. 8 "But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and ^aeat what I give you."

9 Now when I looked, there was ^aa hand stretched out to me; and behold, ^ba scroll of a book was in it. 10 Then He spread it before me; and ^cthere was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe.

3 Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; ^aeat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

2 So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ^aate, and it was in my mouth ^blike honey in sweetness.

4 Then He said to me: "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

5 "For you are not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, ^abut to the house of Israel.

6 "not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, ^ahad I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

7 "But the house of Israel will not listen to you, ^abecause they will not listen to Me; ^bfor all the house of Israel are ^cimpudent and hard-hearted.

8 "Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 ^a"Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; ^bdo not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house."

10 Moreover He said to me: "Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears.

11 "And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, ^a'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear, or whether they refuse."

12 Then ^athe Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice: "Blessed is the ^bglory of the LORD from His place!"

13 I also heard the ^anoise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a great thunderous noise.

14 So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the ^aheat of my spirit; but ^bthe hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

15 Then I came to the captives at

Tel Abib, who dwelt by the River Chebar; and ^al sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

Ezekiel Is a Watchman

16 Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

17 ^a"Son of man, I have made you ^ba watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them ^cwarning from Me:

18 "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

19 "Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; ^abut you have delivered your soul.

20 "Again, when a *righteous man* turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

21 "Nevertheless if you warn the righteous *man* that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul."

22 ^aThen the hand of the LORD was upon me there, and He said to me, "Arise, go out ^binto the plain, and there I shall talk with you."

23 So I arose and went out into the plain, and behold, ^athe glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory which I ^bsaw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face.

24 Then ^athe Spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and spoke with me and said to me: "Go, shut yourself inside your house.

25 "And you, O son of man, surely ^athey will put ropes on you and bind you with them, so that you cannot go out among them.

26 ^a"I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and ^bnot be ^cone to rebuke them, ^dfor they are a rebellious house.

27 ^a"But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, ^b"Thus says the Lord GOD.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

The Siege of Jerusalem Portrayed

4 "You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you,

15 ^aJob 2:13; Ps. 137:1

16 ^aJer. 42:7

17 ^aEzek. 33:7-9 ^bIs. 52:8; 56:10; Jer. 6:17 ^c[Lev. 19:17; Prov. 14:25]; Is. 58:1

18 ^aEzek. 33:6; [John 8:21, 24]

19 ^a[Is. 49:4, 5; Ezek. 14:14; 20; Acts 18:6; 20:26; 1 Tim. 4:16]

20 ^aPs. 125:5; Ezek. 18:24; 33:18; Zeph. 1:6

22 ^aEzek. 1:3 ^bEzek. 8:4

23 ^aEzek. 1:28; Acts 7:55 ^bEzek. 1:1 ^cEzek. 1:28

24 ^aEzek. 2:2

25 ^aEzek. 4:8

26 ^aEzek. 24:27; Luke 1:20, 22 ^bHos. 4:17; Amos 8:11 ^cEzek. 2:5-7 ^dLit. *one who rebukes*

27 ^aEx. 4:11, 12; Ezek. 24:27; 33:22 ^bEzek. 3:11

CHAPTER 4

2 ^aJer. 6:6; Ezek. 21:22 ^b2 Kin. 25:1

3 ^aJer. 39:1, 2; Ezek. 5:2 ^bEzek. 12:6, 11; 24:24, 27

5 ^aNum. 14:34

8 ^aEzek. 3:25 ^bLit. *put ropes on*

13 ^aDan. 1:8; Hos. 9:3

14 ^aActs 10:14 ^bEx. 22:31; Lev. 17:15; 22:8; Ezek. 44:31 ^cDeut. 14:3; Is. 65:4; 66:17 ^dRitually unclean flesh, Lev. 7:18

16 ^aLev. 26:26; Ps. 105:16; Is. 3:1; Ezek. 5:16; 14:13 ^bEzek. 4:10, 11; 12:19 ^cEzek. 4:11

and portray on it a city, Jerusalem.

2 ^a"Lay siege against it, build a ^bsiege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it; set camps against it also, and place battering rams against it all around.

3 "Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face against it, and it shall be ^a'besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. ^bThis will be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 "Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. *According* to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity.

5 "For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; ^aso you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 "And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.

7 "Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem; your arm *shall be* uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it.

8 ^a"And surely I will ^brestrain you so that you cannot turn from one side to another till you have ended the days of your siege.

9 "Also take for yourself wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; put them into one vessel, and make bread of them for yourself. *During* the number of days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days, you shall eat it.

10 "And your food which you eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time you shall eat it.

11 "You shall also drink water by measure, one-sixth of a hin; from time to time you shall drink.

12 "And you shall eat it as barley cakes; and bake it using fuel of human waste in their sight."

13 Then the LORD said, "So ^ashall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, where I will drive them."

14 So I said, ^a"Ah, Lord GOD! Indeed I have never defiled myself from my youth till now; I have never eaten ^bwhat died of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has ^c'abominable' flesh ever come into my mouth."

15 Then He said to me, "See, I am giving you cow dung instead of human waste, and you shall prepare your bread over it."

16 Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, surely I will cut off the ^a'supply of bread in Jerusalem; they shall ^beat bread by weight and with anxiety, and shall ^c'drink water by measure and with dread,

17 "that they may lack bread and water, and be dismayed with one another, and waste away because of their iniquity.

A Sword Against Jerusalem

5 "And you, son of man, take a sharp sword, take it as a barber's razor, and pass it over your head and your beard; then take scales to weigh and divide the hair.

2 "You shall burn with fire one-third in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are finished; then you shall take one-third and strike around it with the sword, and one-third you shall scatter in the wind: I will draw out a sword after them.

3 "You shall also take a small number of them and bind them in the edge of your garment.

4 "Then take some of them again and throw them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire. From there a fire will go out into all the house of Israel.

5 "Thus says the Lord God: 'This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her.

6 'She has rebelled against My judgments by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that are all around her; for they have refused My judgments, and they have not walked in My statutes.'

7 "Therefore thus says the Lord God: 'Because you have multiplied disobedience more than the nations that are all around you, have not walked in My statutes nor kept My judgments, nor even done according to the judgments of the nations that are all around you'—

8 "therefore thus says the Lord God: 'Indeed I, even I, am against you and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations.

9 "And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations.

10 "Therefore fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments among you, and all of you who remain I will scatter to all the winds.

11 "Therefore, as I live," says the Lord God, 'surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you; My eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity.

12 "One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third

17 ^aLev. 26:39

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aIs. 7:20

2 ^aEzek. 5:12

^bEzek. 4:1

^cEzek. 4:8, 9

^dLev. 26:25

3 ^aJer. 40:6; 52:16

4 ^aJer. 41:1, 2; 44:14

7 ^aJer. 2:10, 11

¹Or *ragged*²So

with MT.

LXX, Tg., Vg.,

many Heb.

mss., Syr. but

have done (cf.

11:12)

9 ^a[Amos 3:2]

10 ^aJer. 19:9

^bZech. 2:6;

7:14

11 ^a[Jer.

7:9–11] ^bEzek.

11:21 ^cEzek.

7:4, 9; 8:18;

9:10

12 ^aEzek. 6:12

^bJer. 9:16 ^cJer.

43:10, 11;

44:27

13 ^aLam. 4:11

^bEzek. 21:17

^cIs. 1:24

^dEzek. 36:6;

38:19

14 ^aLev. 26:31

15 ^aJer. 24:9

^bIs. 26:9]

^cEzek. 5:8;

25:17 LXX,

Syr., Tg., Vg.

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16 ^aDeut.

32:23 ^bLev.

26:26

17 ^aLev. 26:22

^bEzek. 38:22

CHAPTER 6

2 ^aEzek. 20:46;

21:2; 25:2

^bEzek. 36:1

3 ^aLev. 26:30

¹Places for

pagan wor-

ship

4 ^aLev. 26:30

6 ¹Places for

pagan wor-

ship

7 ^aEzek. 7:4, 9

8 ^aJer. 44:28

^bEzek. 5:12

9 ^a[Deut. 4:29]

^bPs. 78:40

to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 'Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them.

14 'Moreover I will make you a waste and a reproach among the nations that are all around you, in the sight of all who pass by.

15 'So it shall be a reproach, a taunt, a blessing, and an astonishment to the nations that are all around you, when I execute judgments among you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken.

16 'When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine which shall be for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, I will increase the famine upon you and cut off your supply of bread.

17 'So I will send against you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you. Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. I, the LORD, have spoken.'

Judgment on Idolatrous Israel

6 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

2 "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

3 "and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord God to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys: 'Indeed I, even I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 "Then your altars shall be desolate, your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

5 "And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars.

6 "In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 "The slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

8 "Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries.

9 "Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their

adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and ^cby their eyes which play the harlot after their idols; ^dthey will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations.

10 "And they shall know that I *am* the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would bring this calamity upon them."

11 "Thus says the Lord GOD: ^a"Pound¹ your fists and stamp your feet, and say, 'Alas, for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! ^bFor they shall fall by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence.

12 'He who is far off shall die by the pestilence, he who is near shall fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine, ^c"Thus will I spend My fury upon them.

13 'Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain are among their idols all around their altars, ^aon every high hill, ^bon all the mountaintops, ^cunder every green tree, and under every thick oak, wherever they offered sweet incense to all their idols.

14 'So I will ^astretch out My hand against them and make the land desolate, yes, more desolate than the wilderness toward ^bDiblah, in all their dwelling places. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.' " " "

Judgment on Israel Is Near

7 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
2 "And you, son of man, thus says the LORD GOD to the land of Israel:

^a"An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.

3 Now the end *has come* upon you,
And I will send My anger against you;
I will judge you ^aaccording to your ways,
And I will repay you for all your abominations.
4 ^a"My eye will not spare you, Nor will I have pity;
But I will repay your ways, And your abominations will be in your midst;
^b"Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD!"

5 "Thus says the Lord GOD:

'A disaster, a singular ^adisaster;

Behold, it has come!

6 An end has come,
The end has come;
It has dawned for you;
Behold, it has come!

7 ^a"Doom has come to you, you who dwell in the land;
^bThe time has come,

9 ^cEzek. 20:7, 24 ^dEzek. 20:43; 36:31

11 ^aEzek. 21:14 ^bEzek. 5:12 ¹Lit. *Strike your hands*

12 ^aEzek. 5:13

13 ^aJer. 2:20; 3:6 ^bHos. 4:13 ^cIs. 57:5

14 ^aIs. 5:25 ^bNum. 33:46

CHAPTER 7

2 ^aAmos 8:2, 10

3 ^a[Rom. 2:6]

4 ^aEzek. 5:11 ^bEzek. 12:20

5 ^a2 Kin. 21:12, 13

7 ^aEzek. 7:10 ^bZeph. 1:14, 15

8 ^aEzek. 20:8, 21

9 ¹Lit. *give*

10 ^aEzek. 7:7

11 ^aJer. 6:7 ^bJer. 16:5, 6 ¹Or *their wealth*

12 ^aProv. 20:14 ^bIs. 24:2

15 ^aJer. 14:18

16 ^aEzek. 6:8; 14:22

17 ^aIs. 13:7

18 ^aAmos 8:10

A day of trouble is near,
And not of rejoicing in the mountains.

8 Now upon you I will soon ^apour out My fury,
And spend My anger upon you;
I will judge you according to your ways,
And I will repay you for all your abominations.

9 'My eye will not spare,
Nor will I have pity;
I will ¹repay you according to your ways,
And your abominations will be in your midst.
Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD who strikes.

10 'Behold, the day!
Behold, it has come!

^aDoom has gone out;
The rod has blossomed,
Pride has budded.

11 ^aViolence has risen up into a rod of wickedness;
None of them *shall remain*,
None of their multitude,
None of ¹them;
^bNor *shall there be* wailing for them.

12 The time has come,
The day draws near.

'Let not the buyer ^arejoice,
Nor the seller ^bmourn,
For wrath is on their whole multitude.

13 For the seller shall not return to what has been sold,
Though he may still be alive;
For the vision concerns the whole multitude,
And it shall not turn back;
No one will strengthen himself
Who lives in iniquity.

14 'They have blown the trumpet and made everyone ready,
But no one goes to battle;
For My wrath is on all their multitude.

15 ^aThe sword is outside,
And the pestilence and famine within.
Whoever is in the field
Will die by the sword;
And whoever is in the city,
Famine and pestilence will devour him.

16 'Those who ^asurvive will escape and be on the mountains
Like doves of the valleys,
All of them mourning,
Each for his iniquity.

17 Every ^ahand will be feeble,
And every knee will be as weak as water.

18 They will also ^abe girded with sackcloth;

- Horror will cover them;
Shame will be on every face,
Baldness on all their heads.
- 19 'They will throw their silver into the streets,
And their gold will be like refuse;
Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them
In the day of the wrath of the LORD;
They will not satisfy their souls,
Nor fill their stomachs,
Because it became their stumbling block of iniquity.
- 20 'As for the beauty of his ornaments,
He set it in majesty;
But they made from it the images of their abominations—
Their detestable things;
Therefore I have made it like refuse to them.
- 21 I will give it as plunder
Into the hands of strangers,
And to the wicked of the earth as spoil;
And they shall defile it.
- 22 I will turn My face from them,
And they will defile My secret place;
For robbers shall enter it and defile it.
- 23 'Make a chain,
For the land is filled with crimes of blood,
And the city is full of violence.
- 24 Therefore I will bring the worst of the Gentiles,
And they will possess their houses;
I will cause the pomp of the strong to cease,
And their holy places shall be defiled.
- 25 ¹Destruction comes;
They will seek peace, but *there shall be none*.
- 26 Disaster will come upon disaster,
And rumor will be upon rumor.
^bThen they will seek a vision from a prophet;
But the law will perish from the priest,
And counsel from the elders.
- 27 'The king will mourn,
The prince will be clothed with desolation,
And the hands of the common people will tremble.
I will do to them according to their way,
And according to what they deserve I will judge them;
Then they shall know that I am the LORD!'

19 ^aProv. 11:4;
Jer. 15:13;
Zeph. 1:18

20 ^aJer. 7:30

21 ^a2 Kin.
24:13; Jer.
20:5

23 ^a2 Kin.
21:16

24 ^aEzek.
21:31; 28:7
^b2 Chr. 7:20;
Ezek. 24:21

25 ¹Lit. *Shud-
dering*

26 ^aDeut.
32:23; Is.
47:11; Jer.
4:20 ^bPs. 74:9;
1 Lam. 2:9;
Ezek. 20:1, 3;
Mic. 3:6

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aEzek. 14:1;
20:1; 33:31
^bEzek. 1:3;
3:22

2 ^aEzek. 1:26,
27 ^bEzek. 1:4,
27

3 ^aDan. 5:5
^bEzek. 3:14;
Acts 8:39
^cEzek. 11:1,
24; 40:2 ^dJer.
7:30; 32:34;
Ezek. 5:11
^eEx. 20:4;
Deut. 32:16,
21 ¹Arouses
the LORD's
jealousy

4 ^aEzek. 3:12;
9:3 ^bEzek.
1:28; 3:22, 23

6 ^a2 Kin. 23:4,
5; Ezek. 5:11;
8:9, 17

10 ^aEx. 20:4;
Deut. 4:16–18
^bRom. 1:23
¹Or *carved*

11 ^aNum.
11:16, 25;
Luke 10:1

12 ^aPs. 14:1; Is.
29:15; Ezek.
9:9

Abominations in the Temple

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell upon me there.

2 Then I looked, and there was a likeness, like the appearance of fire—from the appearance of His waist and downward, fire; and from His waist and upward, like the appearance of brightness, like the color of amber.

3 He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of jealousy was, which provokes to jealousy.

4 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the vision that I saw in the plain.

5 Then He said to me, "Son of man, lift your eyes now toward the north." So I lifted my eyes toward the north, and there, north of the altar gate, was this image of jealousy in the entrance.

6 Furthermore He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, to make Me go far away from My sanctuary? Now turn again, you will see greater abominations."

7 So He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, there was a hole in the wall.

8 Then He said to me, "Son of man, dig into the wall"; and when I dug into the wall, there was a door.

9 And He said to me, "Go in, and see the wicked abominations which they are doing there."

10 So I went in and saw, and there—every sort of creeping thing, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed all around on the walls.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in their midst stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan. Each man had a censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the room of his idols? For they say, 'The LORD does not see us, the LORD has forsaken the land.'"

13 And He said to me, "Turn again, and you will see greater abominations that they are doing."

14 So He brought me to the door of the north gate of the LORD's house;

and to my dismay, women were sitting there weeping for ¹Tammuz.

15 Then He said to me, "Have you seen *this*, O son of man? Turn again, you will see greater abominations than these."

16 So He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house; and there, at the door of the temple of the LORD, ^abetween the porch and the altar, ^bwere about twenty-five men ^cwith their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east, and they were worshipping ^dthe sun toward the east.

17 And He said to me, "Have you seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have ^efilled the land with violence; then they have returned to provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put the branch to their nose.

18 ^a"Therefore I also will act in fury. My ^beye will not spare nor will I have pity; and though they ^ccry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them."

The Wicked Are Slain

9 Then He called out in my hearing with a loud voice, saying, "Let those who have charge over the city draw near, each with a ¹deadly weapon in his hand."

2 And suddenly six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his ¹battle-ax in his hand. ^aOne man among them was clothed with linen and had a writer's inkhorn ²at his side. They went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Now ^athe glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the ¹temple. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who ^bhad the writer's inkhorn at his side;

4 and the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put ^aa mark on the foreheads of the men ^bwho sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."

5 To the others He said in my ¹hearing, "Go after him through the city and ^akill; ²do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity.

6 ^a"Utterly¹ slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but ^bdo not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and ^cbegin at My sanctuary." ^aSo they began with the elders who ^bwere before the ²temple.

7 Then He said to them, "Defile the ¹temple, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" And they went out and killed in the city.

8 So it was, that while they were

14 ¹A Sumerian fertility god similar to the Gr. god Adonis

16 ^aJoel 2:17

^bEzek. 11:1

^cJer. 2:27;

32:33 ^dDeut.

4:19

17 ^aEzek. 9:9

18 ^aEzek. 5:13;

16:42; 24:13

^bEzek. 5:11;

7:4, 9; 9:5, 10

^cMic. 3:4

CHAPTER 9

1 ¹Or destroying

2 ^aLev. 16:4

¹Lit. shattering

weapon

²Lit. upon his

loins

3 ^aEzek. 3:23;

8:4; 10:4, 18;

11:22, 23 ¹Lit.

house

4 ^aRev. 7:2, 3;

9:4; 14:1 ^bJer.

13:17

5 ^aEzek. 7:9

^bEzek. 5:11

¹Lit. ears ²Lit.

strike

6 ²Chr. 36:17

^bRev. 9:4 ^cJer.

25:29 ^aEzek.

8:11, 12, 16

¹Lit. Slay to

destruction

²Lit. house

7 ¹Lit. house

8 ^aJosh. 7:6

^bEzek. 11:13

9 ²Kin. 21:16

^bEzek. 8:12

^cIs. 29:15

10 ^aEzek. 5:11;

7:4; 8:18

^bEzek. 11:21

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aEzek. 1:22,

26 ¹expanse

2 ^aDan. 10:5

^bEzek. 1:13

^cRev. 8:5

3 ¹Kin. 8:10,

11 ¹Lit. right

²Lit. house

4 ^aEzek. 1:28

^bEzek. 43:5

^cEzek. 11:22,

23 ¹Lit. house

5 ^aEzek. 1:24

^b[Ps. 29:3]

8 ^aEzek. 1:8;

10:21

9 ^aEzek. 1:15

^bEzek. 1:16

killing them, I was left *alone*; and I ^afell on my face and cried out, and said, ^b"Ah, Lord GOD! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in pouring out Your fury on Jerusalem?"

9 Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and ^athe land is full of bloodshed, and the city full of perversity; for they say, ^b"The LORD has forsaken the land, and ^cthe LORD does not see!"

10 "And as for Me also, My ^aeye will neither spare, nor will I have pity, ^bbut ^cI will recompense their deeds on their own head."

11 Just then, the man clothed with linen, who ^bhad the inkhorn at his side, reported back and said, "I have done as You commanded me."

The Glory Departs from the Temple

10 And I looked, and there in the ^afirmament¹ that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 ^aThen He spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, "Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, fill your hands with ^bcoals of fire from among the cherubim, and ^cscatter *them* over the city." And he went in as I watched.

3 Now the cherubim were standing on the ¹south side of the ²temple when the man went in, and the ^acloud filled the inner court.

4 ^aThen the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and ^bpaused over the threshold of the ¹temple; and ^bthe house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's ^cglory.

5 And the ^asound of the wings of the cherubim was heard *even* in the outer court, like ^bthe voice of Almighty God when He speaks.

6 Then it happened, when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from among the wheels, from among the cherubim," that he went in and stood beside the wheels.

7 And the cherub stretched out his hand from among the cherubim to the fire that was among the cherubim, and took *some of it* and put it into the hands of the *man* clothed with linen, who took *it* and went out.

8 ^aThe cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 ^aAnd when I looked, there were four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub and another wheel by each other cherub; the wheels appeared *to have* the color of a ^bberyl stone.

10 *As for* their appearance, all four

looked alike—as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

11 “When they went, they went toward *any* of their four directions; they did not turn aside when they went, but followed in the direction the head was facing. They did not turn aside when they went.

12 And their whole body, with their back, their hands, their wings, and the wheels that the four had, *were* “full of eyes all around.

13 As for the wheels, they were called in my ¹hearing, “Wheel.”

14 “Each one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubim were lifted up. This was “the living creature I saw by the River Chebar.

16 “When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from beside them.

17 “When ¹*the cherubim* stood still, *the wheels* stood still, and when ²*one* was lifted up, ³*the other* lifted itself up, for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

18 Then “the glory of the LORD ^bdeparted from the threshold of the ¹temple and stood over the cherubim.

19 And “the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels *were* beside them; and they stood at the door of the ^beast gate of the LORD’s house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.

20 “This is the living creature I saw under the God of Israel ^bby the River Chebar, and I knew they *were* cherubim.

21 “Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

22 And “the likeness of their faces was the same as the faces which I had seen by the River Chebar, their appearance and their persons. ^bThey each went straight forward.

Judgment on Wicked Counselors

11 Then “the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to ^bthe East Gate of the LORD’s house, which faces eastward; and there “at the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

2 And He said to me: “Son of man, these *are* the men who devise iniquity and give wicked ¹counsel in this city,

3 “who say, ‘*The time is not* “near

11 ^aEzek. 1:17

12 ^aRev. 4:6, 8

13 ¹Lit. *ears*

14 ^aEzek. 1:6, 10, 11

15 ^aEzek. 1:3, 5

16 ^aEzek. 1:19

17 ^aEzek. 1:12, 20, 21 ¹Lit. *they* ²Lit. *they were* ³Lit. *they lifted them*

18 ^aEzek. 10:4 ^bHos. 9:12 ¹Lit. *house*

19 ^aEzek. 11:22 ^bEzek. 11:1

20 ^aEzek. 1:22 ^bEzek. 1:1

21 ^aEzek. 1:6, 8; 10:14; 41:18, 19

22 ^aEzek. 1:10 ^bEzek. 1:9, 12

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aEzek. 3:12, 14 ^bEzek. 10:19 ^cEzek. 8:16

2 ¹Advice

3 ^{a2} Pet. 3:4 ^bJer. 1:13 ¹Pot

5 ^aEzek. 2:2; 3:24 ^bJer. 16:17; 17:10]

6 ^aEzek. 7:23; 22:2–6, 9, 12, 27

7 ^aMic. 3:2, 3 ^bEzek. 11:9

8 ^aJer. 42:16

9 ^aEzek. 5:8

10 ^aJer. 39:6; 52:10 ^{b2} Kin. 14:25 ^cPs. 9:16

11 ^aEzek. 11:3, 7 ¹Pot

12 ^aDeut. 12:30, 31

13 ^aActs 5:5 ^bEzek. 9:8

16 ^aIs. 8:14 ¹holy place

17 ^aJer. 3:12, 18; 24:5

18 ^aEzek. 37:23

to build houses; ^bthis *city* is the ¹caldron, and we *are* the meat.’

4 “Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man!”

5 Then “the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said to me, “Speak! ‘Thus says the LORD: “Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for ^{b1} know the things that come into your mind.

6 “You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain.”

7 “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they *are* the meat, and this *city* is the caldron; ^bbut I shall bring you out of the midst of it.

8 “You have “feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you,” says the Lord GOD.

9 “And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and “execute judgments on you.

10 “You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at ^bthe border of Israel. “Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

11 “This *city* shall not be your ¹caldron, nor shall you be the meat in its midst. I will judge you at the border of Israel.

12 “And you shall know that I *am* the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor executed My judgments, but “have done according to the customs of the Gentiles which *are* all around you.” ’ ”

13 Now it happened, while I was prophesying, that “Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then ^{b1} I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Will You make a complete end of the remnant of Israel?”

God Will Restore Israel

14 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

15 “Son of man, your brethren, your relatives, your countrymen, and all the house of Israel in its entirety, *are* those about whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Get far away from the LORD; this land has been given to us as a possession.’

16 “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, “yet I shall be a little ¹sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.” ’

17 “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.” ’

18 “And they will go there, and they will take away all its “detestable

things and all its abominations from there.

19 "Then ^aI will give them one heart, and I will put ^aa new spirit within ¹them, and take ^cthe stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh.

20 ^a"that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; ^band they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

21 "But *as for those* whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, ^aI will recompense their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD.

22 So the cherubim ^alifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was high above them.

23 And ^cthe glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood ^bon the mountain, ^cwhich is on the east side of the city.

24 Then ^cthe Spirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into ¹Chaldea, to those in captivity. And the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25 So I spoke to those in captivity of all the things the LORD had shown me.

Judah's Captivity Portrayed

12 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

2 "Son of man, you dwell in the midst of ^aa rebellious house, which ^bhas eyes to see but does not see, and ears to hear but does not hear; ^cfor they are a rebellious house.

3 "Therefore, son of man, prepare your belongings for captivity, and go into captivity by day in their sight. You shall go from your place into captivity to another place in their sight. It may be that they will consider, though they are a rebellious house.

4 "By day you shall bring out your belongings in their sight, as though going into captivity; and at evening you shall go in their sight, like those who go into captivity.

5 "Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry *your belongings* out through it.

6 "In their sight you shall bear *them* on your shoulders and carry *them* out at twilight; you shall cover your face, so that you cannot see the ground, ^cfor I have made you a sign to the house of Israel."

7 So I did as I was commanded. I brought out my belongings by day, as though going into captivity, and at evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought *them* out at twilight, and I bore *them* on my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "Son of man, has not the house

¹⁹ ^aJer. 32:39
^bEzek. 18:31
^cZech. 7:12
¹Lit. you (pl.)

²⁰ ^aPs. 105:45
^bJer. 24:7

²¹ ^aEzek. 9:10

²² ^aEzek. 1:19

²³ ^aEzek. 8:4;
9:3 ^bZech.
14:4 ^cEzek.
43:2

²⁴ ^aEzek. 8:3
¹Or *Babylon*,
and so else-
where in the
book

CHAPTER 12

² ^aEzek. 2:3,
6-8 ^bJer. 5:21
^cEzek. 2:5

⁶ ^aEzek. 4:3;
24:24

⁹ ^aEzek. 2:5
^bEzek. 17:12;
24:19

¹⁰ ^aMal. 1:1
¹oracle,
²prophecy

¹¹ ^aEzek. 12:6
^b2 Kin. 25:4,
5, 7

¹² ^aJer. 39:4;
52:7

¹³ ^aJer. 52:9
^bJer. 52:11

¹⁴ ^aEzek. 5:10
^bEzek. 5:2, 12

¹⁵ ^aEzek. 6:7,
14; 12:16, 20

¹⁶ ^aEzek.
6:8-10

¹⁸ ^aEzek. 4:16
¹shaking

¹⁹ ^aZech. 7:14
^bPs. 107:34

²² ^aEzek. 11:3;
12:27

²³ ^aZeph. 1:14
¹Lit. word

²⁴ ^aEzek. 13:6

of Israel, ^c"the rebellious house, said to you, ^b"What are you doing?"

10 "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "This ^c'burden' *concerns* the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who are among them,"

11 "Say, ^a"I am a sign to you. As I have done, so shall it be done to them; ^bthey shall be carried away into captivity."

12 "And ^cthe prince who is among them shall bear *his belongings* on his shoulder at twilight and go out. They shall dig through the wall to carry *them* out through it. He shall cover his face, so that he cannot see the ground with *his eyes*.

13 "I will also spread My ^anet over him, and he shall be caught in My snare. ^bI will bring him to Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there.

14 ^a"I will scatter to every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his troops; and ^bI will draw out the sword after them.

15 ^a"Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I scatter him among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries.

16 ^a"But I will spare a few of their men from the sword, from famine, and from pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the Gentiles wherever they go. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD."

Judgment Not Postponed

17 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 "Son of man, ^aeat your bread with ¹quaking, and drink your water with trembling and anxiety.

19 "And say to the people of the land, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the inhabitants of Jerusalem *and* to the land of Israel: "They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with dread, so that her land may ^abe emptied of all who are in it, ^bbecause of the violence of all those who dwell in it.

20 "Then the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall become desolate; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD."'"

21 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

22 "Son of man, what is this proverb that you *people* have about the land of Israel, which says, ^a"The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?"

23 "Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will lay this proverb to rest, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel."'" But say to them, ^a"The days are at hand, and the ¹fulfillment of every vision.

24 "For ^ano more shall there be any

^bfalse¹ vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 "For I am the LORD. I speak, and "the word which I speak will come to pass; it will no more be postponed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and "perform it," says the Lord GOD."

26 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

27 "Son of man, look, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is ^bfor many days from now, and he prophesies of times far off.'

28 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "None of My words will be postponed any more, but the word which I speak ^bwill be done," says the Lord GOD.'

Woe to Foolish Prophets

13 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy "against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to ^bthose who prophesy out of their own heart,¹ 'Hear the word of the LORD!'

3 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen ¹nothing!

4 "O Israel, your prophets are ^alike foxes in the deserts.

5 "You 'have not gone up into the ¹gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD.

6 "They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, 'Thus says the LORD!' But the LORD has ^bnot sent them; yet they hope that the word may ¹be confirmed.

7 "Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, 'The LORD says,' but I have not spoken."

8 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you," says the Lord GOD.

9 "My hand will be "against the prophets who envision futility and who ^bdivine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, 'nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, 'nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. "Then you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

10 "Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace—and one builds a wall, and they ^bplaster¹ it with untempered mortar—

11 "say to those who plaster it with untempered mortar, that it will fall. "There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it down.

12 "Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you,

24 ^bLam. 2:14
¹Lit. vain

25 ^a[Luke 21:33] ^b[Is. 14:24]

27 ^aEzek. 12:22 ^bDan. 10:14

28 ^aEzek. 12:23, 25 ^bJer. 4:7

CHAPTER 13

2 ^aEzek. 22:25-28
^bEzek. 13:17
^cJer. 14:14;
23:16, 26
¹Inspiration

3 ¹No vision

4 ^aSong 2:15

5 ^aPs. 106:23
¹breaches

6 ^aEzek. 22:28
^bJer. 27:8-15
¹Come true

9 ^aJer. 23:30
^bJer. 20:3-6
^cEzra 2:59, 62
^dJer. 20:3-6
^eEzek. 11:10, 12

10 ^aJer. 6:14;
8:11 ^bEzek. 22:28 ¹Or whitewash

11 ^aEzek. 38:22

14 ^aEzek. 13:9, 21, 23; 14:8

16 ^aJer. 6:14;
8:11; 28:9

17 ^aEzek. 20:46; 21:2
^bEzek. 13:2
¹Inspiration

18 ^a[2 Pet. 2:14] ¹Lit. over all the joints of My hands; Vg. under every elbow; LXX, Tg. on all elbows of the hands

19 ^aMic. 3:5

20 ¹Lit. flying ones

21 ^aEzek. 13:9

22 ^aJer. 28:15
^bJer. 23:14

23 ^aMic. 3:5, 6

CHAPTER 14

1 ^aEzek. 8:1;
20:1; 33:31

'Where is the mortar with which you plastered it?'

13 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it.

14 "So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. "Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

15 "Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered mortar; and I will say to you, 'The wall is no more, nor those who plastered it,

16 *that is*, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who 'see visions of peace for her when there is no peace,' " says the Lord GOD.

17 "Likewise, son of man, "set your face against the daughters of your people, ^bwho prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them.

18 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the women who sew magic charms ¹on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you 'hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive?"

19 "And will you profane Me among My people 'for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?"

20 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like ¹birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.

21 "I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. "Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

22 "Because with ^alies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have ^bstrengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life.

23 "Therefore 'you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.' "

Idolatry Will Be Punished

14 Now ^asome of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them ^athat which causes them to stumble into iniquity. ^bShould I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?

4 "Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols,"

5 "that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols,"

6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Repent, turn away from your idols, and 'turn your faces away from all your abominations.

7 "For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the LORD will answer him by Myself.

8 ^a"I will set My face against that man and make him a ^bsign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people. ^cThen you shall know that I am the LORD.

9 "And if the prophet is induced to speak anything, I the LORD ^ahave induced that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel.

10 "And they shall bear their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be the same as the punishment of the one who inquired,

11 "that the house of Israel may ^ano longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, ^bbut that they may be My people and I may be their God," says the Lord GOD."

Judgment on Persistent Unfaithfulness

12 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying:

13 "Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its ^asupply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it.

14 ^a"Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver ^{only} themselves ^bby their righteousness," says the Lord GOD.

15 "If I cause ^awild beasts to pass through the land, and they ¹empty

3 ^aEzek. 7:19; Zeph. 1:3; ^b2 Kin. 3:13; Is. 1:15; Jer. 11:11; Ezek. 20:3, 31

6 ^a1 Sam. 7:3; Neh. 1:9; Is. 2:20; 30:22; 55:6, 7; Ezek. 18:30

8 ^aLev. 17:10; 20:3, 5, 6; Jer. 44:11; Ezek. 15:7 ^bNum. 26:10; Deut. 28:37; Ezek. 5:15 ^cEzek. 6:7; 13:14

9 ^a1 Kin. 22:23; Job 12:16; Is. 66:4; Jer. 4:10; 2 Thess. 2:11

11 ^aPs. 119:67, 71; Jer. 31:18, 19; [Heb. 12:11]; 2 Pet. 2:15 ^bEzek. 11:20; 37:27

13 ^aLev. 26:26; 2 Kin. 25:3; Is. 3:1; Jer. 52:6; Ezek. 4:16; 5:16

14 ^aJer. 15:1 ^b[Prov. 11:4]

15 ^aLev. 26:22; Num. 21:6; Ezek. 5:17; 14:21 ¹Lit. *be-leave it of children*

16 ^aEzek. 14:14, 18, 20 ^bEzek. 15:8; 33:28, 29 ¹Lit. *in the midst of it*

17 ^aLev. 26:25; Ezek. 5:12; 21:3, 4; 29:8; 38:21 ^bEzek. 25:13; Zeph. 1:3

18 ^aEzek. 14:14

19 ^a2 Sam. 24:15; Ezek. 38:22 ^bEzek. 7:8

20 ^aEzek. 14:14

21 ^aEzek. 5:17; 33:27; Amos 4:6-10; Rev. 6:8 ¹Lit. *evil*

22 ^a2 Kin. 25:11, 12; Ezra 2:1; Ezek. 12:16; 36:20 ^bEzek. 6:8 ^cEzek. 20:43

23 ^aJer. 22:8, 9

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4 ^a[John 15:6]

it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts,

16 ^a"even ^{though} these three men were ¹in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be ^bdesolate.

17 "Or if ^aI bring a sword on that land, and say, 'Sword, go through the land,' and I ^bcut off man and beast from it,

18 ^a"even ^{though} these three men were ¹in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered.

19 "Or if I send ^aa pestilence into that land and ^bpour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast,

20 ^a"even ^{though} Noah, Daniel, and Job were ¹in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver ^{only} themselves by their righteousness."

21 For thus says the Lord GOD: "How much more it shall be when ^aI send My four ^bsevere judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it?

22 ^a"Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be ^bbrought out, ^{both} sons and daughters; surely they will come out to you, and ^cyou will see their ways and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the disaster that I have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I have brought upon it.

23 "And they will comfort you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I have done nothing ^awithout cause that I have done in it," says the Lord GOD.

The Outcast Vine

15 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

2 "Son of man, how is the wood of the vine ^{better} than any other wood, the vine branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 "Is wood taken from it to make any object? Or can ^{men} make a peg from it to hang any vessel on?

4 "Instead, ^ait is thrown into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both ends of it, and its middle is burned. Is it useful for any work?

5 "Indeed, when it was whole, no object could be made from it. How much less will it be useful for any work when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned?

6 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Like the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I

will give up the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

7 “and I will set My face against them. ^bThey will go out from one fire, but *another* fire shall devour them. ^cThen you shall know that I am the LORD, when I set My face against them.

8 “Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have persisted in unfaithfulness,” says the Lord GOD.”

God's Love for Jerusalem

16 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, ^acause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

3 “and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: “Your ¹birth ^aand your nativity ^aare from the land of Canaan; ^byour father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

4 “As for your nativity, ^aon the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water to cleanse you; you were not rubbed with salt nor wrapped in swaddling cloths.

5 “No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were ¹loathed on the day you were born.

6 “And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’ Yes, I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’

7 “I made you ¹thrive like a plant in the field; and you grew, matured, and became very beautiful. Your breasts were formed, your hair grew, but you were naked and bare.

8 “When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; ^aso I spread ¹My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I ^bswore an oath to you and entered into a ^ccovenant with you, and ^ayou became Mine,” says the Lord GOD.

9 “Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil.

10 “I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of ¹badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

11 “I adorned you with ornaments, ^aput bracelets on your wrists, ^aand a chain on your neck.

12 “And I put a ¹jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.

13 “Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. ^aYou ate *pastry* of fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly ^bbeautiful, and succeeded to royalty.

14 “Your fame went out among the

7 ^aEzek. 14:8
^bIs. 24:18
^cEzek. 7:4

CHAPTER 16

2 ^aEzek. 20:4; 22:2

3 ^aEzek. 21:30
^bEzek. 16:45
¹origin and your birth

4 ^aHos. 2:3

5 ¹abhorred

7 ^aEx. 1:7 ¹Lit. a myriad

8 ^aRuth 3:9
^bGen. 22:16–18
^cEx. 24:6–8
^d[Ex. 19:5] ¹Or the corner of My garment

10 ¹Or dolphin or dugong

11 ^aGen. 24:22; 47 ^bProv. 1:9

12 ¹Lit. ring

13 ^aDeut. 32:13, 14 ^bPs. 48:2

14 ^aLam. 2:15

15 ^aMic. 3:11
^bIs. 1:21; 57:8

16 ^aEzek. 7:20
¹Places for pagan worship

19 ^aHos. 2:8
¹Or a sweet aroma

20 ^aJer. 7:31

21 ^aJer. 19:5

22 ^aJer. 2:2
^bEzek. 16:4–6

24 ^aJer. 11:13
^bJer. 2:20; 3:2
¹Place for pagan worship

25 ^aProv. 9:14

26 ^aEzek. 16:26; 20:7, 8
^bDeut. 31:20

27 ^aEzek. 16:57
¹Allowance of food

28 ^aJer. 2:18, 36

nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through My splendor which I had bestowed on you,” says the Lord GOD.

Jerusalem's Harlotry

15 ^a“But you trusted in your own beauty, ^bplayed the harlot because of your fame, and poured out your harlotry on everyone passing by who would have it.

16 ^a“You took some of your garments and adorned multicolored ¹high places for yourself, and played the harlot on them. *Such* things should not happen, nor be.

17 “You have also taken your beautiful jewelry from My gold and My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images and played the harlot with them.

18 “You took your embroidered garments and covered them, and you set My oil and My incense before them.

19 “Also ^aMy food which I gave you—the pastry of fine flour, oil, and honey *which* I fed you—you set it before them as ¹sweet incense; and so it was,” says the Lord GOD.

20 ^a“Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. *Were* your acts of harlotry a small matter.

21 “that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to pass through the *fire*?

22 “And in all your abominations and acts of harlotry you did not remember the days of your ^ayouth, ^bwhen you were naked and bare, struggling in your blood.

23 “Then it was so, after all your wickedness—‘Woe, woe to you!’ says the Lord GOD—

24 “*that* ^ayou also built for yourself a shrine, and ^bmade a ¹high place for yourself in every street.

25 “You built your high places ^aat the head of every road, and made your beauty to be abhorred. You offered yourself to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your acts of harlotry.

26 “You also committed harlotry with ^athe Egyptians, your very fleshly neighbors, and increased your acts of harlotry to ^bprovoke Me to anger.

27 “Behold, therefore, I stretched out My hand against you, diminished your ¹allotment, and gave you up to the will of those who hate you, ^athe daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed of your lewd behavior.

28 “You also played the harlot with the ^aAssyrians, because you were insatiable; indeed you played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied.

29 “Moreover you multiplied your

acts of harlotry as far as the land of the trader, ^aChaldea; and even then you were not satisfied.

30 "How degenerate is your heart!" says the Lord GOD, "seeing you do all these *things*, the deeds of a brazen harlot.

Jerusalem's Adultery

31 "You erected your shrine at the head of every road, and built your ¹high place in every street. Yet you were not like a harlot, because you scorned ²payment.

32 "You are an adulterous wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband.

33 "Men make payment to all harlots, but ^ayou made your payments to all your lovers, and ¹hired them to come to you from all around for your harlotry.

34 "You are the opposite of *other* women in your harlotry, because no one solicited you to be a harlot. In that you gave payment but no payment was given you, therefore you are the opposite."

Jerusalem's Lovers Will Abuse Her

35 'Now then, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD!

36 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your filthiness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your harlotry with your lovers, and with all your abominable idols, and because of ^athe blood of your children which you gave to them,

37 "surely, therefore, ^aI will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved, and all those you hated; I will gather them from all around against you and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness.

38 "And I will judge you as ^awomen who break wedlock or ^bshed blood are judged; I will bring blood upon you in fury and jealousy.

39 "I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your shrines and break down ^ayour ¹high places. ^bThey shall also strip you of your clothes, take your beautiful jewelry, and leave you naked and bare.

40 "They shall also bring up an assembly against you, ^band they shall stone you with stones and thrust you through with their swords.

41 "They shall ^aburn your houses with fire, and ^bexecute judgments on you in the sight of many women; and I will make you ^ccease playing the harlot, and you shall no longer hire lovers.

42 "So ^aI will lay to rest My fury toward you, and My jealousy shall depart from you. I will be quiet, and be angry no more.

43 "Because ^ayou did not remember

²⁹ ^aEzek. 23:14-17

³¹ ^aEzek. 16:24, 39 ^bIs. 52:3 ¹Place for pagan worship

³³ ^aHos. 8:9, 10 ¹Or *bribed*

³⁶ ^aJer. 2:34

³⁷ ^aLam. 1:8

³⁸ ^aLev. 20:10 ^bGen. 9:6

³⁹ ^aEzek. 16:24, 31 ^bHos. 2:3 ¹Places for pagan worship

⁴⁰ ^aEzek. 23:45-47 ^bJohn 8:5, 7

⁴¹ ^aDeut. 13:16 ^bEzek. 5:8; 23:10, 48 ^cEzek. 23:27

⁴² ^aEzek. 5:13; 21:17

⁴³ ^aPs. 78:42 ^bEzek. 9:10; 11:21; 22:31 ¹So with LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg.; MT *were agitated with Me* ²Lit. way

⁴⁵ ^aEzek. 23:2-4 ^bEzek. 16:3 ¹Or *despising*

⁴⁶ ^aIs. 1:10

⁴⁷ ^aEzek. 5:6, 7

⁴⁸ ^aMatt. 10:15; 11:24

⁴⁹ ^aGen. 13:10

⁵⁰ ^aGen. 13:13; 18:20; 19:5 ^bGen. 19:24 ¹Vg. you saw; LXX *he saw*; Tg. *as was revealed to Me*

⁵¹ ^aEzek. 23:11 ^bJer. 3:8-11

⁵³ ^aIs. 1:9 ^bJer. 20:16

⁵⁴ ^aEzek. 14:22

the days of your youth, but ¹agitated Me with all these *things*, surely ^bI will also recompense your ²deeds on your own head," says the Lord GOD. "And you shall not commit lewdness in addition to all your abominations.

More Wicked than Samaria and Sodom

44 "Indeed everyone who quotes proverbs will use *this* proverb against you: 'Like mother, like daughter!'

45 "You are your mother's daughter, ¹loathing husband and children; and you are ^athe sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and children; ^byour mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite.

46 "Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and ^ayour younger sister, who dwells to the south of you, is Sodom and her daughters.

47 "You did not walk in their ways nor act according to their abominations; but, as *if that were* too little, ^ayou became more corrupt than they in all your ways.

48 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "neither ^ayour sister Sodom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done.

49 "Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, ^afullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 "And they were haughty and ^acommitted abomination before Me; therefore ^bI took them away as I saw fit.

51 "Samaria did not commit ^ahalf of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and ^bhave justified your sisters by all the abominations which you have done.

52 "You who judged your sisters, bear your own shame also, because the sins which you committed were more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced also, and bear your own shame, because you justified your sisters.

53 "When I bring back their captives, the captives of Sodom and her daughters, and the captives of Samaria and her daughters, then *I will also bring back* ^bthe captives of your captivity among them.

54 "that you may bear your own shame and be disgraced by all that you did when ^ayou comforted them.

55 "When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters return to their former state, then you and your daughters will return to your former state.

56 "For your sister Sodom was not

a byword in your mouth in the days of your pride,

57 "before your wickedness was uncovered. It was like the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria and all those around her, and of the daughters of the Philistines, who despise you everywhere.

58 "You have paid for your lewdness and your abominations," says the LORD.

59 "For thus says the Lord GOD: 'I will deal with you as you have done, who despised the oath by breaking the covenant.

An Everlasting Covenant

60 "Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

61 "Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed, when you receive your older and your younger sisters; for I will give them to you for daughters, but not because of My covenant with you.

62 "And I will establish My covenant with you. Then you shall know that I am the LORD,

63 "that you may remember and be ashamed, and never open your mouth anymore because of your shame, when I provide you an atonement for all you have done," says the Lord GOD."

The Eagles and the Vine

17 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, pose a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel,

3 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"A great eagle with large wings and long pinions,

Full of feathers of various colors,

Came to Lebanon And took from the cedar the highest branch.

4 He cropped off its topmost young twig And carried it to a land of trade;

5 He set it in a city of merchants. Then he took some of the seed of the land

And planted it in a fertile field; He placed it by abundant waters

And set it like a willow tree.

6 And it grew and became a spreading vine of low stature;

Its branches turned toward him,

But its roots were under it. So it became a vine,

Brought forth branches, And put forth shoots.

57 ^a2 Kin. 16:5
^bEzek. 16:27
¹Heb. *Aram*;
so with MT,
LXX, Tg., Vg.;
many Heb.
mss., Syr.
Edom

58 ^aEzek.
23:49

59 ^aEzek.
17:13 ^bDeut.
29:12

60 ^aPs. 106:45
^bIs. 55:3

61 ^aEzek.
20:43; 36:31
^b[Gal. 4:26]
^cJer. 31:31

62 ^aHos. 2:19,
20

63 ^aEzek.
36:31, 32
^b[Rom. 3:19]

CHAPTER 17

2 ^aEzek. 20:49;
24:3

3 ^aEzek. 17:12
^b2 Kin. 24:12

5 ^aDeut. 8:7-9
^bIs. 44:4

6 ^aEzek. 17:14

7 ^aEzek. 17:15
¹So with
LXX, Syr.,
Vg.; MT, Tg.
one

8 ¹Lit. *a good field*

9 ^a2 Kin. 25:7

10 ^aHos. 13:15

12 ^aEzek.
2:3-5; 12:9
^b2 Kin.
24:11-16

13 ^a2 Kin.
24:17 ^b2 Chr.
36:13

14 ^aEzek.
29:14

15 ^a2 Kin.
24:20 ^bDeut.
17:16 ^cEzek.
17:9

16 ^aEzek.
12:13

17 ^aJer. 37:7
^bJer. 52:4 ¹Or
siege wall

7 "But there was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers; And behold, this vine bent its roots toward him, And stretched its branches toward him.

From the garden terrace where it had been planted, That he might water it.

8 It was planted in good soil by many waters, To bring forth branches, bear fruit, And become a majestic vine."

9 "Say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Will it thrive?

"Will he not pull up its roots, Cut off its fruit, And leave it to wither?

All of its spring leaves will wither,

And no great power or many people

Will be needed to pluck it up by its roots.

10 Behold, it is planted, Will it thrive?

"Will it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it?

It will wither in the garden terrace where it grew."

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

12 "Say now to the rebellious house: 'Do you not know what these things mean?' Tell them, 'Indeed the king of Babylon went to Jerusalem and took its king and princes, and led them with him to Babylon.'

13 "And he took the king's offspring, made a covenant with him, and put him under oath. He also took away the mighty of the land, that the kingdom might be brought low and not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand.

15 "But he rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. 'Will he prosper? Will he who does such things escape? Can he break a covenant and still be delivered?'

16 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke—with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

17 "Nor will Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company do anything in the war, when they heap up a siege mound and build a wall to cut off many persons.

18 "Since he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and in fact

gave¹ his hand and still did all these things, he shall not escape.”

19 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “As I live, surely My oath which he despised, and My covenant which he broke, I will recompense on his own head.

20 “I will spread My net over him, and he shall be taken in My snare. I will bring him to Babylon and try him there for the treason which he committed against Me.

21 “All his fugitives with all his troops shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered to every wind; and you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken.”

Israel Exalted at Last

22 Thus says the Lord GOD: “I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain.

23 “On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell.

24 “And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it.”

A False Proverb Refuted

18 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,

2 “What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying:

“The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children’s teeth are set on edge?”

3 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.

4 “Behold, all souls are Mine;
The soul of the father
As well as the soul of the son is Mine;

^bThe soul who sins shall die.

5 But if a man is just
And does what is lawful and right;

6 If he has not eaten on the mountains,
Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,
Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife,
Nor approached a woman during her impurity;

18 ^{a1} Chr. 29:24 ¹ Took an oath

20 ^a Ezek. 12:13 ^b Ezek. 20:36 ¹ Lit. unfaithful act

21 ^a Ezek. 12:14 ^b Ezek. 12:15; 22:15 ¹ So with MT. Vg.; many Heb. mss., Syr. choice men; Tg. mighty men; LXX omits All his fugitives

22 ^a [Zech. 3:8] ^{b1s}. 53:2 ^c [Ps. 2:6]

23 ^a [Is. 2:2, 3] ^b Dan. 4:12

24 ^a Amos 9:11 ^b Ezek. 22:14

CHAPTER 18

2 ^a Lam. 5:7

4 ^a Num. 16:22; 27:16 ^b [Rom. 6:23]

6 ^a Ezek. 22:9 ^b Lev. 18:20; 20:10 ^c Lev. 18:19; 20:18 ¹ At the mountain shrines

7 ^a Ex. 22:21 ^b Deut. 24:12 ^c Deut. 15:7, 11 ^{d1s}. 58:7

8 ^a Ex. 22:25 ^b Zech. 8:16 ¹ Lent money at interest ² justice

9 ^a Amos 5:4

10 ^a Num. 35:31

11 ¹ At the mountain shrines

12 ^a Ezek. 8:6, 17

13 ^a Lev. 20:9, 11–13, 16, 27

15 ^a Ezek. 18:6 ¹ At the mountain shrines

17 ¹ So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX iniquity (cf. v. 8)

7 If he has not oppressed anyone,
But has restored to the debtor his pledge;
Has robbed no one by violence,
But has given his bread to the hungry

And covered the naked with clothing;

8 If he has not exacted usury
Nor taken any increase,
But has withdrawn his hand from iniquity
And executed true judgment between man and man;

9 If he has walked in My statutes
And kept My judgments faithfully—
He is just;
He shall surely live!
Says the Lord GOD.

10 “If he begets a son who is a robber
Or a shedder of blood,
Who does any of these things

11 And does none of those duties,
But has eaten on the mountains

Or defiled his neighbor’s wife;

12 If he has oppressed the poor and needy,
Robbed by violence,

Not restored the pledge,
Lifted his eyes to the idols,

Or committed abomination;

13 If he has exacted usury
Or taken increase—

Shall he then live?

He shall not live!

If he has done any of these

abominations,

He shall surely die;

His blood shall be upon him.

14 “If, however, he begets a son
Who sees all the sins which his father has done,
And considers but does not do likewise;

15 “Who has not eaten on the mountains,
Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,

Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife;

16 Has not oppressed anyone,
Nor withheld a pledge,
Nor robbed by violence,

But has given his bread to the hungry

And covered the naked with clothing;

17 Who has withdrawn his hand from the poor
And not received usury or increase,

But has executed My judgments

And walked in My statutes—

He shall not die for the iniquity of his father;

He shall surely live!

- 18 "As for his father,
Because he cruelly oppressed,
Robbed his brother by
violence,
And did what is not good
among his people,
Behold, ^ahe shall die for his
iniquity.

Turn and Live

19 "Yet you say, 'Why ^ashould the son not bear the guilt of the father?' Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live.

20 ^a"The soul who sins shall die. ^bThe son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. ^cThe righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, ^dand the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

21 "But ^eif a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

22 ^a"None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall ^blive.

23 ^a"Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

24 "But ^awhen a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* does, shall he live? ^bAll the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

25 "Yet you say, ^a"The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair?"

26 ^a"When a righteous *man* turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies.

27 "Again, ^awhen a wicked *man* turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive.

28 "Because he ^aconsiders and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

29 ^a"Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair?"

30 ^a"Therefore I will judge you, O

18 ^aEzek. 3:18

19 ^aEx. 20:5

20 ^aEzek. 18:4

^bDeut. 24:16

^cIs. 3:10, 11

^dRom. 2:6-9

21 ^aEzek.

18:27; 33:12,

19

22 ^aEzek.

18:24; 33:16

^b[Ps. 18:20-24]

23 ^a[Ezek.

18:32; 33:11]

24 ^aEzek. 3:20;

18:26; 33:18

^b[2 Pet. 2:20]

25 ^aEzek.

18:29; 33:17,

20

26 ^aEzek.

18:24

27 ^aEzek.

18:21

28 ^aEzek.

18:14

29 ^aEzek.

18:25

30 ^aEzek. 7:3;

33:20 ^bMatt.

3:2

31 ^aEph. 4:22,

23 ^bJer. 32:39

32 ^aLam. 3:33

^b[Prov. 4:2,

5, 6]

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aEzek. 26:17;

27:2

3 ^a2 Kin.

23:31, 32

4 ^a2 Kin.

23:33, 34

5 ^a2 Kin. 23:34

6 ^aJer.

22:13-17

^bEzek. 19:3

7 ¹LXX *He*

stood in in-

tolence; Tg. He

destroyed its

palaces; Vg.

He learned to

make widows

8 ^a2 Kin. 24:2,

11 ^bEzek. 19:4

9 ^a2 Chr. 36:6

^bEzek. 6:2 ¹Or

hooks

10 ^aEzek. 17:6

^bDeut. 8:7-9

¹Lit. *blood*, so

with MT, Syr.,

Vg.; LXX *like*

a flower on a

pomegranate

tree; Tg. in

your likeness

11 ^aDan. 4:11

¹Or *many*

branches

house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. ^b"Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.

31 ^a"Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a ^bnew heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?"

32 "For ^aI have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and ^blive!"

Israel Degraded

19 "Moreover ^atake up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
2 "and say:

'What is your mother? A
lioness;

She lay down among the lions;
Among the young lions she
nourished her cubs.

3 She brought up one of her
cubs,

And ^ahe became a young lion;
He learned to catch prey,
And he devoured men.

4 The nations also heard of him;
He was trapped in their pit,
And they brought him with
chains to the land of ^aEgypt.

5 'When she saw that she waited,
^athat her hope was lost,
She took ^aanother of her cubs
and made him a young lion.

6 ^aHe roved among the lions,
And ^bbecame a young lion;
He learned to catch prey;
He devoured men.

7 ¹He knew their desolate places,
And laid waste their cities;
The land with its fullness was
desolated
By the noise of his roaring.

8 ^a"Then the nations set against
him from the provinces on
every side,

And spread their net over him;
^bHe was trapped in their pit.

9 ^a"They put him in a cage with
¹chains,

And brought him to the king of
Babylon;

They brought him in nets,
That his voice should no longer
be heard on ^bthe mountains
of Israel.

10 'Your mother was ^alike a vine in
your ^bbloodline,
Planted by the waters,
^bFruitful and full of branches
Because of many waters.

11 She had strong branches for
scepters of rulers.

^aShe towered in stature above
the thick branches,
And was seen in her height
amid the ¹dense foliage.

- 12 But she was ^aplucked up in fury,
She was cast down to the ground,
And the ^beast wind dried her fruit.
Her strong branches were broken and withered;
The fire consumed them.
- 13 And now she is planted in the wilderness,
In a dry and thirsty land.
- 14 ^aFire has come out from a rod of her branches
And devoured her fruit,
So that she has no strong branch— a scepter for ruling.’”

^bThis is a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.

The Rebellions of Israel

20 It came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, that ^acertain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

2 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

3 “Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “I will not be inquired of by you.”’

4 “Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge *them*? Then ^amake known to them the abominations of their fathers.

5 “Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On the day when ^aI chose Israel and raised My hand in an oath to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made Myself ^bknown to them in the land of Egypt, I raised My hand in an oath to them, saying, ‘I *am* the LORD your God.’

6 “On that day I raised My hand in an oath to them, ^ato bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, ^bflowing with milk and honey,’ ‘the glory of all lands.

7 “Then I said to them, ‘Each of you, ^athrow away ^bthe abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with ^cthe idols of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God.’

8 “But they rebelled against Me and would not ^bobey Me. They did not all cast away the abominations which were before their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, ‘I will ^apour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.’

9 ^a“But I acted for My name’s sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles among whom they were, in whose sight I had made My-

12 ^aJer. 31:27;
28 ^bHos. 13:5

14 ^aJudg. 9:15
^bLam. 2:5

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1 ^aEzek. 8:1,
11, 12; 14:1

3 ^aEzek. 7:26;
14:3

4 ^aEzek. 16:2;
22:2

5 ^aEx. 6:6–8
^bDeut. 4:34
^cEx. 20:2

6 ^aJer. 32:22
^bEx. 3:8 ^cJer. 11:5; 32:22

7 ^aEzek. 18:31
^b2 Chr. 15:8
^cLev. 18:3

8 ^aEzek. 7:8
¹Lit. *listen to*

9 ^aNum. 14:13
^bJosh. 2:10;
9:9, 10

10 ^aEx. 13:18

11 ^aNeh. 9:13
^bLev. 18:5
¹Lit. *made known to*

12 ^aDeut. 5:12

13 ^aNum. 14:22 ^bProv. 1:25 ^cLev. 18:5
^dEx. 16:27
^eNum. 14:29

14 ^aEzek. 20:9,
20

15 ^aNum. 14:28 ^bEx. 3:8
^cEzek. 20:6

16 ^aEzek. 20:13, 24
^bAmos 5:25

17 ^a[Ps. 78:38]

19 ^aDeut. 5:32

20 ^aJer. 17:22

21 ^aNum. 25:1
^bLev. 18:5

22 ¹Refrained from judgment

23 ^aLev. 26:33

24 ^aEzek. 20:13, 16

self ^bknown to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

10 “Therefore I ^amade them go out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.

11 ^a“And I gave them My statutes and ^bshowed them My judgments, ^bwhich, if a man does, he shall live by them.’

12 “Moreover I also gave them My ^aSabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies them.

13 “Yet the house of Israel ^arebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes; they ^bdespised My judgments, ^cwhich, if a man does, he shall live by them; and they greatly ^adefiled My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them.

14 ^a“But I acted for My name’s sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought them out.

15 “So ^aI also raised My hand in an oath to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, ^bflowing with milk and honey,’ ‘the glory of all lands.

16 ^a“because they despised My judgments and did not walk in My statutes, but profaned My Sabbaths; for ^btheir heart went after their idols.

17 ^a“Nevertheless My eye spared them from destruction. I did not make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 “But I said to their children in the wilderness, ‘Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols.

19 ‘I *am* the LORD your God: ^aWalk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them;

20 ^ahallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I *am* the LORD your God.’

21 “Notwithstanding, ^athe children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, and were not careful to observe My judgments, ^bwhich, if a man does, he shall live by them; but they profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness.

22 “Nevertheless I ^bwithdrew My hand and acted for My name’s sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought them out.

23 “Also I raised My hand in an oath to those in the wilderness, that ^aI would scatter them among the Gentiles and disperse them throughout the countries,

24 ^a“because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My

statutes, profaned My Sabbaths, and ^btheir eyes were fixed on their fathers' idols.

25 "Therefore ^aI also gave them up to statutes *that were* not good, and judgments by which they could not live;

26 "and I pronounced them unclean because of their ritual gifts, in that they caused all ¹their firstborn to pass *through the fire*, that I might make them desolate and that they ^bmight know that I am the LORD."

27 "Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "In this too your fathers have ^bblasphemed Me, by being unfaithful to Me.

28 "When I brought them into the land *concerning* which I had raised My hand in an oath to give them, and ^athey saw all the high hills and all the thick trees, there they offered their sacrifices and provoked Me with their offerings. There they also sent up their ^bsweet aroma and poured out their drink offerings.

29 "Then I said to them, 'What is this ¹high place to which you go?' So its name is called ²Bamah to this day."

30 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you defiling yourselves in the manner of your ^afathers, and committing harlotry according to their ^babominations?"

31 "For when you offer ^ayour gifts and make your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to this day. So shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will ^bnot be inquired of by you.

32 "^aWhat you have in your mind shall never be, when you say, 'We will be like the Gentiles, like the families in other countries, serving wood and stone.'

God Will Restore Israel

33 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand, ^awith an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you.

34 "I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.

35 "And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there ^aI will plead My case with you face to face.

36 "^aJust as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," says the Lord GOD.

37 "I will make you ^apass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the ^bcovenant;

24 ^bEzek. 6:9

25 ^aRom. 1:24

26 ^aJer. 32:35
^bEzek. 6:7;
20:12, 20 ¹Lit.
*that open the
womb*

27 ^aRom. 2:24

28 ^aEzek. 6:13
^bEzek. 16:19

29 ¹Place for
pagan wor-
ship ²Lit.
High Place

30 ^aJudg. 2:19
^bJer. 7:26;
16:12

31 ^aEzek.
16:20; 20:26
^bEzek. 20:3

32 ^aEzek. 11:5

33 ^aJer. 21:5

35 ^aJer. 2:9, 35;
Ezek. 17:20

36 ^aNum.
14:21-23, 28

37 ^aLev. 27:32
^bPs. 89:30-34

38 ^aEzek.
34:17
^bJer. 44:14

39 ^aAmos 4:4
^bIs. 1:13-15

40 ^aIs. 2:2, 3
^bEzek. 37:22
^cZech. 8:20-
22 ¹offerings

41 ^aPhil. 4:18

42 ^aEzek.
36:23; 38:23
^bEzek. 11:17;
34:13; 36:24

43 ^aEzek.
16:61 ^bLev.
26:39 ¹Or
despise

44 ^aEzek.
24:24 ^bEzek.
36:22

46 ^aEzek. 21:2
¹proclaim, lit.
drop ²Heb.
Negev

47 ^aJer. 21:14
^bLuke 23:31
^cEzek. 21:4

49 ^aEzek. 12:9;
17:2

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2 ^aEzek. 20:46

38 "^aI will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but ^bthey shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

39 "As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord GOD: "^aGo, serve every one of you his idols—and hereafter—if you will not obey Me; ^bbut profane My holy name no more with your gifts and your idols.

40 "For ^aon My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "there ^ball the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me; there ^cI will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your ¹sacrifices, together with all your holy things.

41 "I will accept you as a ^asweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles.

42 "^aThen you shall know that I am the LORD, ^bwhen I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers.

43 "And ^athere you shall remember your ways and all your doings with which you were defiled; and ^byou shall ¹loathe yourselves in your own sight because of all the evils that you have committed.

44 "^aThen you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have dealt with you ^bfor My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel," says the Lord GOD."

Fire in the Forest

45 Furthermore the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

46 "^aSon of man, set your face toward the south; ¹preach against the south and prophesy against the forest land, the ²South.

47 "and say to the forest of the South, 'Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, ^aI will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour ^bevery green tree and every dry tree in you; the blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces ^cfrom the south to the north shall be scorched by it.

48 "All flesh shall see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched." ' "

49 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! They say of me, 'Does he not speak ^aparables?'"

Babylon, the Sword of God

21 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "^aSon of man, set your face

toward Jerusalem, ^bpreach¹ against the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel;

3 "and say to the land of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I *am* against you, and I will draw My sword out of its sheath and cut off both ^bbrighteous and wicked from you.

4 "Because I will cut off both righteous and wicked from you, therefore My sword shall go out of its sheath against all flesh ^cfrom south to north,

5 "that all flesh may know that I, the LORD, have drawn My sword out of its sheath; it ^cshall not return anymore."

6 ^a"Sigh therefore, son of man, with ^{1a} a breaking heart, and sigh with bitterness before their eyes.

7 "And it shall be when they say to you, 'Why are you sighing?' that you shall answer, 'Because of the news; when it comes, every heart will melt, ^aall hands will be feeble, every spirit will faint, and all knees will be weak as water. Behold, it is coming and shall be brought to pass,' says the Lord GOD."

8 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD!' Say:

^a"A sword, a sword is sharpened And also polished!

10 Sharpened to make a dreadful slaughter,

Polished to flash like lightning! Should we then make mirth? It despises the scepter of My son,

11 And He has given it to be polished,

That it may be handled; This sword is sharpened, and it is polished To be given into the hand of ^cthe slayer.'

12 "Cry and wail, son of man; For it will be against My people, Against all the princes of Israel.

Terrors including the sword will be against My people; Therefore ^cstrike your thigh.

13 "Because *it is* ^aa testing, And what if *the sword* despises even the scepter?

^bThe scepter shall be no more,"

says the Lord GOD.

14 "You therefore, son of man, prophesy, And ^cstrike your hands together.

The third time let the sword do double damage.

2 ^bAmos 7:16
¹proclaim, lit. drop

3 ^aEzek. 5:8
^bJob 9:22

4 ^aEzek. 20:47

5 ^a[Is. 45:23; 55:11]

6 ^aIs. 22:4
¹Emotional distress, lit. the breaking of your reins

7 ^aEzek. 7:17

9 ^aDeut. 32:41

11 ^aEzek. 21:19

12 ^aJer. 31:19

13 ^aJob 9:23
^bEzek. 21:27

14 ^aNum. 24:10 ^{b1} Kin. 20:30

15 ^aEzek. 21:10, 28

16 ^aEzek. 14:17 ¹Lit. Sharpen yourself! or Unite yourself! ²Lit. face

17 ^aEzek. 22:13 ^bEzek. 5:13; 16:42; 24:13

20 ^aJer. 49:2

21 ¹Heb. teraphim

22 ^aJer. 51:14
^bEzek. 4:2

23 ^aEzek. 17:16, 18

25 ^aJer. 52:2
^bEzek. 21:29

26 ^aLuke 1:52

It is the sword *that* slays, The sword that slays the great *men*,

That enters their ^bprivate chambers.

15 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, That the heart may melt and many may stumble. Ah! ^aIt is made bright; *It is* grasped for slaughter:

16 "Swords^{a1} at the ready! Thrust right! Set your blade! Thrust left— Wherever your ²edge is ordered!

17 "I also will ^abeat My fists together. And ^{b1} I will cause My fury to rest; I, the LORD, have spoken."

18 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying:

19 "And son of man, appoint for yourself two ways for the sword of the king of Babylon to go; both of them shall go from the same land. Make a sign; put *it* at the head of the road to the city.

20 "Appoint a road for the sword to go to ^aRabbah of the Ammonites, and to Judah, into fortified Jerusalem.

21 "For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the road, at the fork of the two roads, to use divination: he shakes the arrows, he consults the ¹images, he looks at the liver.

22 "In his right hand is the divination for Jerusalem: to set up battering rams, to call for a slaughter, to ^alift the voice with shouting, ^bto set battering rams against the gates, to heap up a *siege* mound, and to build a wall.

23 "And it will be to them like a false divination in the eyes of those who ^ahave sworn oaths with them; but he will bring their iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

24 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins appear—because you have come to remembrance, you shall be taken in hand.

25 'Now to you, O ^aprofane, wicked prince of Israel, ^bwhose day has come, whose iniquity *shall* end,

26 'thus says the Lord GOD:

"Remove the turban, and take off the crown; Nothing *shall remain* the same. ^aExalt the humble, and humble the exalted.

- 27 ¹Overthrown, overthrown,
I will make it overthrown!
^aIt shall be no longer,
Until He comes whose right it
is,
And I will give it to ^bHim.”

A Sword Against the Ammonites

- 28 “And you, son of man, prophesy
and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD
“concerning the Ammonites and
concerning their reproach,” and say:

‘A sword, a sword is drawn,
Polished for slaughter,
For consuming, for flashing—

- 29 While they “see false visions for
you,
While they divine a lie to you,
To bring you on the necks of
the wicked, the slain
^bWhose day has come,
Whose iniquity *shall* end.

- 30 ‘Return^a it to its sheath.

^bI will judge you
In the place where you were
created,

^cIn the land of your ¹nativity.

- 31 I will “pour out My indignation
on you;

I will ^bblow against you with
the fire of My wrath,
And deliver you into the hands
of brutal men *who are* skillful
to “destroy.

- 32 You shall be fuel for the fire;
Your blood shall be in the midst
of the land.

^aYou shall not be remembered,
For I the LORD have spoken.”

Sins of Jerusalem

- 22 Moreover the word of the
LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Now, son of man, “will you
judge, will you judge ^bthe bloody
city? Yes, show her all her abomina-
tions!

3 “Then say, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD: “The city sheds “blood in her
own midst, that her time may come;
and she makes idols within herself
to defile herself.

4 “You have become guilty by the
blood which you have “shed, and
have defiled yourself with the idols
which you have made. You have
caused your days to draw near, and
have come to *the end* of your years;
^atherefore I have made you a re-
proach to the nations, and a mock-
ery to all countries.

5 “Those near and *those* far from
you will mock you as ¹infamous and
full of tumult.

6 “Look, “the princes of Israel:
each one has used his ¹power to
shed blood in you.

7 “In you they have “made light of
father and mother; in your midst
they have ^boppressed the stranger;

27 ^a[Luke 1:32,
33] ^b[Jer. 23:5,
6] ¹Or *Distor-
tion, Ruin*

28 ^aEzek.
25:1-7

29 ^aEzek.
12:24; 13:6-9;
22:28 ^bJob
18:20

30 ^aJer. 47:6, 7
^bGen. 15:14
^cEzek. 16:3
¹Or *origin*

31 ^aEzek. 7:8
^bEzek. 22:20,
21 ^cHab.
1:6-10

32 ^aEzek.
25:10

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2 ^aEzek. 20:4
^bNah. 3:1

3 ^aEzek.
24:6, 7

4 ^a2 Kin. 21:16
^bDeut. 28:37

5 ¹Lit. *defiled
of name*

6 ^aIs. 1:23 ¹Lit.
arm

7 ^aLev. 20:9
^bEx. 22:22
¹Lit. *orphan*

8 ^aLev. 19:30

9 ^aLev. 19:16
^bEzek. 18:6,
11

10 ^aLev. 18:7, 8
^bLev. 18:19;
20:18

11 ^aEzek.
18:11 ^bLev.
18:15 ^cLev.
18:9

12 ^aEx. 23:8
^bEx. 22:25
^cEzek. 23:35

13 ^aEzek.
21:17

14 ^aEzek. 21:7
^bEzek. 17:24

15 ^aDeut. 4:27
^bEzek. 23:27,
48

16 ^aPs. 9:16

18 ^aIs. 1:22
^bProv. 17:3

20 ^aIs. 1:25

22 ^aEzek. 20:8,
33

24 ^aEzek.
24:13 ¹So with
MT, Syr., Vg.;
LXX *show-
ered upon*

in you they have mistreated the
¹fatherless and the widow.

8 “You have despised My holy
things and “profaned My Sabbaths.

9 “In you are “men who slander to
cause bloodshed; ^bin you are those
who eat on the mountains; in your
midst they commit lewdness.

10 “In you men “uncover their
fathers’ nakedness; in you they vio-
late women who are ^bset apart dur-
ing their impurity.

11 “One commits abomination
“with his neighbor’s wife; ^banother
lewdly defiles his daughter-in-law;
and another in you violates his sis-
ter, his father’s “daughter.

12 “In you “they take bribes to shed
blood; “you take usury and increase;
you have made profit from your
neighbors by extortion, and “have
forgotten Me,” says the Lord GOD.

13 “Behold, therefore, I “beat My
fists at the dishonest profit which
you have made, and at the blood-
shed which has been in your midst.

14 ^a“Can your heart endure, or can
your hands remain strong, in the
days when I shall deal with you? ^bI,
the LORD, have spoken, and will do
it.

15 ^a“I will scatter you among the
nations, disperse you throughout
the countries, and “remove your
filthiness completely from you.

16 “You shall defile yourself in the
sight of the nations; then “you shall
know that I *am* the LORD.”

Israel in the Furnace

17 The word of the LORD came to
me, saying,

18 “Son of man, “the house of Is-
rael has become dross to Me; they
are all bronze, tin, iron, and lead,
in the midst of a ^bfurnace; they have
become dross from silver.

19 “Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD: ‘Because you have all become
dross, therefore behold, I will gather
you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 ‘As *men* gather silver, bronze,
iron, lead, and tin into the midst of a
furnace, to blow fire on it, to “melt
it; so I will gather you in My anger
and in My fury, and I will leave you
there and melt you.

21 ‘Yes, I will gather you and blow
on you with the fire of My wrath,
and you shall be melted in its midst.

22 ‘As silver is melted in the midst
of a furnace, so shall you be melted
in its midst; then you shall know
that I, the LORD, have “poured out
My fury on you.”

Israel's Wicked Leaders

23 And the word of the LORD came
to me, saying,

24 “Son of man, say to her: ‘You *are*
a land that is “not “cleansed or
rained on in the day of indignation.’

25 ^a"The conspiracy of her ¹prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they ^bhave devoured ²people; ^cthey have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst.

26 ^a"Her priests have ¹violated My law and ^bprofaned My holy things; they have not ^cdistinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known *the difference* between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.

27 "Her ^aprinces in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy ¹people, and to get dishonest gain.

28 ^a"Her prophets plastered them with untempered *mortar*, ^bseeing false visions, and divining ^clies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD had not spoken.

29 "The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully ^aoppress the stranger.

30 ^a"So I sought for a man among them who would ^bmake a wall, and ^cstand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

31 "Therefore I have ^apoured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed ^btheir deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD.

Two Harlot Sisters

23 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying:

- 2 "Son of man, there were ^atwo women,
The daughters of one mother.
- 3 "They committed harlotry in Egypt,
They committed harlotry in ^btheir youth;
Their breasts were there embraced,
Their virgin bosom was there pressed.
- 4 Their names: ¹Oholah the elder and ²Oholibah ^aher sister;
^bThey were Mine,
And they bore sons and daughters.
As for their names,
Samaria is Oholah, and
Jerusalem is Oholibah.

The Older Sister, Samaria

- 5 "Oholah played the harlot even though she was Mine;
And she lusted for her lovers,
the neighboring ^aAssyrians,
- 6 Who were clothed in purple,

25 ^aJer. 11:9;
Hos. 6:9
^bMatt. 23:14
^cMic. 3:11;
Zeph. 3:3, 4
¹So with MT.
Vg.; LXX
princes; Tg.
scribes ²Lit.
souls

26 ^aJer. 32:32;
Lam. 4:3; Mal.
2:8 ¹Sam.
2:29 ^cLev.
10:10 ¹Lit.
done violence
to

27 ^aIs. 1:23;
Ezek. 22:6;
Mic. 3:1-3,
9-11; Zeph.
3:3 ¹Lit. souls

28 ^aEzek.
13:10 ^bEzek.
13:6, 7 ^cJer.
23:25-32;
Ezek. 21:29

29 ^aEx. 23:9;
Lev. 19:33

30 ^aIs. 59:16;
63:5; Jer. 5:1
^bEzek. 13:5
^cPs. 106:23;
Jer. 15:1

31 ^aEzek.
22:22 ^bEzek.
9:10; [Rom.
2:8, 9]

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2 ^aJer. 3:7, 8;
Ezek.
16:44-46

3 ^aLev. 17:7;
Josh. 24:14;
Jer. 3:9 ^bEzek.
16:22

4 ^aJer. 3:6, 7
^bEzek. 16:8,
20 ¹Lit. Her
Own Taberna-
cle ²Lit. My
Tabernacle Is
in Her

5 ^a2 Kin.
15:19; 16:7;
17:3; Ezek.
16:28; Hos.
5:13; 8:9, 10

8 ^aEx. 32:4;
1 Kin. 12:28;
2 Kin. 10:29;
17:16; Ezek.
23:3, 19

9 ^a2 Kin. 17:3

¹Jer. 3:8
^bJer. 3:8-11;
Ezek. 16:51,
52

12 ^a2 Kin. 16:7,
8; Ezek. 16:28
^bEzek. 23:6,
23

14 ^aJer. 50:2;
Ezek. 8:10;
16:29

16 ^a2 Kin. 24:1
^bIs. 57:9

17 ¹Lit. sons of
Babel

Captains and rulers,
All of them desirable young
men,

7 Horsemen riding on horses.

Thus she committed her
harlotry with them,
All of them choice men of
Assyria;

And with all for whom she
lusted,
With all their idols, she defiled
herself.

8 She has never given up her
harlotry brought ^afrom
Egypt,
For in her youth they had lain
with her,
Pressed her virgin bosom,
And poured out their
immorality upon her.

9 "Therefore I have delivered her
into the hand of her lovers,
into the hand of the ^aAssyrians,
For whom she lusted.

10 They uncovered her nakedness,
Took away her sons and
daughters,
And slew her with the sword;
She became a byword among
women,
For they had executed
judgment on her.

The Younger Sister, Jerusalem

11 "Now ^aalthough her sister Oholi-
bah saw *this*, ^bshe became more
corrupt in her lust than she, and in
her harlotry more corrupt than her
sister's harlotry.

12 "She lusted for the neighboring
^aAssyrians,
^bCaptains and rulers,
Clothed most gorgeously,
Horsemen riding on horses,
All of them desirable young
men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled;
Both took the same way.

14 But she increased her harlotry;
She looked at men portrayed
on the wall,
Images of ^aChaldeans
portrayed in vermillion,

15 Girded with belts around their
waists,
Flowing turbans on their heads,
All of them looking like
captains,
In the manner of the
Babylonians of Chaldea,
The land of their nativity.

16 ^aAs soon as her eyes saw them,
She lusted for them
And sent ^bmessengers to them
in Chaldea.

17 "Then the ¹Babylonians came to
her, into the bed of love,
And they defiled her with their
immorality;

So she was defiled by them,
 and alienated herself from them.
 18 She revealed her harlotry and
 uncovered her nakedness.
 Then ^aI ^balienated Myself from
 her,
 As I had alienated Myself from
 her sister.

19 "Yet she multiplied her
 harlotry
 In calling to remembrance the
 days of her youth,
^aWhen she had played the harlot
 in the land of Egypt.

20 For she lusted for her
^bparamours,
 Whose flesh *is like* the flesh of
 donkeys,
 And whose issue *is like* the
 issue of horses.

21 Thus you called to
 remembrance the lewdness of
 your youth,
 When the ^aEgyptians pressed
 your bosom
 Because of your youthful
 breasts.

Judgment on Jerusalem

22 "Therefore, Oholibah, thus says
 the Lord GOD:

^a"Behold, I will stir up your
 lovers against you,
 From whom you have alienated
 yourself,
 And I will bring them against
 you from every side:

23 The Babylonians,
 All the Chaldeans,
^aPekod, Shoa, Koa,
^bAll the Assyrians with them,
 All of them desirable young
 men,

Governors and rulers,
 Captains and men of renown,
 All of them riding on horses.

24 And they shall come against
 you
 With chariots, wagons, and
 war-horses,
 With a horde of people.
 They shall array against you
 Buckler, shield, and helmet all
 around.

'I will delegate judgment to
 them,
 And they shall judge you
 according to their
 judgments.

25 I will set My ^ajealousy against
 you,
 And they shall deal furiously
 with you;
 They shall remove your nose
 and your ears,
 And your remnant shall fall by
 the sword;

17 ^aEzek.
 23:22, 28

18 ^aJer. 6:8
^bPs. 78:59;
 106:40; Jer.
 12:8

19 ^aLev. 18:3;
 Ezek. 23:2

20 ¹Illicit
 lovers

21 ^aEzek.
 16:26

22 ^aEzek.
 16:37-41;
 23:28

23 ^aJer. 50:21
^bEzek. 23:12

25 ^aEx. 34:14;
 Ezek. 5:13;
 8:17, 18;
 Zeph. 1:18

26 ^aIs. 3:18-23;
 Ezek. 16:39

27 ^aEzek.
 16:41; 22:15
^bEzek. 23:3,
 19

28 ^aJer.
 21:7-10;
 Ezek. 16:37-41
^bEzek. 23:17

29 ^aDeut.
 28:48; Ezek.
 23:25, 26,
 45-47 ^bEzek.
 16:39

30 ^aEzek. 6:9

31 ^a2 Kin.
 21:13; Jer.
 7:14, 15;
 25:15; Ezek.
 23:33

32 ^aEzek.
 22:4, 5

34 ^aPs. 75:8; Is.
 51:17
¹Earthenware
 fragments

35 ^aIs. 17:10;
 Jer. 3:21;
 Ezek. 22:12;
 Hos. 8:14; 13:6
^b1 Kin. 14:9;
 Jer. 2:27;
 32:33; Neh.
 9:26

36 ^aJer. 1:10;
 Ezek. 20:4;
 22:2 ^bIs. 58:1;
 Ezek. 16:2;
 Mic. 3:8

They shall take your sons and
 your daughters,
 And your remnant shall be
 devoured by fire.
 26 ^aThey shall also strip you of
 your clothes
 And take away your beautiful
 jewelry.

27 'Thus ^aI will make you cease
 your lewdness and your
^bharlotry
Brought from the land of
 Egypt,
 So that you will not lift your
 eyes to them,
 Nor remember Egypt
 anymore.'

28 "For thus says the Lord GOD:
 'Surely I will deliver you into the
 hand of ^athose you hate, into the
 hand of ^bthose ^bfrom whom you
 alienated yourself.

29 ^a'They will deal hatefully with
 you, take away all you have worked
 for, and ^bleave you naked and bare.
 The nakedness of your harlotry
 shall be uncovered, both your lewd-
 ness and your harlotry.

30 'I will do these *things* to you
 because you have ^agone as a harlot
 after the Gentiles, because you have
 become defiled by their idols.

31 'You have walked in the way of
 your sister; therefore I will put her
^a'cup in your hand.'

32 "Thus says the Lord GOD:

'You shall drink of your sister's
 cup,

The deep and wide one;

^aYou shall be laughed to scorn
 And held in derision;

It contains much.

33 You will be filled with
 drunkenness and sorrow,
 The cup of horror and
 desolation,

The cup of your sister Samaria.

34 You shall ^adrink and drain it,
 You shall break its ^bshards,
 And tear at your own breasts;
 For I have spoken,'
 Says the Lord GOD.

35 "Therefore thus says the Lord
 GOD:

'Because you ^ahave forgotten
 Me and ^bcast Me behind your
 back,

Therefore you shall bear the

penalty

Of your lewdness and your
 harlotry.'

Both Sisters Judged

36 The LORD also said to me: "Son
 of man, will you ^ajudge Oholah and
 Oholibah? Then ^bdeclare to them
 their abominations.

37 "For they have committed

adultery, and ^ablood is on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and even *sacri-ficed* their sons ^bwhom they bore to Me, passing them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.

38 "Moreover they have done this to Me: They have ^adefiled My sanctuary on the same day and ^bprofaned My Sabbaths.

39 "For after they had slain their children for their idols, on the same day they came into My sanctuary to profane it; and indeed ^athus they have done in the midst of My house.

40 "Furthermore you sent for men to come from afar, ^ato whom a messenger was sent; and there they came. And you ^bwashed yourself for them, ^cpainted your eyes, and adorned yourself with ornaments.

41 "You sat on a stately ^acouch, with a table prepared before it, ^bon which you had set My incense and My oil.

42 "The sound of a carefree multitude was with her, and ¹Sabeans were brought from the wilderness with men of the common sort, who put bracelets on their ²wrists and beautiful crowns on their heads.

43 "Then I said concerning *her who had grown* old in adulteries, 'Will they commit harlotry with her now, and she *with them*?' "

44 "Yet they went in to her, as men go in to a woman who plays the harlot; thus they went in to Oholah and Oholibah, the lewd women.

45 "But righteous men will ^ajudge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women who shed blood, because they *are* adulteresses, and ^bblood is on their hands.

46 "For thus says the Lord GOD: ^a'Bring up an assembly against them, give them up to trouble and plunder.

47 ^a'The assembly shall stone them with stones and ^bexecute them with their swords; ^bthey shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn their houses with fire.

48 'Thus ^aI will cause lewdness to cease from the land, ^bthat all women may be taught not to practice your lewdness.

49 'They shall repay you for your lewdness, and you shall ^a'pay for your idolatrous sins. ^bThen you shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.' "

Symbol of the Cooking Pot

24 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, write down the name of the day, this very day—the king of Babylon started his siege against Jerusalem ^athis very day.

3 ^a"And utter a parable to the re-

37 ^aEzek.
16:38 ^bEzek.
16:20, 21, 36,
45; 20:26, 31

38 ^{a2} Kin.
21:4, 7 ^bEzek.
22:8

39 ^{a2} Kin.
21:2-8

40 ^aIs. 57:9
^bRuth 3:3 ^cJer.
4:30

41 ^aIs. 57:7
^bProv. 7:17

42 ¹Or *drunk-*
²Lit.
hands

45 ^aEzek.
16:38 ^bEzek.
23:37

46 ^aEzek.
16:40

47 ^aEzek.
16:40 ^bEzek.
24:21 ¹Lit. *cut*
down

48 ^aEzek.
22:15 ^bDeut.
13:11

49 ^aEzek.
23:35 ^bEzek.
20:38, 42, 44;
25:5

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2 ^{a2} Kin. 25:1

3 ^aEzek. 17:12
^bJer. 1:13

4 ¹Lit. *bones*

6 ^aEzek. 22:2,
3, 27 ^bNah.
3:10

7 ^aLev. 17:13

8 ^a[Matt. 7:2]

9 ^aHab. 2:12

10 ¹Lit. *bones*

11 ^aEzek.
22:15

12 ¹Or *wea-*
ried Me ²Or
toil

13 ^aEzek.
23:36-48 ^bJer.
6:28-30 ^cEzek.
5:13; 8:18;
16:42

14 ^a[1 Sam.
15:29] ^bIs.
55:11 ^cEzek.
5:11

bellious house, and say to them,
'Thus says the Lord GOD:

^b"Put on a pot, set it on,
And also pour water into it.

4 Gather pieces of *meat* in it,
Every good piece,

The thigh and the shoulder.
Fill it with choice ¹cuts;

5 Take the choice of the flock.
Also pile *fuel* bones under it,
Make it boil well,
And let the cuts simmer in it."

6 'Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD:

"Woe to ^athe bloody city,
To the pot whose scum is in it,
And whose scum is not gone
from it!

Bring it out piece by piece,
On which no ¹plot has fallen.

7 For her blood is in her midst;
She set it on top of a rock;

^aShe did not pour it on the
ground,

To cover it with dust.

8 That it may raise up fury and
take vengeance,

^aI have set her blood on top of a
rock,
That it may not be covered."

9 'Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD:

^a"Woe to the bloody city!
I too will make the pyre great.

10 Heap on the wood,
Kindle the fire;
Cook the meat well,
Mix in the spices,
And let the ¹cuts be burned up.

11 "Then set the pot empty on the
coals,
That it may become hot and its
bronze may burn,
That ^aits filthiness may be
melted in it,
That its scum may be
consumed.

12 She has ¹grown weary with
²lies,
And her great scum has not
gone from her.

Let her scum be in the fire!

13 In your ^afilthiness is lewdness.
Because I have cleansed you,
and you were not cleansed,
You will ^a'not be cleansed of
your filthiness anymore,
^aTill I have caused My fury to
rest upon you.

14 ^aI, the LORD, have spoken it;
^bIt shall come to pass, and I will
do it;

I will not hold back,

^aNor will I spare,

Nor will I relent;

According to your ways

And according to your deeds

¹They will judge you,"
Says the Lord GOD.' "

The Prophet's Wife Dies

15 Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

16 "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down.

17 "Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover your lips, and do not eat man's bread of sorrow."

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died; and the next morning I did as I was commanded.

19 And the people said to me, "Will you not tell us what these things signify to us, that you behave so?"

20 Then I answered them, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

21 "Speak to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the desire of your eyes, the delight of your soul; and your sons and daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword.

22 And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover your lips nor eat man's bread of sorrow.

23 Your turbans shall be on your heads and your sandals on your feet; you shall neither mourn nor weep, but you shall pine away in your iniquities and mourn with one another.

24 Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you; according to all that he has done you shall do; and when this comes, you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.' "

25 And you, son of man—will it not be in the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters:

26 that on that day one who escapes will come to you to let you hear it with your ears?

27 "On that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped; you shall speak and no longer be mute. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I am the LORD.' "

Proclamation Against Ammon

25 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them.

3 "Say to the Ammonites, 'Hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you said, 'Aha!' against My sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was desolate, and

¹⁴ LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. I

¹⁶ Jer. 16:5

¹⁷ Jer. 16:5
^bLev. 10:6;
21:10 ^{c2} Sam.
15:30 ^d Mic.
3:7 ¹ Lit.
moustache

¹⁹ Ezek. 12:9;
37:18

²¹ Jer. 7:14;
^bEzek. 23:25;
47 ¹ Lit. the
pride of your strength ² Lit.
compassion

²² Jer. 16:6, 7
¹ Lit. *moustache*

²³ Job 27:15
^b Lev. 26:39

²⁴ Is. 20:3
^b Jer. 17:15
^c Ezek. 6:7;
25:5

²⁵ Ezek.
24:21 ¹ Lit. the
lifting up of their soul

²⁶ Ezek.
33:21

²⁷ Ezek. 3:26;
33:22

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² Ezek. 35:2
^b Jer. 49:1

³ Ezek. 26:2

⁴ Lit. *sons*

⁵ Ezek. 21:20
^b Is. 17:2
^c Ezek. 24:24

⁶ Job 27:23
^b Ezek. 36:5

⁷ Ezek. 35:3

⁸ Amos 2:1, 2
^b Ezek. 35:2, 5

⁹ Jer. 48:23

¹⁰ Ezek. 25:4
^b Ezek. 21:32

¹² Obad.
10-14

¹³ Or even to
Dedan they
shall fall

¹⁴ Is. 11:14

¹⁵ Jer. 25:20
^{b2} Chr. 28:18
¹ Lit. *spite in soul* ² Or *perpetual*

¹⁶ Zeph. 2:4

against the house of Judah when they went into captivity.

4 "indeed, therefore, I will deliver you as a possession to the men of the East, and they shall set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you; they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk.

5 "And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels and Ammon a resting place for flocks. Then you shall know that I am the LORD."

6 "For thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you clapped your hands, stamped your feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your disdain for the land of Israel,

7 "indeed, therefore, I will stretch out My hand against you, and give you as plunder to the nations; I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish from the countries; I will destroy you, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Proclamation Against Moab

8 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Look! The house of Judah is like all the nations,'

9 "therefore, behold, I will clear the territory of Moab of cities, of the cities on its frontier, the glory of the country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kirjathaim.

10 "To the men of the East I will give it as a possession, together with the Ammonites, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

11 "And I will execute judgments upon Moab, and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Proclamation Against Edom

12 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because of what Edom did against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended by avenging itself on them,"

13 "therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also stretch out My hand against Edom, cut off man and beast from it, and make it desolate from Teman; Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 "I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel, that they may do in Edom according to My anger and according to My fury; and they shall know My vengeance," says the Lord GOD.

Proclamation Against Philistia

15 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the Philistines dealt vengefully and took vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy because of the old hatred,"

16 "therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and I will cut

off the ^bCherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast.

17 "I will execute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes; ^band they shall know that I am the LORD, when I lay My vengeance upon them." "

Proclamation Against Tyre

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, ^abecause Tyre has said against Jerusalem, ^b'Aha! She is broken who was the gateway of the peoples; now she is turned over to me; I shall be filled; she is laid waste.'

3 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up.

4 'And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and ^amake her like the top of a rock.

5 'It shall be a place for spreading nets ^ain the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,' says the Lord GOD; 'it shall become plunder for the nations.

6 'Also her daughter villages which are in the fields shall be slain by the sword. ^aThen they shall know that I am the LORD.'

7 "For thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the north ^a'Nebuchadnezzar' king of Babylon, ^bking of kings, with horses, with chariots, and with horsemen, and an army with many people.

8 'He will slay with the sword your daughter villages in the fields; he will ^aheap up a siege mound against you, build a wall against you, and raise a ^bdefense against you.

9 'He will direct his battering rams against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers.

10 'Because of the abundance of his horses, their dust will cover you; your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen, the wagons, and the chariots, when he enters your gates, as men enter a city that has been breached.

11 'With the hooves of his ^ahorses he will trample all your streets; he will slay your people by the sword, and your strong pillars will fall to the ground.

12 'They will plunder your riches and pillage your merchandise; they will break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses; they will lay your stones, your timber, and your soil in the ^amidst of the water.

13 ^a'I will put an end to the sound of ^byour songs, and the sound of your harps shall be heard no more.

14 ^a'I will make you like the top of a rock; you shall be a place for

16 ^{b1} Sam. 30:14 ^cJer. 47:4

17 ^aEzek. 5:15 ^bPs. 9:16

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2 ^aJer. 25:22 ^bEzek. 25:3

4 ^aEzek. 26:14

5 ^aEzek. 27:32

6 ^aEzek. 25:5

7 ^aJer. 27:3-6 ^bDan. 2:37, 47 ^cHeb. Nebuchadnezzar, and so elsewhere in the book

8 ^aEzek. 21:22 ^bLit. a large shield

11 ^aHab. 1:8

12 ^aEzek. 27:27, 32

13 ^aIs. 14:11; 24:8 ^bRev. 18:22

14 ^aEzek. 26:4, 5

15 ^aJer. 49:21

16 ^aIs. 23:8 ^bJon. 3:6 ^cJob 2:13 ^dEzek. 32:10 ^eEzek. 27:35

17 ^aEzek. 27:2-36 ^bIs. 23:4

18 ^aEzek. 26:15

20 ^aEzek. 32:18 ^bEzek. 32:23

21 ^aEzek. 27:36; 28:19 ^bPs. 37:10, 36

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2 ^aEzek. 26:17

3 ^aEzek. 26:17; 28:2 ^bIs. 23:3 ^cEzek. 28:12 ^dLit. sit or dwell

5 ^aDeut. 3:9 ^bbuilt

spreading nets, and you shall never be rebuilt, for I the LORD have spoken,' says the Lord GOD.

15 "Thus says the Lord GOD to Tyre: 'Will the coastlands not ^ashake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry, when slaughter is made in the midst of you?

16 'Then all the ^aprinces of the sea will ^bcome down from their thrones, lay aside their robes, and take off their embroidered garments; they will clothe themselves with trembling; ^cthey will sit on the ground, ^dtremble every moment, and ^ebe astonished at you.

17 'And they will take up a ^alamentation for you, and say to you:

"How you have perished,
O one inhabited by seafaring
men,

O renowned city,
Who was ^bstrong at sea,
She and her inhabitants,
Who caused their terror to be
on all her inhabitants!

18 Now ^a'the coastlands tremble on the day of your fall;
Yes, the coastlands by the sea
are troubled at your
departure.' "

19 "For thus says the Lord GOD: 'When I make you a desolate city, like cities that are not inhabited, when I bring the deep upon you, and great waters cover you,

20 'then I will bring you down ^awith those who descend into the Pit, to the people of old, and I will make you dwell in the lowest part of the earth, in places desolate from antiquity, with those who go down to the Pit, so that you may never be inhabited; and I shall establish glory ^bin the land of the living.

21 ^a'I will make you a terror, and you *shall be* no more; ^bthough you are sought for, you will never be found again,' says the Lord GOD."

Lamentation for Tyre

27 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

2 "Now, son of man, ^atake up a lamentation for Tyre,

3 "and say to Tyre, ^a'You who ^aare situated at the entrance of the sea, ^bmerchant of the peoples on many coastlands, thus says the Lord GOD:

"O Tyre, you have said,
^a'I am perfect in beauty.'

4 Your borders are in the midst of the seas.
Your builders have perfected your beauty.

5 They ^amade all your planks of fir trees from ^aSenir;
They took a cedar from Lebanon to make you a mast.

- 6 Of ^aoaks from Bashan they made your oars;
The company of Ashurites have inlaid your planks
With ivory from ^bthe coasts of ¹Cyprus.
- 7 Fine embroidered linen from Egypt was what you spread for your sail;
Blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah was what covered you.
- 8 "Inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your oarsmen;
Your wise men, O Tyre, were in you;
They became your pilots.
- 9 Elders of ^aGebal and its wise men
Were in you to caulk your seams;
All the ships of the sea
And their oarsmen were in you
To market your merchandise.
- 10 "Those from Persia, ¹Lydia, and ²Libya
Were in your army as men of war;
They hung shield and helmet in you;
They gave splendor to you.
- 11 Men of Arvad with your army were on your walls *all* around,
And the men of Gammad were in your towers;
They hung their shields on your walls *all* around;
They made ^ayour beauty perfect.
- 12 ^a"Tarshish was your merchant because of your many luxury goods.
They gave you silver, iron, tin, and lead for your goods.
- 13 ^a"Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were your traders. They bartered ^bhuman lives and vessels of bronze for your merchandise.
- 14 "Those from the house of ^aTogarmah traded for your wares with horses, steeds, and mules.
- 15 "The men of ^aDedan were your traders; many isles were the market of your hand. They brought you ivory tusks and ebony as payment.
- 16 "Syria was your merchant because of the abundance of goods you made. They gave you for your wares emeralds, purple, embroidery, fine linen, corals, and rubies.
- 17 "Judah and the land of Israel were your traders. They traded for your merchandise wheat of ^aMin-nith, millet, honey, oil, and ^bbalm.
- 18 "Damascus was your merchant because of the abundance of goods you made, because of your many luxury items, with the wine of Helbon and with white wool.
- 19 "Dan and Javan paid for your

⁶ ^aIs. 2:12, 13; Zech. 11:2;
^bGen. 10:4; Is. 23:1, 12; Jer. 2:10 ¹Heb. *Kittim*, western lands, especially Cyprus

⁹ ^aJosh. 13:5; 1 Kin. 5:18; Ps. 83:7

¹⁰ ¹Heb. *Lud*
²Heb. *Put*

¹¹ ^aEzek. 27:3

¹² ^aGen. 10:4; 2 Chr. 20:36; Ezek. 38:13

¹³ ^aGen. 10:2; Is. 66:19; Ezek. 27:19
^bJoel 3:3-6; Rev. 18:13

¹⁴ ^aGen. 10:3; Ezek. 38:6

¹⁵ ^aGen. 10:7; Is. 21:13

¹⁷ ^aJudg. 11:33; 1 Kin. 5:9, 11; Ezra 3:7; Acts 12:20
^bJer. 8:22

¹⁹ ¹LXX, Syr. from *Uzal*

²⁰ ^aGen. 25:3

²¹ ^aGen. 25:13; Jer. 49:28; Is. 60:7

²² ^aGen. 10:7; 1 Kin. 10:1, 2; Ps. 72:10; Is. 60:6; Ezek. 38:13

²³ ^aGen. 11:31; 2 Kin. 19:12; Is. 37:12 ^bGen. 25:3

²⁵ ^aPs. 48:7; Is. 2:16 ^bEzek. 27:4

²⁶ ^aPs. 48:7; Jer. 18:17; Acts 27:14

²⁷ ^a[Prov. 11:4]

²⁸ ^aEzek. 26:15 ^bopen lands or pasture lands

²⁹ ^aRev. 18:17
¹Lit. *land*

³⁰ ¹Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam. 1:2; Job 2:12; Lam. 2:10; Rev. 18:19
^bEsth. 4:1, 3; Jer. 6:26; Jon. 3:6

³¹ ^aIs. 15:2; Jer. 16:6; Ezek. 29:18

³² ^aEzek. 26:17 ^bEzek. 26:4, 5; Rev. 18:18

wares, ¹traversing back and forth. Wrought iron, cassia, and cane were among your merchandise.

20 ^a"Dedan was your merchant in saddlecloths for riding.

21 "Arabia and all the princes of ^aKedar were your regular merchants. They traded with you in lambs, rams, and goats.

22 "The merchants of ^aSheba and Raamah were your merchants. They traded for your wares the choicest spices, all kinds of precious stones, and gold.

23 ^a"Haran, Canneh, Eden, the merchants of ^bSheba, Assyria, and Chilmad were your merchants.

24 "These were your merchants in choice items—in purple clothes, in embroidered garments, in chests of multicolored apparel, in sturdy woven cords, which were in your marketplace.

25 "The ^aships of Tarshish were carriers of your merchandise. You were filled and very glorious ^bin the midst of the seas.

26 Your oarsmen brought you into many waters,
But ^athe east wind broke you in the midst of the seas.

27 "Your ^ariches, wares, and merchandise,
Your mariners and pilots,
Your caulkers and merchandisers,
All your men of war who are in you,
And the entire company which is in your midst,
Will fall into the midst of the seas on the day of your ruin.

28 The ^acommon-land¹ will shake at the sound of the cry of your pilots.

29 "All ^awho handle the oar,
The mariners,
All the pilots of the sea
Will come down from their ships and stand on the ¹shore.

30 They will make their voice heard because of you;
They will cry bitterly and ^acast dust on their heads;
They ^bwill roll about in ashes;

31 They will ^ashave themselves completely bald because of you,
Gird themselves with sackcloth,
And weep for you
With bitterness of heart and bitter wailing.

32 In their wailing for you
They will ^atake up a lamentation,
And lament for you:
^bWhat city is like Tyre,

- Destroyed in the midst of the sea?
- 33 "When^a your wares went out by sea,
You satisfied many people;
You enriched the kings of the earth
With your many luxury goods
and your merchandise.
- 34 But "you are broken by the seas
in the depths of the waters;
^bYour merchandise and the
entire company will fall in
your midst.
- 35 "All the inhabitants of the isles
will be astonished at you;
Their kings will be greatly
afraid,
And their countenance will be
troubled.
- 36 The merchants among the
peoples "will hiss at you;
^bYou will become a horror, and
be no "more forever." " " "

Proclamation Against the King of Tyre

- 28** The word of the LORD came
to me again, saying,
2 "Son of man, say to the prince of
Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

- "Because your heart is "lifted¹
up,
And ^byou say, 'I am a god,
I sit in the seat of gods,
'In the midst of the seas,'
^aYet you are a man, and not a
god,
Though you set your heart as
the heart of a god
- 3 (Behold, "you are wiser than
Daniel!
There is no secret that can be
hidden from you!
- 4 With your wisdom and your
understanding
You have gained "riches for
yourself,
And gathered gold and silver
into your treasuries;
- 5 "By your great wisdom in trade
you have increased your
riches,
And your heart is lifted up
because of your riches),"
- 6 "Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD:

- "Because you have set your
heart as the heart of a god,
7 Behold, therefore, I will bring
"strangers against you,
^bThe most terrible of the
nations;
And they shall draw their
swords against the beauty of
your wisdom,
And defile your splendor.
- 8 They shall throw you down into
the "Pit,

33 ^aRev. 18:19
34 ^aEzek.
26:19 ^bEzek.
27:27

35 ^aIs. 23:6;
Ezek. 26:15,
16

36 ^aJer. 18:16;
Zeph. 2:15
^bEzek. 26:2
^cPs. 37:10, 36;
Ezek. 28:19

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2 ^aJer. 49:16;
Ezek. 31:10
^bIs. 14:14;
47:8; Ezek.
28:9; 2 Thess.
2:4 ^cEzek.
27:3, 4 ^dIs.
31:3; Ezek.
28:9 ¹Proud

3 ^aEzek. 14:14;
Dan. 1:20;
2:20-23, 28;
5:11, 12; Zech.
9:3

4 ^aEzek. 27:33;
Zech. 9:1-3

5 ^aPs. 62:10;
Zech. 9:3

7 ^aEzek. 26:7
^bEzek. 7:24;
21:31; 30:11;
Hab. 1:6-8

8 ^aIs. 14:15

9 ^aEzek. 28:2

10 ^a1 Sam.
17:26, 36;
Ezek. 31:18;
32:19, 21, 25,
27

12 ^aEzek. 27:2
^bEzek. 27:3;
28:3

13 ^aGen. 2:8;
Is. 51:3; Ezek.
31:8, 9; 36:35
^bEzek. 26:13

14 ^aEx. 25:20;
Ezek. 28:16
^bIs. 14:13;
Ezek. 20:40

15 ^a[Is. 14:12]

16 ^aEzek.
28:14

17 ^aEzek. 28:2,
5 ¹Proud

And you shall die the death of
the slain
In the midst of the seas.

- 9 "Will you still "say before him
who slays you,
'I am a god'?
But you *shall be* a man, and not
a god,
In the hand of him who slays
you.
- 10 You shall die the death of "the
uncircumcised
By the hand of aliens;
For I have spoken," says the
Lord GOD."

Lamentation for the King of Tyre

- 11 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
12 "Son of man, "take up a lamen-
tation for the king of Tyre, and say
to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

- ^b"You were the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in
beauty.
- 13 You were in "Eden, the garden
of God;
Every precious stone was your
covering:
The sardius, topaz, and
diamond,
Beryl, onyx, and jasper,
Sapphire, turquoise, and
emerald with gold.
The workmanship of ^byour
timbrels and pipes
Was prepared for you on the
day you were created.
- 14 "You were the anointed "cherub
who covers;
I established you;
You were on ^bthe holy
mountain of God;
You walked back and forth in
the midst of fiery stones.
- 15 You were perfect in your ways
from the day you were
created,
Till "iniquity was found in you.
- 16 "By the abundance of your
trading
You became filled with violence
within,
And you sinned;
Therefore I cast you as a
profane thing
Out of the mountain of God;
And I destroyed you,
"O covering cherub,
From the midst of the fiery
stones.
- 17 "Your "heart was ¹lifted up
because of your beauty;
You corrupted your wisdom for
the sake of your splendor;
I cast you to the ground,
I laid you before kings,
That they might gaze at you.

- 18 "You defiled your sanctuaries
By the multitude of your
iniquities,
By the iniquity of your trading;
Therefore I brought fire from
your midst;
It devoured you,
And I turned you to ashes upon
the earth
In the sight of all who saw you.
19 All who knew you among the
peoples are astonished at
you;
"You have become a horror,
And *shall be* no *more*
forever." ' "

Proclamation Against Sidon

- 20 Then the word of the LORD came
to me, saying,
21 "Son of man, "set your face *to*
ward Sidon, and prophesy against
her,
22 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord
GOD:

"Behold, I *am* against you,
O Sidon;
I will be glorified in your midst;
And *they* shall know that I *am*
the LORD,
When I execute judgments in
her and am *hallowed* in her.
23 "For I will send pestilence upon
her,
And blood in her streets;
The wounded shall be judged in
her midst
By the sword against her on
every side;
Then they shall know that I *am*
the LORD.

- 24 "And there shall no longer be a
pricking brier or *a* painful thorn for
the house of Israel from among all
who are around them, who *despise*
them. Then they shall know that I
am the Lord GOD."

Israel's Future Blessing

- 25 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "When
I have *gathered* the house of Israel
from the peoples among whom they
are scattered, and am *hallowed* in
them in the sight of the Gentiles,
then they will dwell in their own land
which I gave to My servant Jacob.
26 "And they will *dwelt* *safely*
there, *build* houses, and *plant*
vineyards; yes, they will dwell *securely*,
when I execute judgments on
all those around them who despise
them. Then they shall know that I
am the LORD their God." ' "

Proclamation Against Egypt

- 29 In the tenth year, in the tenth
month, on the twelfth day
of the month, the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, "set your face

19 ^aEzek.
26:21 ^bEzek.
27:36

21 ^aEzek. 6:2;
25:2; 29:2 ^bIs.
23:2, 4, 12

22 ^aEx. 14:4,
17 ^bPs. 9:16
^cEzek. 28:25

23 ^aEzek.
38:22

24 ^aJosh. 23:13
^bEzek. 16:57;
25:6, 7

25 ^aIs. 11:12,
13 ^bEzek.
28:22

26 ^aJer. 23:6
^bAmos 9:13,
14 ^cJer. 31:5
¹*securely*

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2 ^aEzek. 28:21
^bIs. 19:1

3 ^aJer. 44:30
^bPs. 74:13, 14
^cEzek. 28:2
¹The Nile

4 ^aEzek. 38:4

5 ^aEzek.
32:4-6 ^bJer.
8:2; 16:4;
25:33 ^cJer.
7:33; 34:20
¹Lit. *face of*
the field ²So
with MT,
LXX, Vg.;
some Heb.
mss., Tg.
buried

6 ^aIs. 36:6

7 ^aEzek. 17:17
¹So with MT,
Vg.: LXX,
Syr. *hand*

8 ^aEzek. 14:17;
32:11-13

9 ^aEzek.
30:7, 8

10 ^aEzek.
30:12 ^bEzek.
30:6 ¹Or *the*
tower

11 ^aEzek.
32:13

12 ^aEzek. 30:7,
26 ^bEzek.
30:23, 26

against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and
prophesy against him, and *against*
all Egypt.

- 3 "Speak, and say, 'Thus says the
Lord GOD:

"Behold, I *am* against you,
O Pharaoh king of Egypt,
O great *monster* who lies in
the midst of his rivers,
"Who has said, 'My *River* is my
own;

- I have made *it* for myself.'
4 But *I* will put hooks in your
jaws,
And cause the fish of your
rivers to stick to your scales;
I will bring you up out of the
midst of your rivers,
And all the fish in your rivers
will stick to your scales.
5 I will leave you in the
wilderness,
You and all the fish of your
rivers;
You shall fall on the *open*
field;
You shall not be picked up or
gathered.
I have given you as food
To the beasts of the field
And to the birds of the heavens.

- 6 "Then all the inhabitants of
Egypt
Shall know that I *am* the LORD,
Because they have been a *staff*
of reed to the house of Israel.
7 "When they took hold of you
with the hand,
You broke and tore all their
shoulders;
When they leaned on you,
You broke and made all their
backs quiver."

- 8 "Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD: "Surely I will bring *a* sword
upon you and cut off from you man
and beast.

- 9 "And the land of Egypt shall
become *desolate* and waste; then
they will know that I *am* the LORD,
because he said, 'The River is mine,
and I have made *it*.'

- 10 "Indeed, therefore, I *am* against
you and against your rivers, *and* I
will make the land of Egypt utterly
waste and desolate, *from* *Migdol*
to Syene, as far as the border of
Ethiopia.

- 11 "Neither foot of man shall pass
through it nor foot of beast pass
through it, and it shall be uninhab-
ited forty years.

- 12 "I will make the land of Egypt
desolate in the midst of the coun-
tries *that are* desolate; and among
the cities *that are* laid waste, her
cities shall be desolate forty years;
and I will *scatter* the Egyptians
among the nations and disperse
them throughout the countries."

13 'Yet, thus says the Lord GOD: "At the ^aend of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples among whom they were scattered.

14 "I will bring back the captives of Egypt and cause them to return to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin, and there they shall be a ^alowly kingdom.

15 "It shall be the lowliest of kingdoms; it shall never again exalt itself above the nations, for I will diminish them so that they will not rule over the nations anymore.

16 "No longer shall it be ^athe confidence of the house of Israel, but will remind them of *their* iniquity when they turned to follow them. Then they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD." ' "

Babylonia Will Plunder Egypt

17 And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, on the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 "Son of man, ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to labor strenuously against Tyre; every head *was* made ^bbald, and every shoulder rubbed raw; yet neither he nor his army received wages from Tyre, for the labor which they expended on it.

19 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Surely I will give the land of Egypt to ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; he shall take away her wealth, carry off her spoil, and remove her pillage; and that will be the wages for his army.

20 'I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor, because they ^aworked for Me,' says the Lord GOD.

21 'In that day ^aI will cause the ¹horn of the house of Israel to spring forth, and I will ^bopen your mouth to speak in their midst. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.' "

Egypt and Her Allies Will Fall

30 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

^a"Wail, 'Woe to the day!'

3 For ^athe day *is* near, Even the day of the LORD *is* near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.

4 The sword shall come upon Egypt, And great anguish shall be in ¹Ethiopia, When the slain fall in Egypt, And they ^atake away her wealth, And ^bher foundations are broken down.

13 ^aIs. 19:23; Jer. 46:26

14 ^aEzek. 17:6, 14

16 ^aIs. 30:2, 3; 36:4, 6; Lam. 4:17; Ezek. 17:15; 29:6

18 ^aJer. 25:9; 27:6; Ezek. 26:7-12 ^bJer. 48:37; Ezek. 27:31

19 ^aJer. 43:10-13; Ezek. 30:10

20 ^aIs. 10:6, 7; 45:1-3; Jer. 25:9

21 ^a1 Sam. 2:10; Ps. 92:10; 132:17 ^bEzek. 24:27; Amos 3:7, 8; [Luke 21:15] ¹Strength

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2 ^aIs. 13:6; 15:2; Ezek. 21:12; Joel 1:5, 11, 13

3 ^aEzek. 7:7, 12; Joel 2:1; Obad. 15; Zeph. 1:7

4 ^aEzek. 29:19 ^bJer. 50:15 ¹Heb. *Cush*

5 ^aJer. 25:20, 24 ¹Heb. *Put* ²Heb. *Lud*

6 ^aEzek. 29:10 ¹Or *the tower*

7 ^aJer. 25:18-26; Ezek. 29:12

9 ^aIs. 18:1, 2 ¹Or *secure*

10 ^aEzek. 29:19

11 ^aEzek. 28:7; 31:12

12 ^aIs. 19:5, 6 ^bIs. 19:4

13 ^aIs. 19:1; Jer. 43:12; 46:25; Zech. 13:2 ^bZech. 10:11 ^cIs. 19:16

¹Ancient Memphis

14 ^aIs. 11:11; Jer. 44:1, 15; Ezek. 29:14 ^bPs. 78:12, 43; Is. 19:11, 13 ^cJer. 46:25; Ezek. 30:15, 16; Nah. 3:8-10 ¹Ancient Thebes

15 ¹Ancient Pelusium

5 "Ethiopia, ¹Libya, ²Lydia, ^aall the mingled people, Chub, and the men of the lands who are allied, shall fall with them by the sword."

6 "Thus says the LORD:

"Those who uphold Egypt shall fall, And the pride of her power shall come down. ^aFrom ¹Migdol to Syene Those within her shall fall by the sword," Says the Lord GOD.

7 "They^a shall be desolate in the midst of the desolate countries,

And her cities shall be in the midst of the cities *that are* laid waste.

8 Then they will know that I *am* the LORD, When I have set a fire in Egypt And all her helpers are destroyed.

9 On that day ^amessengers shall go forth from Me in ships To make the ¹careless Ethiopians afraid, And great anguish shall come upon them, As on the day of Egypt; For indeed it is coming!"

10 "Thus says the Lord GOD:

^a"I will also make a multitude of Egypt to cease By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, ^athe most terrible of the nations, Shall be brought to destroy the land; They shall draw their swords against Egypt, And fill the land with the slain.

12 ^aI will make the rivers dry, And ^bsell the land into the hand of the wicked; I will make the land waste, and all that is in it, By the hand of aliens. I, the LORD, have spoken."

13 "Thus says the Lord GOD:

^a"I will also ^adestroy the idols, And cause the images to cease from ¹Noph;

^bThere shall no longer be princes from the land of Egypt;

^cI will put fear in the land of Egypt.

14 I will make ^aPathros desolate, Set fire to ^bZoan,

^cAnd execute judgments in ¹No.

15 I will pour My fury on ¹Sin, the strength of Egypt;

- ^aI will cut off the multitude of
²No,
16 And ^aset a fire in Egypt;
Sin shall have great pain,
No shall be split open,
And Noph shall be in distress
daily.
17 The young men of ¹Aven and Pi
Beseth shall fall by the sword,
And these *cities* shall go into
captivity.
18 ^aAt ¹Tehaphnehes the day shall
also be ²darkened,
When I break the yokes of
Egypt there.
And her arrogant strength shall
cease in her;
As for her, a cloud shall cover
her,
And her daughters shall go into
captivity.
19 Thus I will ^aexecute judgments
on Egypt,
Then they shall know that I *am*
the LORD.” ”

Proclamation Against Pharaoh

- 20 And it came to pass in the
eleventh year, in the first *month*, on
the seventh *day* of the month, *that*
the word of the LORD came to me,
saying,
21 “Son of man, I have ^abroken the
arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and
see, ^bit has not been bandaged for
healing, nor a ¹splint put on to bind
it, to make it strong enough to hold
a sword.
22 “Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD: ‘Surely I *am* ^aagainst Pharaoh
king of Egypt, and will ^bbreak his
arms, both the strong one and the
one that was broken; and I will
make the sword fall out of his hand.
23 ^aI will scatter the Egyptians
among the nations, and disperse
them throughout the countries.
24 ‘I will strengthen the arms of the
king of Babylon and put My sword
in his hand; but I will break Pha-
raoh’s arms, and he will groan
before him with the groanings of a
mortally wounded *man*.
25 “Thus I will strengthen the arms
of the king of Babylon, but the arms
of Pharaoh shall fall down; ^athey
shall know that I *am* the LORD, when
I put My sword into the hand of the
king of Babylon and he stretches it
out against the land of Egypt.
26 ^aI will scatter the Egyptians
among the nations and disperse
them throughout the countries.
Then they shall know that I *am* the
LORD.’ ”

Egypt Cut Down Like a Great Tree

- 31 Now it came to pass in the
^aeleventh year, in the third
month, on the first *day* of the
month, *that* the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,

15 ^aJer. 46:25
²Ancient
Thebes

16 ^aEzek. 30:8

17 ¹Ancient
On, Heliopolis

18 ^aJer. 2:16
¹Tahpanhes,
Jer. 43:7 ²So
with many
Heb. mss.,
Bg., LXX,
Syr., Tg., Vg.;
MT *refrained*

19 ^a[Ps. 9:16];
Ezek. 5:8;
25:11

21 ^aJer. 48:25
^bJer. 46:11
¹Lit. *bandage*

22 ^aJer. 46:25;
Ezek. 29:3
^bPs. 37:17

23 ^aEzek.
29:12; 30:17,
18, 26

25 ^aPs. 9:16

26 ^aEzek.
29:12

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1 ^aJer. 52:5, 6;
Ezek. 30:20;
32:1

2 ^aEzek. 31:18

3 ^aIs. 10:33, 34;
Ezek. 17:3, 4,
22; 31:16;
Dan. 4:10,
20-23

4 ^aJer. 51:36;
Ezek. 29:3-9
¹Or *channels*

5 ^aDan. 4:11

6 ^aEzek. 17:23;
31:13; Dan.
4:12, 21; Matt.
13:32 ¹Lit.
dwelled

8 ^aGen. 2:8, 9;
13:10; Is. 51:3;
Ezek. 28:13;
31:16, 18 ¹Or
plane, Heb.
armon

10 ^a2 Chr.
32:25; Is.
10:12; 14:13,
14; Ezek.
28:17; Dan.
5:20 ¹Proud

11 ^aEzek.
30:10; Dan.
5:18, 19

12 ^aEzek. 28:7;
30:11; 32:12
^bEzek. 32:5;
35:8 ^cEzek.
30:24, 25

- 2 “Son of man, say to Pharaoh
king of Egypt and to his multitude:

^a“Whom are you like in your
greatness?

- 3 “Indeed Assyria was a cedar in
Lebanon,
With fine branches that shaded
the forest,
And of high stature;
And its top was among the
thick boughs.
4 “The waters made it grow;
Underground waters gave it
height,
With their rivers running
around the place where it
was planted,
And sent out ¹rivulets to all the
trees of the field.

- 5 “Therefore ^aits height was
exalted above all the trees of
the field;
Its boughs were multiplied,
And its branches became long
because of the abundance of
water,
As it sent them out.

- 6 All the ^abirds of the heavens
made their nests in its
boughs;
Under its branches all the
beasts of the field brought
forth their young;
And in its shadow all great
nations ¹made their home.

- 7 “Thus it was beautiful in
greatness and in the length of
its branches,
Because its roots reached to
abundant waters.

- 8 The cedars in the ^agarden of
God could not hide it;
The fir trees were not like its
boughs,
And the ¹chestnut trees were
not like its branches;
No tree in the garden of God
was like it in beauty.

- 9 I made it beautiful with a
multitude of branches,
So that all the trees of Eden
envied it,
That *were* in the garden of
God.’

- 10 “Therefore thus says the Lord
GOD: ‘Because you have increased
in height, and it set its top among
the thick boughs, and ^aits heart was
¹lifted up in its height,
11 ‘therefore I will deliver it into
the hand of the ^amighty one of the
nations, and he shall surely deal
with it; I have driven it out for its
wickedness.

- 12 ‘And aliens, ^athe most terrible
of the nations, have cut it down and left
it; its branches have fallen ^bon the
mountains and in all the valleys; its
boughs lie ^abroken by all the rivers

of the land; and all the peoples of the earth have gone from under its shadow and left it.

13 'On ^aits ruin will remain all the birds of the heavens,
And all the beasts of the field
will come to its branches—

14 'So that no trees by the waters may ever again exalt themselves for their height, nor set their tops among the thick boughs, that no tree which drinks water may ever be high enough to reach up to them.

'For ^athey have all been delivered to death,
^bTo the depths of the earth,
Among the children of men
who go down to the Pit.'

15 "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'In the day when it ^awent down to ¹hell, I caused mourning. I covered the deep because of it. I restrained its rivers, and the great waters were held back. I caused Lebanon to ²mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted because of it.

16 'I made the nations ^ashake at the sound of its fall, when I ^bcast it down to ¹hell together with those who descend into the Pit; and ^call the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, ^dwere comforted in the depths of the earth.
17 'They also went down to hell with it, with those slain by the sword; and *those who were its strong arm* ^ddwelt in its shadows among the nations.

18 ^a"To which of the trees in Eden will you then be likened in glory and greatness? Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the depths of the earth; ^byou shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with *those slain by the sword*. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says the Lord GOD."

Lamentation for Pharaoh and Egypt

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the ^atwelfth month, on the first day of the month, *that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

2 "Son of man, ^atake up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him:

^b"You are like a young lion among the nations,
And ^cyou are like a monster in the seas,
^dBursting forth in your rivers,
Troubling the waters with your feet,
And ^efouling their rivers.

3 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

13 ^aIs. 18:6;
Ezek. 32:4

14 ^aPs. 82:7
^bEzek. 32:18

15 ^aEzek. 32:22, 23 ¹Or Sheol ²Lit. be darkened

16 ^aEzek. 26:15; Hag. 2:7 ^bIs. 14:15; Ezek. 32:18 ^cIs. 14:8; Hab. 2:17 ^dEzek. 32:31 ¹Or Sheol

17 ^aLam. 4:20

18 ^aEzek. 32:19 ^bJer. 9:25, 26; Ezek. 28:10; 32:19, 21

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1 ^aEzek. 31:1; 33:21

2 ^aEzek. 27:2 ^bJer. 4:7; Ezek. 19:2-6; Nah. 2:11-13 ^cIs. 27:1; Ezek. 29:3 ^dJer. 46:7, 8 ^eEzek. 34:18

3 ^aEzek. 12:13; 17:20

4 ^aEzek. 29:5 ^bIs. 18:6; Ezek. 31:13 ¹Lit. sit or dwell

5 ^aEzek. 31:12

7 ^aIs. 13:10; Joel 2:31; 3:15; Amos 8:9; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Luke 21:25; Rev. 6:12, 13; 8:12

8 ¹Or shining

10 ^aEzek. 26:16

11 ^aJer. 46:26; Ezek. 30:4

12 ^aEzek. 28:7; 30:11; 31:12 ^bEzek. 29:19

13 ^aEzek. 29:11

14 ¹Lit. sink; settle, grow clear

"I will therefore ^aspread My net over you with a company of many people,
And they will draw you up in My net.

4 Then ^aI will leave you on the land;
I will cast you out on the open fields,

^bAnd cause to ¹settle on you all the birds of the heavens.
And with you I will fill the beasts of the whole earth.

5 I will lay your flesh ^aon the mountains,
And fill the valleys with your carcass.

6 "I will also water the land with the flow of your blood,
Even to the mountains;
And the riverbeds will be full of you.

7 When I put out your light,
^aI will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark;
I will cover the sun with a cloud,

And the moon shall not give her light.
8 All the ¹bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you,
And bring darkness upon your land,"
Says the Lord GOD.

9 'I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries which you have not known.

10 'Yes, I will make many peoples astonished at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid of you when I brandish My sword before them; and ^athey shall tremble every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

11 ^a"For thus says the Lord GOD: "The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you.

12 "By the swords of the mighty warriors, all of them ^athe most terrible of the nations, I will cause your multitude to fall.

^b"They shall plunder the pomp of Egypt,
And all its multitude shall be destroyed.

13 Also I will destroy all its animals
From beside its great waters;
^aThe foot of man shall muddy them no more,
Nor shall the hooves of animals muddy them.

14 Then I will make their waters ¹clear,
And make their rivers run like oil,"
Says the Lord GOD.

- 15 "When I make the land of Egypt desolate,
And the country is destitute of all that once filled it,
When I strike all who dwell in it,
"Then they shall know that I am the LORD.
- 16 "This is the lamentation
With which they shall lament her;
The daughters of the nations shall lament her;
They shall lament for her, for Egypt,
And for all her multitude,"
Says the Lord GOD.'"
- Egypt and Others Consigned to the Pit*
- 17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the month, "that the word of the LORD came to me, saying:
- 18 "Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt,
And "cast them down to the depths of the earth,
Her and the daughters of the famous nations,
With those who go down to the Pit;
- 19 "Whom "do you surpass in beauty?
"Go down, be placed with the uncircumcised.'
- 20 "They shall fall in the midst of those slain by the sword;
She is delivered to the sword,
"Drawing her and all her multitudes.
- 21 "The strong among the mighty
Shall speak to him out of the midst of hell
With those who help him:
"They have "gone down,
They lie with the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.'
- 22 "Assyria" is there, and all her company,
With their graves all around her,
All of them slain, fallen by the sword.
- 23 "Her graves are set in the recesses of the Pit,
And her company is all around her grave,
All of them slain, fallen by the sword,
Who "caused terror in the land of the living.
- 24 "There is "Elam and all her multitude,
All around her grave,
All of them slain, fallen by the sword,
- 15 ^aEx. 7:5; 14:4, 18; Ps. 9:16; Ezek. 6:7
- 16 ^a2 Sam. 1:17; 2 Chr. 35:25; Jer. 9:17; Ezek. 26:17
- 17 ^aEzek. 32:1; 33:21
- 18 ^aEzek. 26:20; 31:14
- 19 ^aJer. 9:25, 26; Ezek. 31:2, 18 ^bEzek. 28:10
- 20 ^aPs. 28:3
- 21 ^aIs. 1:31; 14:9, 10; Ezek. 32:27 ^bEzek. 32:19, 25
- 22 ^aEzek. 31:3, 16
- 23 ^aIs. 14:15 ^bEzek. 32:24-27, 32
- 24 ^aGen. 10:22; 14:1; Is. 11:11; Jer. 25:25; 49:34-39 ^bEzek. 32:21 ^cEzek. 32:23
- 25 ^aPs. 139:8
- 26 ^aGen. 10:2; Ezek. 27:13; 38:2, 3; 39:1 ^bEzek. 32:19
- 27 ^aIs. 14:18, 19
- 28 ^aIs. 9:25, 26; 34:5, 6; Jer. 49:7-22; Ezek. 25:12-14
- 29 ^aJer. 1:15; 25:26; Ezek. 38:6, 15; 39:2 ^bJer. 25:22; Ezek. 28:21-23
- 30 ^aEzek. 14:22; 31:16
- Who have "gone down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth,
"Who caused their terror in the land of the living;
Now they bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.
- 25 They have set her "bed in the midst of the slain,
With all her multitude,
With her graves all around it,
All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword;
Though their terror was caused In the land of the living,
Yet they bear their shame With those who go down to the Pit;
It was put in the midst of the slain.
- 26 "There are "Meshech and Tubal and all their multitudes,
With all their graves around it,
All of them "uncircumcised, slain by the sword,
Though they caused their terror in the land of the living.
- 27 "They do not lie with the mighty Who are fallen of the uncircumcised,
Who have gone down to hell with their weapons of war;
They have laid their swords under their heads,
But their iniquities will be on their bones,
Because of the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.
- 28 Yes, you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, And lie with those slain by the sword.
- 29 "There is "Edom, Her kings and all her princes,
Who despite their might Are laid beside those slain by the sword;
They shall lie with the uncircumcised,
And with those who go down to the Pit.
- 30 "There are the princes of the north,
All of them, and all the "Sidonians,
Who have gone down with the slain
In shame at the terror which they caused by their might;
They lie uncircumcised with those slain by the sword,
And bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.
- 31 "Pharaoh will see them And be "comforted over all his multitude,

Pharaoh and all his army,
Slain by the sword,"
Says the Lord GOD.

- 32 "For I have caused My terror in the land of the living;
And he shall be placed in the midst of the uncircumcised
With those slain by the sword,
Pharaoh and all his multitude,"
Says the Lord GOD.

The Watchman and His Message

- 33** Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: ^b'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman,
3 'when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people,
4 'then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, ^bhis blood shall be on his own head.

5 'He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.
6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, ^ahe is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

7 ^a"So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.

8 "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

9 "Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

10 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?"'

11 "Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

The Fairness of God's Judgment

12 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people:

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2 ^aEzek. 3:11
^bEzek. 14:17
^c2 Sam. 18:24, 25

4 ^aZech. 1:4
^b[Acts 18:6]

5 ¹Or deliver his soul

6 ^aEzek. 33:8

7 ^aIs. 62:6

9 ¹Or saved your life

10 ^aEzek. 24:23 ^bIs. 49:14 ¹Or waste away

11 ^a[2 Sam. 14:14] ^b[Acts 3:19] ^cEzek. 18:30, 31

12 ^aEzek. 3:20; 18:24, 26
^b[2 Chr. 7:14]

13 ^aEzek. 3:20; 18:24

14 ^aEzek. 3:18, 19; 18:27 ¹justice ²righteousness

15 ^aEzek. 18:7
^bLev. 6:2, 4, 5
^cEzek. 20:11, 13, 21

16 ^a[Is. 1:18; 43:25]

17 ^aEzek. 18:25, 29 ¹Or equitable

18 ^aEzek. 18:26

20 ^aEzek. 18:25, 29 ¹Or equitable

21 ^aEzek. 1:2
^bEzek. 24:26
^c2 Kin. 25:4
¹Lit. struck down

22 ^aEzek. 1:3; 8:1; 37:1
^bEzek. 24:27

24 ^aEzek. 34:2
^bEzek. 36:4
^cIs. 51:2
^d[Matt. 3:9]
^eEzek. 11:15

25 ^aLev. 3:17; 7:26; 17:10-14; 19:26
^bEzek. 18:6
^cEzek. 22:6, 9
^dDeut. 29:28

'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.'

13 "When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die.

14 "Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right,

15 "if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

16 "None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17 ^a"Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair! But it is their way which is not fair!'

18 ^a"When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it.

19 "But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it.

20 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways."

The Fall of Jerusalem

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month, that one who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me and said, "The city has been captured!"
22 Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me the evening before the man came who had escaped. And He had opened my mouth; so when he came to me in the morning, my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute.

The Cause of Judah's Ruin

23 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

24 "Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Israel are saying, 'Abraham was only one, and he inherited the land. But we are many; the land has been given to us as a possession.'

25 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land?"

26 “You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you ^adefile one another’s wives. Should you then possess the land?”

27 “Say thus to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “As I live, surely ^athose who *are* in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and the one who *is* in the open field ^bI will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who *are* in the strongholds and ^ccaves shall die of the pestilence.

28 ^a“For I will make the land most desolate, ^btheir ^barrogant strength shall cease, and ^cthe mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that no one will pass through.

29 “Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have made the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.”’

Hearing and Not Doing

30 “As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they ^a“speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, ‘Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’

31 “So ^a“they come to you as people do, they ^bsit before you as My people, and they ^chear your words, but they do not do them; ^dfor with their mouth they show much love, but ^etheir hearts pursue their own gain.

32 “Indeed you *are* to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do ^a“not do them.

33 ^a“And when this comes to pass—surely it will come—then ^bthey will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Irresponsible Shepherds

34 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: ^a“Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?”

3 ^a“You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you ^bslaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock.

4 ^a“The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor ^bsought what was lost; but with ^cforce and ^dcruelty you have ruled them.

5 ^a“So they were ^bscattered because *there* was no shepherd; ^cand they became food for all the

26 ^aEzek. 18:6; 22:11

27 ^aEzek. 33:24 ^bEzek. 39:4 ^c1 Sam. 13:6

28 ^aJer. 44:2, 6, 22 ^bEzek. 7:24; 24:21 ^cEzek. 6:2, 3, 6 ^dLit. *pride of her strength*

30 ^aIs. 29:13

31 ^aEzek. 14:1 ^bEzek. 8:1 ^cIs. 58:2 ^dPs. 78:36, 37 ^e[Matt. 13:22]

32 ^a[Matt. 7:21–28]

33 ^a1 Sam. 3:20 ^bEzek. 2:5

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2 ^aZech. 11:17

3 ^aZech. 11:16 ^bEzek. 33:25, 26

4 ^aZech. 11:16 ^bLuke 15:4 ^c[1 Pet. 5:3] ^dharshness or rigor

5 ^aEzek. 33:21 ^bMatt. 9:36 ^cIs. 56:9

6 ^a1 Pet. 2:25

8 ^aEzek. 34:5, 6 ^bEzek. 34:2, 10

10 ^aJer. 21:13; 52:24–27 ^bHeb. 13:17 ^cEzek. 34:2, 8 ^dEzek. 13:23

12 ^aJer. 31:10 ^bEzek. 30:3

13 ^aJer. 23:3 ^bOr by the streams

14 ^a[John 10:9] ^bJer. 33:12

16 ^aMic. 4:6 ^bIs. 10:16 ^cJer. 10:24

17 ^a[Matt. 25:32]

18 ^aremainder

beasts of the field when they were scattered.

6 “My sheep ^awandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them.”

7 “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

8 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock ^abecame food for every beast of the field, because *there* was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, ^bbut the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock”—

9 “therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD!

10 “Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I *am* ^aagainst the shepherds, and ^bI will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall ^cfeed themselves no more; for I will ^ddeliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them.”

God, the True Shepherd

11 “For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

12 “As a ^ashepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on ^aa cloudy and dark day.

13 “And ^aI will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, ^bin the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 ^a“I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. ^bThere they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 “I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD.

16 ^a“I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy ^bthe fat and the strong, and feed them ^cin judgment.”

17 “And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: ^a“Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.

18 “Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the ^aresidue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet?

19 "And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet."

20 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep.

21 "Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad,

22 "therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—^aMy servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.

24 "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David ^aa prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

25 "^aI will make a covenant of peace with them, and ^bcause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they ^cwill dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26 "I will make them and the places all around ^aMy hill ^aa blessing; and I will ^ccause showers to come down in their season; there shall be ^dshowers of blessing.

27 "Then ^athe trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have ^bbroken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who ^censlaved them.

28 "And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but ^athey shall dwell safely, and no one shall make *them* afraid.

29 "I will raise up for them a ^aguard¹ of renown, and they shall ^bno longer be consumed with hunger in the land, ^cnor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore.

30 "Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, *am* with them, and they, the house of Israel, *are* ^aMy people," says the Lord GOD.²

31 "You are My ^aflock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I *am* your God," says the Lord GOD.

Judgment on Mount Seir

35 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against ^aMount Seir and ^bprophecy against it,

3 "and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, O Mount Seir, I *am* against you;

^aI will stretch out My hand against you,

20 ^aEzek.

34:17

23 ^a[Is. 40:11]

^bJer. 30:9

24 ^aEx. 29:45

^bEzek. 37:24,

25

25 ^aEzek.

37:26 ^bIs.

11:6-9 ^cJer.

23:6

26 ^aIs. 56:7

^bZech. 8:13

^cLev. 26:4 ^aPs.

68:9

27 ^aIs. 4:2 ^bJer.

2:20 ^cJer.

25:14

28 ^aJer. 30:10

29 ^a[Is. 11:1]

^bEzek. 36:29

^cEzek. 36:3, 6,

15 ¹Lit. *plant-*

ing place

30 ^aEzek.

34:24 ^bEzek.

14:11; 36:28

31 ^aPs. 100:3

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2 ^aEzek.

25:12-14

^bAmos 1:11

3 ^aEzek. 6:14

¹Lit. *a desola-*

tion and a

waste

5 ^aEzek. 25:12

^bPs. 137:7 ¹Or

everlasting

6 ^aIs. 63:1-6

^bPs. 109:17

¹Or *bloodshed*

7 ^aJudg. 5:6

¹Lit. *a waste*

and a desola-

tion

9 ^aJer. 49:13

^bEzek. 36:11

¹Lit. *desolated*

forever

10 ^aPs. 83:4-12

^b[Ps. 48:1-3;

132:13, 14]

11 ^a[James

2:13]

12 ^aPs. 9:16

^bZeph. 2:8 ^cIs.

52:5

13 ^a[1 Sam.

2:3] ^bEzek.

36:3 ¹Lit.

made yourself

great

14 ^aIs. 65:13,

14

15 ^aObad. 12,

15 ^bLam. 4:21

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1 ^aEzek. 6:2, 3

2 ^aEzek. 25:3;

26:2 ^bDeut.

32:13 ^cEzek.

35:10 ¹Or

everlasting

And make you ¹most desolate; I shall lay your cities waste, And you shall be desolate. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

5 "^aBecause you have had an ¹ancient hatred, and have shed *the blood* of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, ^bwhen their iniquity *came to an end*,

6 "therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will prepare you for ^ablood, and blood shall pursue you; ^bsince you have not hated ¹blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.

7 "Thus I will make Mount Seir ¹most desolate, and cut off from it the ¹one who leaves and the one who returns.

8 "And I will fill its mountains with the slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those who are slain by the sword shall fall.

9 "^aI will make you ¹perpetually desolate, and your cities shall be uninhabited; ^bthen you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

10 "Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will ¹possess them,' although ¹the LORD was there,

11 "therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will do ^aaccording to your anger and according to the envy which you showed in your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.

12 "^aThen you shall know that I *am* the LORD. I have ^bheard all your ¹blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, 'They are desolate; they are given to us to consume.'

13 "Thus ^awith your mouth you have ¹boasted against Me and multiplied your ^bwords against Me; I have heard *them*."

14 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "^aThe whole earth will rejoice when I make you desolate.

15 "^aAs you rejoiced because the inheritance of the house of Israel was desolate, ^bso I will do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of Edom—all of it! Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD."

Blessing on Israel

36 "And you, son of man, prophesy to the ^amountains of Israel, and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD!

2 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because ^athe enemy has said of you, 'Aha! ^bThe ¹ancient heights ¹have become our possession,' "

3 "therefore prophecy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they made you desolate and swal-

lowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people—

4 “therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around—

5 “therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country.”

6 “Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations.”’

7 “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.

8 “But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.

9 “For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.

10 “I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

11 “I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

12 “Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of children.

13 “Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because they say to you, ‘You devour men and bereave your nation of children,’

14 “therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nation anymore,” says the Lord GOD.

15 “Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the nations anymore, nor bear the reproach of the peoples anymore, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble anymore,” says the Lord GOD.”

The Renewal of Israel

16 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

3 ^aDeut. 28:37
^bEzek. 35:13

4 ^aEzek. 34:8,
28 ^bPs. 79:4
¹Or ravines

5 ^aDeut. 4:24
^bEzek. 35:10,
12 ¹Lit. *scorning souls*

6 ^aPs. 74:10;
123:3, 4

7 ^aEzek. 20:5
^bJer. 25:9, 15,
29

10 ^aAmos 9:14

11 ^aJer. 31:27;
33:12 ^bIs. 51:3
^cEzek. 35:9;
37:6, 13 ¹Lit.
be fruitful

12 ^aObad. 17
^bJer. 15:7

13 ^aNum.
13:32

15 ^aEzek.
34:29

17 ^aJer. 2:7
^bLev. 15:19

18 ^aEzek.
16:36, 38;
23:37

19 ^aDeut.
28:64 ^b[Rom.
2:6]

20 ^aRom. 2:24

21 ^aEzek. 20:9,
14

22 ^aPs. 106:8

23 ^aEzek.
20:41; 28:22

24 ^aEzek.
34:13; 37:21

25 ^aHeb. 9:13,
19; 10:22 ^bJer.
33:8

26 ^aEzek.
11:19

27 ^aEzek.
11:19; 37:14

28 ^aEzek.
28:25; 37:25
^bJer. 30:22

29 ^a[Rom.
11:26] ^bPs.
105:16 ^cEzek.
34:27, 29

30 ^aEzek.
34:27

31 ^aEzek.
16:61, 63
^bEzek. 6:9;
20:43 ¹*despise*

17 “Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me their way was like the uncleanness of a woman in her customary impurity.

18 “Therefore I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it.

19 “So I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries; I judged them according to their ways and their deeds.

20 “When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My holy name—when they said of them, ‘These are the people of the LORD, and yet they have gone out of His land.’

21 “But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went.

22 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.

23 “And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD,” says the Lord GOD, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.

24 “For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

25 “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

26 “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

28 “Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

29 “I will deliver you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you.

30 “And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.

31 “Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.

32 "Not for your sake do I do *this*," says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"

33 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.

34 "The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.

35 "So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'

36 "Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. For I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it."

37 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. 38 "Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the LORD." "

The Dry Bones Live

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there* were very many in the open valley; and indeed *they* were very dry.

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'

5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

6 "I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." "

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.

8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there* was no breath in them.

9 Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four

32 ^aDeut. 9:5

33 ^aEzek. 36:10

35 ^aJoel 2:3

36 ^aEzek. 17:24; 22:14; 37:14

37 ^aEzek. 14:3; 20:3, 31
^bEzek. 36:10

38 ¹Lit. *holy flock*
²*appointed feasts*

CHAPTER 37

1 ^aEzek. 1:3
^bEzek. 3:14; 8:3; 11:24

3 ^a[1 Sam. 2:6]

5 ^aPs. 104:29, 30

6 ^aJoel 2:27; 3:17

9 ^a[Ps. 104:30]
¹Breath of life

10 ^aRev. 11:11
¹Breath of life

11 ^aEzek. 36:10 ^bPs. 141:7

12 ^aIs. 26:19; 66:14 ^bEzek. 36:24

14 ^aEzek. 36:27

16 ^aNum. 17:2, 3 ^{b2}Chr. 11:12, 13, 16; 15:9; 30:11, 18

17 ^aHos. 1:11

18 ^aEzek. 12:9; 24:19

19 ^aZech. 10:6
^bEzek. 37:16, 17

20 ^aEzek. 12:3

21 ^aEzek. 36:24

22 ^aJer. 3:18
^bEzek. 34:23

23 ^aEzek. 36:25

winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." "

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'

12 "Therefore prophecy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.

14 "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD." "

One Kingdom, One King

15 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

16 "As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.'

17 "Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

18 "And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?'—

19 "say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."

20 "And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21 "Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 "and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

23 "They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with

any of their transgressions; but ¹I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

24 ^a"David My servant *shall* be king over them, and ^bthey shall all have one shepherd; ^cthey shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.

25 ^a"Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, ^bforever; and ^cMy servant David *shall* be their prince forever.

26 "Moreover I will ^amake ^aa covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and ^bmultiply them, and I will set My ^csanctuary in their midst forevermore.

27 ^a"My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be ^btheir God, and they shall be My people.

28 ^a"The nations also will know that I, the LORD, ^bsanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore." ^c

Gog and Allies Attack Israel

38 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 ^a"Son of man, ^bset your face against ^cGog, of the land of ^dMagog, ^ethe prince of Rosh, ^fMeshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

4 ^a"I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and ^blead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, ^call splendidly clothed, a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

5 "Persia, ¹Ethiopia, and ²Libya are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet;

6 ^a"Gomer and all its troops; the house of ^bTogarmah *from* the far north and all its troops—many people *are* with you.

7 ^a"Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them.

8 ^a"After many days ^byou will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword ^cand gathered from many people on ^dthe mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them *dwell* safely.

9 "You will ascend, coming ^alike a storm, covering the ^bland like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

23 ^bEzek. 36:28, 29

24 ^aIs. 40:11^b[John 10:16] ^cEzek. 36:27

25 ^aEzek. 36:28 ^bIs. 60:21 ^cJohn 12:34

26 ^aIs. 55:3 ^bEzek. 36:10 ^c[2 Cor. 6:16] ¹Lit. cut

27 ^a[John 1:14] ^bEzek. 11:20

28 ^aEzek. 36:23 ^bEzek. 20:12

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2 ^aEzek. 39:1 ^bEzek. 35:2, 3 ^cRev. 20:8 ^dGen. 10:2 ^eEzek. 32:26 ¹Tg., Vg.
Aquila the chief prince of Meshech, also v. 3

4 ^{a2} Kin. 19:28 ^bIs. 43:17 ^cEzek. 23:12

5 ¹Heb. Cush ²Heb. Put

6 ^aGen. 10:2 ^bEzek. 27:14

7 ^aIs. 8:9, 10

8 ^aIs. 24:22 ^bIs. 29:6 ^cEzek. 34:13 ^dEzek. 36:1, 4 ^eEzek. 34:25; 39:26

9 ^aIs. 28:2 ^bJer. 4:13

11 ^aZech. 2:4 ^bJer. 49:31 ^cEzek. 38:8 ¹securely

12 ^aEzek. 38:8

13 ^aEzek. 27:22 ^bEzek. 27:15, 20 ^cEzek. 27:12 ^dEzek. 19:3, 5

14 ^aIs. 4:1 ^bEzek. 38:8, 11

15 ^aEzek. 39:2

16 ^aEzek. 35:11 ^bEzek. 28:22

19 ^aEzek. 36:5, 6 ^bPs. 89:46 ^cRev. 16:18 ¹Lit. shaking

20 ^aHos. 4:3 ^bJer. 4:24

21 ^aPs. 105:16 ^bEzek. 14:17 ^c1 Sam. 14:20

10 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day it shall come to pass *that* thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan:

11 "You will say, 'I will go up against a land of ^aunwalled villages; I will ^bgo to a peaceful people, ^cwho dwell ^dsafely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'—

12 "to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places *that are again* inhabited, ^aand against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

13 ^a"Sheba, ^bDedan, the merchants ^cof Tarshish, and all ^dtheir young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?' "

14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day when My people Israel ^bdwell safely, will you not know it?"

15 ^a"Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.

16 "You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may ^aknow Me, when I am ^bhallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes."

17 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?"

Judgment on Gog

18 "And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "that My fury will show in My face.

19 "For ^ain My jealousy ^band in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ^c"Surely in that day there shall be a great ^dearthquake in the land of Israel,

20 "so that ^athe fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who *are* on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. ^bThe mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground."

21 "I will ^acall for ^aa sword against Gog throughout all My mountains," says the Lord GOD. ^c"Every man's sword will be against his brother.

22 "And I will ^bbring him to judgment with ^bpestilence and bloodshed; ^cI will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who *are* with him, flooding rain, ^dgreat hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 "Thus I will magnify Myself and ^asanctify Myself, ^band I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD."

Gog's Armies Destroyed

39 "And ^ayou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, ^bthe prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;
2 "and I will ^aturn you around and lead you on, ^bbringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

3 "Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand.
4 "^aYou shall ^bfall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who *are* with you; ^bI will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5 "You shall ^bfall on ^athe open field; for I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.

6 "^aAnd I will send fire on Magog and on those who live ^bin security in ^bthe coastlands. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 "^aSo I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not *let them* ^bprofane My holy name anymore. ^cThen the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

8 "^aSurely it is coming, and it shall be done," says the Lord GOD. "This is the day ^bof which I have spoken.

9 "Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the ^bjavelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years.

10 "They will not take wood from the field nor cut down *any* from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; ^aand they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them," says the Lord GOD.

The Burial of Gog

11 "It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of ^bHamon Gog.

12 "For seven months the house of

22 ^aIs. 66:16
^bEzek. 5:17
^cPs. 11:6 ^dRev. 16:21

23 ^aEzek. 36:23 ^bEzek. 37:28; 38:16

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1 ^aEzek. 38:2,
3 ¹Tg., Vg.,
Aquila the
chief prince of
Meshech

2 ^aEzek. 38:8
^bEzek. 38:15

4 ^aEzek. 38:4,
21 ^bEzek.
33:27 ¹Be
slain

5 ¹Be slain
²Lit. the face
of the field

6 ^aAmos 1:4,
7, 10 ^bPs.
72:10

¹securely or
confidently

7 ^aEzek. 39:25
^bLev. 18:21
^cEzek. 38:16

8 ^aRev. 16:17;
21:6 ^bEzek.
38:17

9 ¹Lit. hand
stuffs

10 ^aIs. 14:2;
33:1

11 ¹Lit. The
Multitude of
Gog

12 ^aDeut.
21:23

13 ^aZeph. 3:19,
20 ^bEzek.
28:22

14 ^aEzek.
39:12 ¹Lit.
those who
pass through

15 ¹build

16 ^aEzek.
39:12 ¹Lit.
Multitude

17 ^aRev. 19:17,
18 ^bIs. 18:6
^cZeph. 1:7
^dEzek. 39:4

18 ^aRev. 19:18
^bDeut. 32:14

20 ^aPs. 76:5, 6
^bRev. 19:18

21 ^aEzek.
36:23; 38:23
^bEx. 7:4

22 ^aEx. 39:7,
28

23 ^aEzek.
36:18-20, 23
^bIs. 1:15; 59:2
^cLev. 26:25

24 ^aEzek.
36:19

Israel will be burying them, ^ain order to cleanse the land.

13 "Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain ^arenown for it on the day that ^bI *am* glorified," says the Lord GOD.

14 "They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of ^aa search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order ^ato cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search.

15 "The search party will pass through the land; and *when anyone* sees a man's bone, he shall ^bset up a marker by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog.

16 "The name of the city will also be ^bHamonah. Thus they shall ^acleanse the land."

A Triumphant Festival

17 "And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, ^a"Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field:

^b"Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My ^asacrificial meal Which I *am* sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal ^aon the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 "You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, Drink the blood of the princes of the earth, Of rams and lambs, Of goats and bulls, All of them ^bfattings of Bashan.

19 You shall eat fat till you are full, And drink blood till you are drunk,

At My sacrificial meal Which I *am* sacrificing for you.

20 "You shall be filled at My table With horses and riders, ^bWith mighty men And with all the men of war," says the Lord GOD.

Israel Restored to the Land

21 "^aI will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed, and ^bMy hand which I have laid on them.

22 "^aSo the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day forward.

23 "^aThe Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore ^bI hid My face from them. I ^cgave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword.

24 "^aAccording to their unclean-

ness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them.”

25 “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the ^bwhole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name—

26 “after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they ^bdwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid.

27 “When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies’ lands, and I ^bam hallowed in them in the sight of many nations,

28 “then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them ¹captive any longer.

29 “And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have ^bpoured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,” says the Lord GOD.”

A New City, a New Temple

40 In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after “the city was ¹captured, on the very same day ^bthe hand of the LORD was upon me; and He took me there. 2 “In the visions of God He took me into the land of Israel and ^bset me on a very high mountain; on it toward the south was something like the structure of a city.

3 He took me there, and behold, there was a man whose appearance was “like the appearance of bronze. ^bHe had a line of flax “and a measuring rod in his hand, and he stood in the gateway.

4 And the man said to me, “Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears, and ¹fix your mind on everything I show you; for you were brought here so that I might show them to you. ^bDeclare to the house of Israel everything you see.”

5 Now there was “a wall all around the outside of the temple. In the man’s hand was a measuring rod six ²cubits long, each being a cubit and a handbreadth; and he measured the width of the wall structure, one rod; and the height, one rod.

The Eastern Gateway of the Temple

6 Then he went to the gateway which faced east; and he went up its stairs and measured the threshold of the gateway, which was one rod wide, and the other threshold was one rod wide.

7 Each gate chamber was one rod long and one rod wide; between the

25 ^aIs. 27:12, 13; Jer. 30:3, 18; Ezek. 34:13; 36:24
^bJer. 31:1; Ezek. 20:40; Hos. 1:11

26 ^aDan. 9:16
^bLev. 26:5, 6

27 ^aEzek. 28:25, 26
^bEzek. 36:23, 24; 38:16

28 ^aEzek. 34:30 ¹Lit. there

29 ^aIs. 54:8, 9
^bIs. 32:15; Ezek. 36:27; 37:14; [Joel 2:28; Zech. 12:10]; Acts 2:17

CHAPTER 40

1 ^{a2} Kin. 25:1–4; Jer. 39:2, 3; 52:4–7; Ezek. 33:21
^bEzek. 1:3; 3:14, 22; 37:1
¹Lit. struck

2 ^aEzek. 1:1; 3:14; 8:3; 37:1; Dan. 7:1, 7
^b[Is. 2:2, 3]; Ezek. 17:23; 20:40; 37:22; [Mic. 4:1]; Rev. 21:10

3 ^aEzek. 1:7; Dan. 10:6; Rev. 1:15
^bEzek. 47:3; Zech. 2:1, 2
^cRev. 11:1; 21:15

4 ^aEzek. 44:5
^bEzek. 43:10
¹Lit. set your heart

5 ^a[Is. 26:1]; Ezek. 42:20
¹Lit. house ^{2A} royal cubit of about 21 inches

6 ^aEzek. 43:1

12 ¹Lit. border

16 ^{a1} Kin. 6:4; Ezek. 41:16, 26
^{b1} Kin. 6:29, 32, 35; 2 Chr. 3:5; Ezek. 40:22, 26, 31, 34, 37; 41:18–20, 25, 26

17 ^aEzek. 10:5; 42:1; 46:21; Rev. 11:2
^{b1} Kin. 6:5; 2 Chr. 31:11; Ezek. 40:38
^cEzek. 45:5

gate chambers was a space of five cubits; and the threshold of the gateway by the vestibule of the inside gate was one rod.

8 He also measured the vestibule of the inside gate, one rod.

9 Then he measured the vestibule of the gateway, eight cubits; and the gateposts, two cubits. The vestibule of the gate was on the inside.

10 In the eastern gateway were three gate chambers on one side and three on the other; the three were all the same size; also the gateposts were of the same size on this side and that side.

11 He measured the width of the entrance to the gateway, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 There was a ¹space in front of the gate chambers, one cubit on this side and one cubit on that side; the gate chambers were six cubits on this side and six cubits on that side. 13 Then he measured the gateway from the roof of one gate chamber to the roof of the other; the width was twenty-five cubits, as door faces door.

14 He measured the gateposts, sixty cubits high, and the court all around the gateway extended to the gatepost.

15 From the front of the entrance gate to the front of the vestibule of the inner gate was fifty cubits.

16 There were “beveled window frames in the gate chambers and in their intervening archways on the inside of the gateway all around, and likewise in the vestibules. There were windows all around on the inside. And on each gatepost were ^bpalm trees.

The Outer Court

17 Then he brought me into “the outer court; and there were ^bchambers and a pavement made all around the court; thirty chambers faced the pavement.

18 The pavement was by the side of the gateways, corresponding to the length of the gateways; this was the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gateway to the front of the inner court exterior, one hundred cubits toward the east and the north.

The Northern Gateway

20 On the outer court was also a gateway facing north, and he measured its length and its width.

21 Its gate chambers, three on this side and three on that side, its gateposts and its archways, had the same measurements as the first gate; its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.

22 Its windows and those of its

archways, and also its palm trees, *had* the same measurements as the gateway facing east; it was ascended by seven steps, and its archway was in front of it.

23 A gate of the inner court was opposite the northern gateway, just as the eastern gateway; and he measured from gateway to gateway, one hundred cubits.

The Southern Gateway

24 After that he brought me toward the south, and there a gateway was facing south; and he measured its gateposts and archways according to these same measurements.

25 *There were* windows in it and in its archways all around like those windows; its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.

26 Seven steps led up to it, and its archway was in front of them; and it had palm trees on its gateposts, one on this side and one on that side.

27 *There was* also a gateway on the inner court, facing south; and he measured from gateway to gateway toward the south, one hundred cubits.

Gateways of the Inner Court

28 Then he brought me to the inner court through the southern gateway; he measured the southern gateway according to these same measurements.

29 Also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways were according to these same measurements; *there were* windows in it and in its archways all around; it was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

30 *There were* archways all around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

31 Its archways faced the outer court, palm trees were on its gateposts, and going up to it were eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court facing east; he measured the gateway according to these same measurements.

33 Also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways were according to these same measurements; and *there were* windows in it and in its archways all around; it was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

34 Its archways faced the outer court, and palm trees were on its gateposts on this side and on that side; and going up to it were eight steps.

35 Then he brought me to the north gateway and measured it according to these same measurements—

36 also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways. It had win-

30 ^aEzek. 40:21, 25, 33, 36

38 ^a2 Chr. 4:6

39 ^aLev. 4:2, 3
^bLev. 5:6; 6:6; 7:1

44 ^a1 Chr. 6:31, 32; 16:41–43; 25:1–7 ¹So with LXX; MT, Vg. *east-ern*

45 ^aLev. 8:35; Num. 3:27, 28, 32, 38; 18:5; 1 Chr. 9:23; 2 Chr. 13:11; Ps. 134:1

46 ^aLev. 6:12, 13; Num. 18:5; Ezek. 44:15
^b1 Kin. 2:35; Ezek. 43:19; 44:15, 16

48 ^a1 Kin. 6:3; 2 Chr. 3:4

49 ^a1 Kin. 6:3

dows all around; its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.

37 Its gateposts faced the outer court, palm trees were on its gateposts on this side and on that side, and going up to it were eight steps.

Where Sacrifices Were Prepared

38 *There was* a chamber and its entrance by the gateposts of the gateway, where they washed the burnt offering.

39 In the vestibule of the gateway were two tables on this side and two tables on that side, on which to slay the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering.

40 At the outer side of the vestibule, as one goes up to the entrance of the northern gateway, were two tables; and on the other side of the vestibule of the gateway were two tables.

41 Four tables were on this side and four tables on that side, by the side of the gateway, eight tables on which they slaughtered the sacrifices.

42 *There were* also four tables of hewn stone for the burnt offering, one cubit and a half long, one cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high; on these they laid the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 *Inside were* hooks, a handbreadth wide, fastened all around; and the flesh of the sacrifices was on the tables.

Chambers for Singers and Priests

44 Outside the inner gate were the chambers for the singers in the inner court, one facing south at the side of the northern gateway, and the other facing north at the side of the southern gateway.

45 Then he said to me, "This chamber which faces south is for the priests who have charge of the temple.

46 "The chamber which faces north is for the priests who have charge of the altar; these are the sons of Zadok, from the sons of Levi, who come near the LORD to minister to Him."

Dimensions of the Inner Court and Vestibule

47 And he measured the court, one hundred cubits long and one hundred cubits wide, foursquare. The altar was in front of the temple.

48 Then he brought me to the vestibule of the temple and measured the doorposts of the vestibule, five cubits on this side and five cubits on that side; and the width of the gateway was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the vestibule was twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and by the steps which led

up to it *there were* ^bpillars by the doorposts, one on this side and another on that side.

Dimensions of the Sanctuary

41 Then he ^bbrought me into the ¹sanctuary and measured the doorposts, six cubits wide on one side and six cubits wide on the other side—the width of the tabernacle.

2 The width of the entryway was ten cubits, and the side walls of the entrance *were* five cubits on this side and five cubits on the other side; and he measured its length, forty cubits, and its width, twenty cubits.

3 Also he went inside and measured the doorposts, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits *high*; and the width of the entrance, seven cubits.

4 ^aHe measured the length, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, beyond the sanctuary; and he said to me, “This is the Most Holy Place.”

The Side Chambers on the Wall

5 Next, he measured the wall of the ¹temple, six cubits. The width of each side chamber all around the temple *was* four cubits on every side.

6 ^aThe side chambers *were* in three stories, one above the other, thirty chambers in each story; they rested on ¹ledges which *were* for the side chambers all around, that they might be supported, but ^bnot fastened to the wall of the temple.

7 As one went up from story to story, the side chambers ^abecame wider all around, because their supporting ledges in the wall of the temple ascended like steps; therefore the width of the structure increased as one went up *from* the lowest story to the highest by way of the middle one.

8 I also saw an elevation all around the temple; it was the foundation of the side chambers, ^aa full rod, *that is*, six cubits *high*.

9 The thickness of the outer wall of the side chambers *was* five cubits, and so also the remaining terrace by the place of the side chambers of the ¹temple.

10 And between *it and* the wall chambers *was* a width of twenty cubits all around the temple on every side.

11 The doors of the side chambers opened on the terrace, one door toward the north and another toward the south; and the width of the terrace *was* five cubits all around.

The Building at the Western End

12 The building that faced the separating courtyard at its western end *was* seventy cubits wide; the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick all around, and its length ninety cubits.

⁴⁹ ^{b1} Kin.
7:15–22;
2 Chr. 3:17;
Jer. 52:17–23;
[Rev. 3:12]

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¹ ^aEzek. 40:2,
3, 17 ¹Heb.
heykal; the
main room in
the temple,
the holy
place, Ex.
26:33

⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 6:20;
2 Chr. 3:8

⁵ ¹Lit. *house*

⁶ ^{a1} Kin.
6:5–10 ^{b1} Kin.
6:6, 10 ¹Lit.
the wall

⁷ ^{a1} Kin. 6:8

⁸ ^aEzek. 40:5

⁹ ¹Lit. *house*

¹³ ^aEzek.
40:47

¹⁵ ^aEzek. 42:3,
⁵ ¹Or *sanctuary*

¹⁶ ^{a1} Kin. 6:4;
Ezek. 40:16,
²⁵ ^{b1} Kin.
6:15

¹⁷ ¹Lit. *house*;
the Most Holy
Place

¹⁸ ^{a1} Kin. 6:29;
2 Chr. 3:7
^{b2} Chr. 3:5;
Ezek. 40:16

¹⁹ ^aEzek. 1:10;
10:14

²¹ ^{a1} Kin. 6:33;
Ezek. 40:9, 14,
16; 41:1

²² ^aEx. 30:1–3;
1 Kin. 6:20;
Rev. 8:3 ^bEx.
25:23, 30; Lev.
24:6; Ezek.
23:41; 44:16;
Mal. 1:7, 12
^cEx. 30:8

²³ ^{a1} Kin.
6:31–35

²⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 6:34

²⁶ ^aEzek.
40:16

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¹ ^aEzek. 41:1

Dimensions and Design of the Temple Area

13 So he measured the temple, one ^ahundred cubits long; and the separating courtyard with the building and its walls *was* one hundred cubits long;

14 also the width of the eastern face of the temple, including the separating courtyard, *was* one hundred cubits.

15 He measured the length of the building behind it, facing the separating courtyard, with its ^agalleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits, as well as the inner ¹temple and the porches of the court,

16 their doorposts and ^athe beveled window frames. And the galleries all around their three stories opposite the threshold *were* paneled with ^bwood from the ground to the windows—the windows *were* covered—**17** from the space above the door, even to the inner ¹room, as well as outside, and on every wall all around, inside and outside, by measure.

18 And *it was* made ^awith cherubim and ^bpalm trees, a palm tree between cherub and cherub. *Each* cherub had two faces,

19 ^aso that the face of a man *was* toward a palm tree on one side, and the face of a young lion toward a palm tree on the other side; thus *it was* made throughout the temple all around.

20 From the floor to the space above the door, and on the wall of the sanctuary, cherubim and palm trees *were* carved.

21 The ^adoorposts of the temple *were* square, as *was* the front of the sanctuary; their appearance *was* similar.

22 ^aThe altar *was* of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits. Its corners, its length, and its sides *were* of wood; and he said to me, “This is ^bthe table that is ^cbefore the LORD.”

23 ^aThe temple and the sanctuary *had* two doors.

24 The doors *had* two ^apanels *apiece*, two folding panels: two *panels* for one door and two panels for the other door.

25 Cherubim and palm trees *were* carved on the doors of the temple just as they *were* carved on the walls. A wooden canopy *was* on the front of the vestibule outside.

26 *There were* ^abeveled window frames and palm trees on one side and on the other, on the sides of the vestibule—also on the side chambers of the temple and on the canopies.

The Chambers for the Priests

42 Then he ^abrought me out into the outer court, by the way

toward the ^bnorth; and he brought me into the chamber which was opposite the separating courtyard, and which was opposite the building toward the north.

2 Facing the length, which was one hundred cubits (the width was fifty cubits), was the north door.

3 Opposite the inner court of twenty cubits, and opposite the ^apavement of the outer court, was ^bgallery against gallery in three stories.

4 In front of the chambers, toward the inside, was a walk ten cubits wide, at a distance of one cubit; and their doors faced north.

5 Now the upper chambers were shorter, because the galleries took away ^aspace from them more than from the lower and middle stories of the building.

6 For they were in three stories and did not have pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore the upper level was ¹shortened more than the lower and middle levels from the ground up.

7 And a wall which was outside ran parallel to the chambers, at the front of the chambers, toward the outer court; its length was fifty cubits.

8 The length of the chambers toward the outer court was fifty cubits, whereas that facing the temple was one hundred cubits.

9 At the lower chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

10 Also there were chambers in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, opposite the separating courtyard and opposite the building.

11 ^aThere was a walk in front of them also, and their appearance was like the chambers which were toward the north; they were as long and as wide as the others, and all their exits and entrances were according to plan.

12 And corresponding to the doors of the chambers that were facing south, as one enters them, there was a door in front of the walk, the way directly in front of the wall toward the east.

13 Then he said to me, "The north chambers and the south chambers, which are opposite the separating courtyard, are the holy chambers where the priests who approach the LORD shall eat the most holy offerings. There they shall lay the most holy offerings—the grain offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering—for the place is holy.

14 ^a"When the priests enter them, they shall not go out of the holy chamber into the outer court; but there they shall leave their garments in which they minister, for they are

¹ ^bEzek. 40:20
^cEzek. 41:12, 15

³ ^aEzek. 40:17
^bEzek. 41:15, 16; 42:5

⁶ ¹Or narrow

⁸ ^aEzek. 41:13, 14

¹¹ ^aEzek. 42:4

¹³ ^aLev. 6:16, 26; 24:9; Ezek. 43:19 ^bLev. 2:3, 10; 6:14, 17, 25

¹⁴ ^aEzek. 44:19

¹⁵ ^aEzek. 40:6; 43:1 ¹Lit. house

¹⁶ ¹About 10.5 feet, Ezek. 40:5

²⁰ ^a[Is. 60:18]; Ezek. 40:5; Zech. 2:5
^bEzek. 45:2; Rev. 21:16 ¹Or profane

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¹ ^aEzek. 10:19; 46:1

² ^aEzek. 11:23
^bEzek. 1:24; Rev. 1:15; 14:2
^cEzek. 10:4; Rev. 18:1

³ ^aEzek. 1:4-28 ^bJer. 1:10; Ezek. 9:1, 5; 32:18
^cEzek. 1:28; 3:23 ¹Some Heb. mss., Vg. He

⁴ ^aEzek. 10:19; 11:23 ¹Lit. house

⁵ ^aEzek. 3:12, 14; 8:3; 2 Cor. 12:2-4 ^bEzek. 40:34; 1 Kin. 8:10, 11 ¹Lit. house

⁶ ^aEzek. 1:26; 40:3

⁷ ^aPs. 99:1; Is. 60:13 ^b1 Chr. 28:2; Ps. 99:5
^cEx. 29:45; Ps. 68:16; 132:14; Ezek. 37:26-28; Joel 3:17; [John 1:14; 2 Cor. 6:16] ^dEzek. 39:7 ^eLev. 26:30; Jer. 16:18; Ezek. 6:5, 13 ¹Unfaithful idolatry

⁸ ² Kin. 16:14; 21:4, 5, 7; Ezek. 8:3; 23:39; 44:7

holy. They shall put on other garments; then they may approach that which is for the people."

Outer Dimensions of the Temple

15 Now when he had finished measuring the inner ¹temple, he brought me out through the gateway that faces toward the ^aeast, and measured it all around.

16 He measured the east side with the ¹measuring rod, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

19 He came around to the west side and measured five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

20 He measured it on the four sides; ^ait had a wall all around, ^bfive hundred cubits long and five hundred wide, to separate the holy areas from the ¹common.

The Temple, the LORD's Dwelling Place

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate ^athat faces toward the east.

2 ^aAnd behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. ^bHis voice was like the sound of many waters; ^cand the earth shone with His glory.

3 ^aIt was ^alike the appearance of the vision which I saw—like the vision which I saw when I came ^bto destroy the city. The visions were like the vision which I saw ^bby the River Chebar; and I fell on my face.

4 ^aAnd the glory of the LORD came into the ¹temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east.

5 ^aThe Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and behold, ^bthe glory of the LORD filled the ¹temple.

6 Then I heard ^aHim speaking to me from the temple, while ^aa man stood beside me.

7 And He said to me, "Son of man, ^athis is ^athe place of My throne and ^bthe place of the soles of My feet, ^cwhere I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. ^dNo more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their ¹harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places.

8 ^a"When they set their threshold by My threshold, and their doorpost by My doorpost, with a wall between them and Me, they defiled My holy name by the abominations which they committed; therefore I have consumed them in My anger.

9 "Now let them put their harlotry

and the carcasses of their kings far away from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

10 "Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.

11 "And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write it down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them.

12 "This is the law of the temple: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop is most holy. Behold, this is the law of the temple.

Dimensions of the Altar

13 "These are the measurements of the altar in cubits (the cubit is one cubit and a handbreadth): the base one cubit high and one cubit wide, with a rim all around its edge of one span. This is the height of the altar:

14 "from the base on the ground to the lower ledge, two cubits; the width of the ledge, one cubit; from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge, four cubits; and the width of the ledge, one cubit.

15 "The altar hearth is four cubits high, with four horns extending upward from the hearth.

16 "The altar hearth is twelve cubits long, twelve wide, square at its four corners;

17 "the ledge, fourteen cubits long and fourteen wide on its four sides, with a rim of half a cubit around it; its base, one cubit all around; and its steps face toward the east."

Consecrating the Altar

18 And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD: 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it.

19 "You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me," says the Lord GOD.

20 "You shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it.

21 "Then you shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and burn it in the appointed place of the temple, outside the sanctuary.

22 "On the second day you shall offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall

10 ^aEzek. 40:4
¹Lit. house

11 ^aEzek. 44:5
^bEzek. 11:20
¹Lit. house

12 ^aEzek. 40:2
¹Lit. house

13 ^aEx. 27:1-8;
²Chr. 4:1
^bEzek. 41:8 ¹A royal cubit of about 21 inches

15 ^aEx. 27:2;
Lev. 9:9;
¹Kin. 1:50

¹Heb. ariel

16 ^aEx. 27:1

17 ^aEx. 20:26

18 ^aEx. 40:29

^bLev. 1:5, 11;

[Heb. 9:21, 22]

19 ^aEx. 29:10;

Lev. 8:14;

Ezek. 45:18,

19 ^bEzek.

44:15, 16

^c1 Kin. 2:35;

Ezek. 40:46

21 ^aEx. 29:14;

Lev. 4:12

^bHeb. 13:11

¹Lit. house

24 ^aLev. 2:13;

Num. 18:19;

[Mark 9:49;

50; Col. 4:6]

25 ^aEx. 29:35;

Lev. 8:33

26 ¹Lit. fill its

hands ²LXX,

Syr. them-

selves

27 ^aLev. 9:1-4

^bEzek. 20:40,

41; [Rom.

12:1; 1 Pet.

2:5]

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1 ^aEzek. 43:1

2 ^aEzek.

43:2-4

3 ^aGen. 31:54;

Ex. 24:9-11;

[1 Cor. 10:18]

^bEzek. 46:2, 8

4 ^aIs. 6:3;

Ezek. 3:23;

43:5 ^bEzek.

1:28; 43:3 ¹Lit.

house

5 ^aDeut. 32:46;

Ezek. 40:4

^bDeut. 12:32;

Ezek. 43:10,

11 ¹Lit. set

your heart

6 ^aEzek. 2:5

^bEzek. 45:9;

1 Pet. 4:3

7 ^aEzek. 43:8;

Acts 21:28

^bLev. 22:25

^cLev. 26:41;

Deut. 10:16;

Jer. 4:4; 9:26;

[Acts 7:51]

^dLev. 21:17

^eLev. 3:16

8 ^aLev. 22:2;

Num. 18:7

cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull.

23 "When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram from the flock without blemish.

24 "When you offer them before the LORD, the priests shall throw salt on them, and they will offer them up as a burnt offering to the LORD.

25 "Every day for seven days you shall prepare a goat for a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bull and a ram from the flock, both without blemish.

26 "Seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it, and so consecrate it.

27 "When these days are over it shall be, on the eighth day and thereafter, that the priests shall offer your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar; and I will accept you," says the Lord GOD."

The East Gate and the Prince

44 Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it was shut.

2 And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the LORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut.

3 "As for the prince, because he is the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way."

Those Admitted to the Temple

4 Also He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; so I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD; and I fell on my face.

5 And the LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes and hear with your ears, all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD and all its laws. Mark well who may enter the house and all who go out from the sanctuary.

6 "Now say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "O house of Israel, let Us have no more of all your abominations.

7 "When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to defile it—My house—and when you offered My food, the fat and the blood, then they broke My covenant because of all your abominations.

8 "And you have not kept charge of My holy things, but you have set others to keep charge of My sanctuary for you."

9 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter My sanctuary, including any foreigner who *is* among the children of Israel.

Laws Governing Priests

10 "And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity.

11 "Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, ^aas gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; ^bthey shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and ^cthey shall stand before them to minister to them.

12 "Because they ministered to them before their idols and ^ccaused¹ the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have ^braised My hand in an oath against them," says the Lord GOD, "that they shall bear their iniquity.

13 "And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy Place; but they shall ^bbear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

14 "Nevertheless I will make them ^akeep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.

15 "But the priests, the Levites, ^bthe sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary ^cwhen the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they ^dshall stand before Me to offer to Me the ^efat and the blood," says the Lord GOD.

16 "They shall ^aenter My sanctuary, and they shall come near ^bMy table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.

17 "And it shall be, whenever they enter the gates of the inner court, that ^athey shall put on linen garments; no wool shall come upon them while they minister within the gates of the inner court or within the house.

18 "They shall have linen turbans on their heads and linen trousers on their bodies; they shall not clothe themselves with *anything that causes sweat*.

19 "When they go out to the outer court, to the outer court to the people, ^athey shall take off their garments in which they have ministered, leave them in the holy chambers, and put on other garments; and in their holy garments they shall ^bnot sanctify the people.

20 "They shall neither shave their heads nor let their hair grow ^blong,

9 ^aEzek. 44:7

10 ^{a2} Kin. 23:8

11 ^{a1} Chr. 26:1-19
^{b2} Chr. 29:34;
30:17 ^cNum. 16:9

12 ^aIs. 9:16
^bPs. 106:26
¹Lit. *became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel*

13 ^{a2} Kin. 23:9
^bEzek. 32:30

14 ^aNum. 18:4

15 ^aEzek. 40:46 ^{b1} Sam. 2:35] ^cEzek. 44:10
^dDeut. 10:8
^eEzek. 44:7

16 ^aNum. 18:5, 7, 8 ^bEzek. 41:22

17 ^aEx. 28:39-43;
39:27-29

18 ^aEx. 28:40;
39:28

19 ^aEzek. 42:14 ^bLev. 6:27

20 ^aLev. 21:5
^bNum. 6:5

21 ^aLev. 10:9

22 ^aLev. 21:7,
13, 14

23 ^aMal. 2:6-8
^bLev. 20:25

24 ^aDeut. 17:8,
9 ^bEzek. 22:26

26 ^aNum. 6:10;
19:11, 13-19

27 ^aLev. 5:3, 6
^bEzek. 44:17

28 ^aNum. 18:20 ^bEzek. 45:4

29 ^aLev. 7:6
^bLev. 27:21, 28

30 ^aNum. 3:13;
18:12 ^bNeh. 10:37 ^c[Mal. 3:10] ¹Lit. *first*

31 ^aLev. 22:8

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1 ^aEzek. 47:22
^bEzek. 48:8, 9

2 ^aEzek. 42:20

3 ^aEzek. 48:10

4 ^aEzek. 48:10,
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but they shall keep their hair well trimmed.

21 "No priest shall drink wine when he enters the inner court.

22 "They shall not take as wife a ^awidow or a divorced woman, but take virgins of the descendants of the house of Israel, or widows of priests.

23 "And ^athey shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to ^bdiscern between the unclean and the clean.

24 "In controversy they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to My judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, ^aand they shall hallow My Sabbaths.

25 "They shall not defile *themselves* by coming near a dead person. Only for father or mother, for son or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister may they defile themselves.

26 "After he is cleansed, they shall count seven days for him.

27 "And on the day that he goes to the sanctuary to minister in the sanctuary, ^ahe must offer his sin offering ^bin the inner court," says the Lord GOD.

28 "It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, *that* I ^aam their inheritance. You shall give them no ^bpossession in Israel, for I *am* their possession.

29 "They shall eat the grain offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering; ^bevery dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 "The ^abest¹ of all firstfruits of any kind, and every sacrifice of any kind from all your sacrifices, shall be the priest's; also you ^bshall give to the priest the first of your ground meal, ^cto cause a blessing to rest on your house.

31 "The priests shall not eat anything, bird or beast, that ^adied naturally or was torn by *wild beasts*.

The Holy District

45 "Moreover, when you ^adivide the land by lot into inheritance, you shall ^bset apart a district for the LORD, a holy section of the land; its length *shall be* twenty-five thousand *cubits*, and the width ten thousand. It *shall be* holy throughout its territory all around.

2 "Of this there shall be a square plot for the sanctuary, ^afive hundred by five hundred *rods*, with fifty cubits around it for an open space.

3 "So this is the district you shall measure: twenty-five thousand *cubits* long and ten thousand wide; ^ain it shall be the sanctuary, the Most Holy Place.

4 "It shall be ^aa holy section of the land, belonging to the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who

come near to minister to the LORD; it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 ^a"An area twenty-five thousand cubits long and ten thousand wide shall belong to the Levites, the ministers of the ¹temple; they shall have ²twenty² chambers as a possession.

Properties of the City and the Prince

6 ^a"You shall appoint as the property of the city *an area* five thousand cubits wide and twenty-five thousand long, adjacent to the district of the holy *section*; it shall belong to the whole house of Israel.

7 ^a"The prince shall have a *section* on one side and the other of the holy district and the city's property; and bordering on the holy district and the city's property, extending westward on the west side and eastward on the east side, the length shall be side by side with one of the *tribal* portions, from the west border to the east border.

8 "The land shall be his possession in Israel; and ^aMy princes shall no more oppress My people, but they shall give *the rest* of the land to the house of Israel, according to their tribes."

Laws Governing the Prince

9 ^aThus says the Lord GOD: "Enough, O princes of Israel! ^bRemove violence and plundering, execute justice and righteousness, and stop dispossessing My people," says the Lord GOD.

10 "You shall have ^ahonest scales, an honest ephah, and an honest bath.

11 "The ephah and the bath shall be of the same measure, so that the bath contains one-tenth of a homer, and the ephah one-tenth of a homer; their measure shall be according to the homer.

12 "The ^ashekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels shall be your mina.

13 "This is the offering which you shall offer: you shall give one-sixth of an ephah from a homer of wheat, and one-sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley.

14 "The ordinance concerning oil, the bath of oil, is one-tenth of a bath from a kor. A *kor* is a homer or ten baths, for ten baths are a homer.

15 "And one lamb shall be given from a flock of two hundred, from the rich pastures of Israel. These shall be for grain offerings, burnt offerings, and peace offerings, ^ato make atonement for them," says the Lord GOD.

16 "All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel.

5 ^aEzek. 48:13
^bEzek. 40:17
¹Lit. *house*
²So with MT.
Tg. Vg.: LXX
a possession,
cities of
dwelling

6 ^aEzek. 48:15

7 ^aEzek. 48:21

8 ^a[Is. 11:3-5];
Jer. 22:17;
Ezek. 22:27

9 ^aEzek. 44:6
^bJer. 22:3;
Zech. 8:16

10 ^aLev. 19:36;
Deut. 25:15;
Prov. 16:11;
Amos 8:4-6;
Mic. 6:10, 11

12 ^aEx. 30:13;
Lev. 27:25;
Num. 3:47

15 ^aLev. 1:4;
6:30

17 ^aEzek.
46:4-12

18 ^aLev. 16:16,
33; Ezek.
43:22, 26

19 ^aLev.
16:18-20;
Ezek. 43:20
¹Lit. *house*

20 ^aLev. 4:27;
Ps. 19:12

21 ^aEx. 12:18;
Lev. 23:5, 6;
Num. 9:2, 3;
28:16, 17;
Deut. 16:1

22 ^aLev. 4:14

23 ^aLev. 23:8
^bNum. 28:15,
22, 30; 29:5,
11, 16, 19

24 ^aNum.
28:12-15;
Ezek. 46:5, 7

25 ^aLev. 23:34;
Num. 29:12;
Deut. 16:13;
2 Chr. 5:3; 7:8,
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CHAPTER 46

1 ^aEx. 20:9

2 ^aEzek. 44:3

17 "Then it shall be the ^aprince's part to give burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the New Moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the appointed seasons of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel."

Keeping the Feasts

18 ^aThus says the Lord GOD: "In the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and ^acleanse the sanctuary.

19 ^a"The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the ¹temple, on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the gate of the inner court.

20 "And so you shall do on the seventh day of the month ^afor everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance. Thus you shall make atonement for the temple.

21 ^a"In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall observe the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 "And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land ^aa bull for a sin offering.

23 "On the ^aseven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish, daily for seven days, ^band a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.

24 ^a"And he shall prepare a grain offering of one ephah for each bull and one ephah for each ram, together with a hin of oil for each ephah.

25 "In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the ^afeast, he shall do likewise for seven days, according to the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil."

The Manner of Worship

46 ^aThus says the Lord GOD: "The gateway of the inner court that faces toward the east shall be shut the six ^aworking days; but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and on the day of the New Moon it shall be opened.

2 ^a"The prince shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway from the outside, and stand by the gatepost. The priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings. He shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening.

3 "Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the entrance to this gateway before the LORD on the Sabbaths and the New Moons.

4 "The burnt offering that the prince offers to the LORD on the Sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish;

5 "and the grain offering shall be one ephah for a ram, and the grain offering for the lambs, as much as he wants to give, as well as a hin of oil with every ephah.

6 "On the day of the New Moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish.

7 "He shall prepare a grain offering of an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every ephah.

8 "When the prince enters, he shall go in by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way.

9 "But when the people of the land come before the LORD on the appointed feast days, whoever enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate; and whoever enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. He shall not return by way of the gate through which he came, but shall go out through the opposite gate.

10 "The prince shall then be in their midst. When they go in, he shall go in; and when they go out, he shall go out.

11 "At the festivals and the appointed feast days the grain offering shall be an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every ephah.

12 "Now when the prince makes a voluntary burnt offering or voluntary peace offering to the LORD, the gate that faces toward the east shall then be opened for him; and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he did on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and after he goes out the gate shall be shut.

13 "You shall daily make a burnt offering to the LORD of a lamb of the first year without blemish; you shall prepare it every morning.

14 "And you shall prepare a grain offering with it every morning, a sixth of an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour. This grain offering is a perpetual ordinance, to be made regularly to the LORD.

15 "Thus they shall prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, as a regular burnt offering every morning."

4 ^aEzek. 45:17
^bNum. 28:9, 10

5 ^aNum. 28:12; Ezek. 45:24; 46:7, 11 ¹Lit. the gift of his hand

7 ¹Lit. as much as his hand can reach

8 ^aEzek. 44:3; 46:2

9 ^aEx. 23:14-17; 34:23; Deut. 16:16, 17; Ps. 84:7; Mic. 6:6 ^bEzek. 48:31, 33

11 ^aEzek. 46:5, 7

12 ^aEzek. 44:3; 46:1, 2, 8

13 ^aEx. 29:38; Num. 28:3-5 ¹Lit. morning by morning

15 ^aEx. 29:42; Num. 28:6

17 ^aLev. 25:10

18 ^aEzek. 45:8

19 ^aEzek. 42:13

20 ^a2 Chr. 35:13 ^bLev. 2:4, 5, 7 ^cEzek. 44:19

23 ¹Lit. boiling places

24 ^aEzek. 46:20 ¹Lit. house of those who boil ²Lit. house

CHAPTER 47

1 ^aPs. 46:4; Is. 30:25; 55:1; [Jer. 2:13]; Joel 3:18; Zech. 13:1; 14:8; [Rev. 22:1, 17] ¹Lit. house

2 ^aEzek. 44:1, 2

3 ^aEzek. 40:3

The Prince and Inheritance Laws

16 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "If the prince gives a gift of some of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.

17 "But if he gives a gift of some of his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until the year of liberty, after which it shall return to the prince. But his inheritance shall belong to his sons; it shall become theirs.

18 "Moreover the prince shall not take any of the people's inheritance by evicting them from their property; he shall provide an inheritance for his sons from his own property, so that none of My people may be scattered from his property." "

How the Offerings Were Prepared

19 Now he brought me through the entrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests which face toward the north; and there a place was situated at their extreme western end.

20 And he said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, and where they shall bake the grain offering, so that they do not bring them out into the outer court to sanctify the people."

21 Then he brought me out into the outer court and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and in fact, in every corner of the court there was another court.

22 In the four corners of the court were enclosed courts, forty cubits long and thirty wide; all four corners were the same size.

23 There was a row of building stones all around in them, all around the four of them; and cooking hearths were made under the rows of stones all around.

24 And he said to me, "These are the kitchens where the ministers of the temple shall boil the sacrifices of the people."

The Healing Waters and Trees

47 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.

2 He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.

3 And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the wa-

ters; the water *came up to my ankles*.

4 Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my knees*. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water *came up to my waist*.

5 Again he measured one thousand, *and it was a river that I could not cross*; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.

6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen *this*?" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river.

7 When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many "trees on one side and the other.

8 Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the ¹valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, *its waters are healed*.

9 "And it shall be *that every living thing that moves, wherever ¹the rivers go, will live*. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

10 "It shall be *that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets*. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish ²of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.

11 "But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt.

12 "Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all *kinds of trees used for food*; ³their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for "medicine."¹

Borders of the Land

13 Thus says the Lord GOD: "These are the "borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁴Joseph shall have two portions.

14 "You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I "raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall ⁵fall to you as your inheritance.

15 "This shall be the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, by "the road to Hethlon, as one goes to ⁶Zedad,

16 "Hamath, ⁷Berothah, Sibraim (which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon (which is on the border of Hauran).

17 "Thus the boundary shall be from the Sea to "Hazar Enan,

7 ⁸[Is. 60:13, 21; 61:3; Ezek. 47:12; Rev. 22:2]

8 ⁹Or Arabah, The Jordan Valley

9 ¹⁰Lit. two rivers

10 ¹¹Num. 34:3; Josh. 23:4; Ezek. 48:28

12 ¹²Ezek. 47:7; [Rev. 22:2]

¹³Job 18:16;

[Ps. 1:3; Jer.

17:8] ¹⁴[Rev.

22:2] ¹⁵Or

healing

13 ¹⁶Num.

34:1-29 ¹⁷Gen.

48:5; 1 Chr.

5:1; Ezek.

48:4, 5

14 ¹⁸Gen. 12:7;

13:15; 15:7;

17:8; 26:3;

28:13; Deut.

1:8; Ezek.

20:5, 6, 28, 42

¹⁹Ezek. 48:29

15 ²⁰Ezek. 48:1

²¹Num. 34:7, 8

16 ²²Num. 34:8

²³Sam. 8:8

17 ²⁴Num. 34:9;

Ezek. 48:1

19 ²⁵Num.

20:13; Deut.

32:51; Ps.

81:7; Ezek.

48:28 ²⁶Heb.

Negev ²⁷Lit.

Strife

21 ²⁸Ezek. 45:1

22 ²⁹Num.

26:55, 56

³⁰[Eph. 3:6;

Rev. 7:9, 10]

³¹[Acts 11:18;

15:9; Gal.

3:28; Eph.

2:12-14; Col.

3:11]

CHAPTER 48

1 ¹Ezek. 47:15

²Josh.

19:40-48

2 ³Josh.

19:24-31

3 ⁴Josh.

19:32-39

4 ⁵Josh.

13:29-31;

17:1-11, 17, 18

5 ⁶Josh.

16:5-10;

17:8-10, 14-18

6 ⁷Josh.

13:15-23

7 ⁸Josh.

15:1-63; 19:9

8 ⁹Ezek.

45:1-6 ¹⁰[Is.

12:6;

33:20-22];

Ezek. 45:3, 4

the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. *This is the north side*.

18 "On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and along the eastern side of the sea. *This is the east side*.

19 "The south side, toward the ¹South, shall be from Tamar to "the waters of ²Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea. *This is the south side, toward the South*.

20 "The west side shall be the Great Sea, from the southern boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath. *This is the west side*.

21 "Thus you shall "divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

22 "It shall be that you will divide it by "lot as an inheritance for yourselves, ³and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. "They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 "And it shall be *that in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give him his inheritance*," says the Lord GOD.

Division of the Land

48 "Now these are the names of the tribes: "From the northern border along the road to Hethlon at the entrance of Hamath, to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus northward, in the direction of Hamath, *there shall be one section for Dan from its east to its west side*;

2 "by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west, one section for "Asher;

3 "by the border of Asher, from the east side to the west, one section for "Naphtali;

4 "by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west, one section for "Manasseh;

5 "by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west, one section for "Ephraim;

6 "by the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west, one section for "Reuben;

7 "by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west, one section for "Judah;

8 "by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west, shall be "the district which you shall set apart, twenty-five thousand cubits in width, and in length the same as one of the other portions, from the east side to the west, with the ⁴sanctuary in the center.

9 "The district that you shall set apart for the LORD shall be twenty-

five thousand *cubits* in length and ten thousand in width.

10 "To these—to the priests—the holy district shall belong: on the north twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length, on the west ten thousand in width, on the east ten thousand in width, and on the south twenty-five thousand in length. The sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the center.

11 ^a"It shall be for the priests of the sons of Zadok, who are sanctified, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray, ^bas the Levites went astray.

12 "And *this* district of land that is set apart shall be to them a thing most ^choly by the border of the Levites.

13 "Opposite the border of the priests, the ^dLevites shall have an area twenty-five thousand *cubits* in length and ten thousand in width; its entire length shall be twenty-five thousand and its width ten thousand.

14 ^e"And they shall not sell or exchange any of it; they may not alienate this best *part* of the land, for it is holy to the LORD.

15 ^f"The five thousand *cubits* in width that remain, along the edge of the twenty-five thousand, shall be ^gfor general use by the city, for dwellings and common-land; and the city shall be in the center.

16 "These shall be its measurements: the north side four thousand five hundred *cubits*, the south side four thousand five hundred, the east side four thousand five hundred, and the west side four thousand five hundred.

17 "The common-land of the city shall be: to the north two hundred and fifty *cubits*, to the south two hundred and fifty, to the east two hundred and fifty, and to the west two hundred and fifty.

18 "The rest of the length, alongside the district of the holy *section*, shall be ten thousand *cubits* to the east and ten thousand to the west. It shall be adjacent to the district of the holy *section*, and its produce shall be food for the workers of the city.

19 ^h"The workers of the city, from all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.

20 "The entire district shall be twenty-five thousand *cubits* by twenty-five thousand *cubits*, four-square. You shall set apart the holy district with the property of the city.

21 ⁱ"The rest shall belong to the prince, on one side and on the other of the holy district and of the city's property, next to the twenty-five

11 ^aEzek. 40:46; 44:15
^bEzek. 44:10, 12

12 ^aEzek. 45:4

13 ^aEzek. 45:5

14 ^aEx. 22:29; Lev. 27:10, 28, 33; Ezek. 44:30

15 ^aEzek. 45:6
^bEzek. 42:20

19 ^aEzek. 45:6

21 ^aEzek. 34:24; 45:7; 48:22 ^bEzek. 48:8, 10 ¹Lit. house

22 ^aJosh. 18:21–28

24 ^aJosh. 19:1–9

25 ^aJosh. 19:17–23

26 ^aJosh. 19:10–16

27 ^aJosh. 13:24–28

28 ^aGen. 14:7; 2 Chr. 20:2; Ezek. 47:19
^bEzek. 47:10, 15, 19, 20
¹Heb. *Negev*
²Lit. *Strife*

29 ^aEzek. 47:14, 21, 22

31 ^a[Rev. 21:10–14]

35 ^aJer. 23:6; 33:16 ^bIs. 12:6; 14:32; 24:23; Jer. 3:17; 8:19; 14:9; Ezek. 35:10; Joel 3:21; Zech. 2:10; Rev. 21:3; 22:3
¹Heb. *YHWH Shamah*

thousand *cubits* of the *holy* district as far as the eastern border, and westward next to the twenty-five thousand as far as the western border, adjacent to the *tribal* portions; *it shall belong* to the prince. It shall be the holy district, ^band the sanctuary of the ^ctemple shall be in the center.

22 "Moreover, apart from the possession of the Levites and the possession of the city *which are* in the midst of what *belongs* to the prince, *the area* between the border of Judah and the border of ^dBenjamin shall belong to the prince.

23 "As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west, Benjamin shall have one *section*;

24 "by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west, ^eSimeon shall have one *section*;

25 "by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west, ^fIssachar shall have one *section*;

26 "by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west, ^gZebulun shall have one *section*;

27 "by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west, ^hGad shall have one *section*;

28 "by the border of Gad, on the south side, toward the ⁱSouth, the border shall be from Tamar to ^jthe waters of ^kMeribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the ^lGreat Sea.

29 ^m"This is the land which you shall divide by lot as an inheritance among the tribes of Israel, and these are their portions," says the Lord God.

The Gates of the City and Its Name

30 "These are the exits of the city. On the north side, measuring four thousand five hundred *cubits*

31 ⁿ"(the gates of the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel), the three gates northward: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi;

32 "on the east side, four thousand five hundred *cubits*, three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan;

33 "on the south side, measuring four thousand five hundred *cubits*, three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun;

34 "on the west side, four thousand five hundred *cubits* with their three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali.

35 "All the way around shall be eighteen thousand *cubits*; ^oand the name of the city from *that day* shall be: ^pTHE LORD IS THERE."

The Book of DANIEL

DANIEL'S life and ministry bridge the entire seventy-year period of Babylonian captivity. Deported to Babylon at the age of sixteen, and handpicked for government service, Daniel becomes God's prophetic mouthpiece to the gentile and Jewish world declaring God's present and eternal purpose. Nine of the twelve chapters in his book revolve around dreams, including God-given visions involving trees, animals, beasts, and images. In both his personal adventures and prophetic visions, Daniel shows God's guidance, intervention, and power in the affairs of men.

The name *Daniye'l* or *Dani'el* means "God Is My Judge," and the book is, of course, named after the author and principal character. The Greek form *Daniel* in the Septuagint is the basis for the Latin and English titles.

Daniel and His Friends Obey God

IN the third year of the reign of ^aJehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with ^asome of the articles of ¹the house of God, which he carried ^binto the land of Shinar to the house of his god; ^aand he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

3 Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring ^asome of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles,

4 young men ^ain whom *there* was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who *had* ability to serve in the king's palace, and ^bwhom they might teach the language and ¹literature of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of *that time* they might ^aserve before the king.

6 Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

7 ^aTo them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: ^bhe gave Daniel *the name* Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself ^awith the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now ^aGod had brought Daniel into the favor and ¹goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food

CHAPTER 1

1 ^{a2} Kin.
24:1, 2

2 ^aJer. 27:19;
20 ^bZech. 5:11
^{c2} Chr. 36:7
¹The temple

3 ^aIs. 39:7

4 ^aLev. 24:19;
20 ^bActs 7:22
¹Lit. *writing*
or *book*

5 ^aDan. 1:19

7 ^{a2} Kin. 24:17
^bDan. 2:26;
4:8; 5:12

8 ^aHos. 9:3

9 ^aGen. 39:21
¹*kindness*

11 ¹Or *Melzar*

16 ¹Or *Melzar*

17 ^a[James
1:5-7] ^bActs
7:22 ^{c2} Chr.
26:5

19 ^aGen. 41:46
¹Lit. *talked*
with *them*

20 ^{a1} Kin. 10:1

21 ^aDan. 6:28;
10:1

and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."

11 So Daniel said to ¹the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 "Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants."

14 So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies.

16 Thus ¹the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

17 As for these four young men, ^aGod gave them ^bknowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had ^aunderstanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 Then the king ¹interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore ^athey served before the king.

20 ^aAnd in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who *were* in all his realm.

21 ^aThus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

2 Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him.

2 Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream."

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap."

6 "However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation."

7 They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation."

8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm:

9 "if you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation."

10 The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean."

11 "It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

12 For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

14 Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon;

CHAPTER 2

1 Gen. 40:5-8; 41:1, 8; Job 33:15-17; Dan. 2:3; 4:5
bEsth. 6:1; Dan. 6:18

2 Gen. 41:8; Ex. 7:11; Is. 47:12, 13; Dan. 1:20; 2:10, 27; 4:6; 5:7

3 Or under-stand

4 1 Kin. 1:31; Dan. 3:9; 5:10; 6:6, 21 The original language of Daniel 2:4b through 7:28 is Aramaic.

5 2 Kin. 10:27; Ezra 6:11; Dan. 3:29 The command

6 Dan. 5:16

9 Situation
2 Or declare to me

11 Gen. 41:39; Dan. 5:11 Or rare

13 Dan. 1:19, 20

15 Or harsh

18 [Dan. 9:9; Matt. 18:19]

19 Num. 12:6; Job 33:15; [Prov. 3:32]; Amos 3:7

20 Ps. 113:2
b1 Chr. 29:11, 12; Job 12:13; Ps. 147:5; Jer. 32:19; Matt. 6:13; Rom. 11:33]

21 Ps. 31:15; Esth. 1:13; Dan. 2:9; 7:25
bJob 12:18; [Ps. 75:6, 7; Jer. 27:5; Dan. 4:35] 1 Kin. 3:9, 10; 4:29; [James 1:5]

22 Job 12:22; Ps. 25:14; [Prov. 3:22]
bJob 26:6; Ps. 139:12; Is. 45:7; Jer. 23:24; Heb. 4:13 [Ps. 36:9]; Dan. 5:11, 14; [1 Tim. 6:16; James 1:17; 1 John 1:5]

23 Ps. 21:2, 4; Dan. 2:18, 29, 30 Lit. word

25 Lit. sons of the captivity

15 he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.

16 So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

18 that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,

For wisdom and might are His.

21 And He changes the times and the seasons;

He removes kings and raises up kings;

He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

22 He reveals deep and secret things;

He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.

23 "I thank You and praise You,

O God of my fathers;

You have given me wisdom and might,

And have now made known to me what we asked of You,

For You have made known to us the king's demand."

Daniel Explains the Dream

24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation."

25 Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, "I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation."

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?"

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.

28 “But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar ^bwhat will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:

29 “As for you, O king, thoughts came to your *mind while* on your bed, *about* what would come to pass after this; ^aand He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be.

30 “But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for *our* sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, ^band that you may ¹know the thoughts of your heart.

31 “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome.

32 “This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and ^thighs of bronze,

33 “its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of ¹clay.

34 “You watched while a stone was cut out ^awithout hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

35 “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became ^blike chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that ^cno trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image ^abecame a great mountain ^aand filled the whole earth.

36 “This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

37 “You, O king, *are* a king of kings. ^bFor the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

38 “and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold.

39 “But after you shall arise ^aanother kingdom ^binferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

40 “And ^athe fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others.

41 “Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

42 “And as the toes of the feet were

28 ^aGen. 40:8
^bGen. 49:1

29 ^a[Dan. 2:22, 28]

30 ^aActs 3:12
^bDan. 2:47
¹Understand

32 ^aDan. 2:38,
45 ¹Or *sides*

33 ¹Or *baked clay*, also vv. 34, 35, 42

34 ^a[Zech. 4:6]

35 ^a[Rev. 16:14] ^bHos. 13:3 ^cPs. 37:10, 36 ^d[Is. 2:2, 3] ^ePs. 80:9

37 ^aJer. 27:6, 7
^bEzra 1:2

38 ^aDan. 4:21,
22 ^bDan. 2:32

39 ^aDan. 5:28,
31 ^bDan. 2:32

40 ^aDan. 7:7,
23

42 ^aDan. 7:24
¹Or *brittle*

44 ^aDan. 2:28,
37 ^b[Luke 1:32, 33] ^cIs. 60:12 ¹Or *crush* ²Lit. *put an end to*

45 ^aDan. 2:35

46 ^aActs 10:25;
14:13 ^bEzra 6:10

47 ^aDan. 3:28,
29; 4:34–37
^b[Deut. 10:17]

48 ^a[Prov. 14:35; 21:1]
^bDan. 2:6
^cDan. 4:9; 5:11

49 ^aDan. 1:7;
3:12 ^bEsth. 2:19, 21; 3:2
¹The king’s court

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¹ About 90 feet

⁴ Lit. *with strength*

partly of iron and partly of clay, ^aso the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly ¹fragile.

43 “As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

44 “And in the days of these kings ^athe God of heaven will set up a kingdom ^bwhich shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; ^cit shall ¹break in pieces and ²consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45 “^aInasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

Daniel and His Friends Promoted

46 “Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering ^band incense to him.

47 The king answered Daniel, and said, “Truly ^ayour God is the God of ^bgods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.”

48 “Then the king promoted Daniel ^band gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and ^achief administrator over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

49 Also Daniel petitioned the king, ^aand he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel ^bsat in ¹the gate of the king.

The Image of Gold

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was ¹sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to gather together the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

3 So the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then a herald cried ¹aloud: “To

you it is commanded, "O peoples, nations, and languages,

5 "that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up;

6 "and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace."

7 So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, and lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Daniel's Friends Disobey the King

8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews.

9 They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever!

10 "You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image;

11 "and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 "There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up."

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?

15 "Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace,

4 ^aDan. 4:1; 6:25

6 ^aJer. 29:22

8 ^aDan. 6:12, 13

9 ^aDan. 2:4; 5:10; 6:6, 21

12 ^aDan. 2:49
^bDan. 1:8; 6:12, 13

13 ^aDan. 2:12; 3:19

15 ^aLuke 13:9
^bEx. 5:2

16 ^a[Matt. 10:19]

17 ^a[Is. 26:3, 4]
^b1 Sam. 17:37

18 ^aJob 13:15

22 ¹Or harsh

24 ¹High officials

25 ^a[Is. 43:2; Ps. 34:7] ¹Or a son of the gods

26 ^a[Dan. 4:2, 3, 17, 34, 35]
¹Lit. door

27 ^aHeb. 11:34

28 ^a[Ps. 34:7, 8] ¹Or angel

and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Saved in Fiery Trial

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

20 And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Nebuchadnezzar Praises God

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire.

27 And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel¹ and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should

not serve nor worship any god except their own God!

29 ^a"Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the ^bGod of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be ^ccut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; ^dbecause there is no other God who can deliver like this."

30 Then the king ¹promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream

4 Nebuchadnezzar the king,

^aTo all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth:

Peace be multiplied to you.

2 I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders ^athat the Most High God has worked for me.

3 ^aHow great *are* His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is ^aan everlasting kingdom, And His dominion is from generation to generation.

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace.

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, ^aand the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head ^btroubled me.

6 Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 ^aThen the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.

8 But at last Daniel came before me ^a(his name is Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; ^bin him is the Spirit of the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, saying:

9 "Belteshazzar, ^achief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.

10 "These were the visions of my head *while* on my bed:

I was looking, and behold,

^aA tree in the midst of the earth, And its height was great.

29 ^aDan. 6:26
^bDan. 2:46, 47;
4:34-37 ^cDan.
2:5 ^dDan. 6:27

30 ¹Lit. *caused to prosper*

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1 ^aDan. 3:4;
6:25

2 ^aDan. 3:26

3 ^{a2} Sam. 7:16
^b[Dan. 2:44;
4:34; 6:26]

5 ^aDan. 2:28,
29 ^bDan. 2:1

7 ^aDan. 2:2

8 ^aDan. 1:7
^bDan. 2:11;
4:18; 5:11, 14

9 ^aDan. 2:48;
5:11

10 ^aEzek. 31:3

12 ^aLam. 4:20

13 ^a[Dan. 4:17,
23] ^bDeut.
33:2

14 ^aEzek.
31:10-14
^bEzek. 31:12,
13 ¹Lit. *with strength*

16 ^aDan.
11:13; 12:7
¹Possibly
years

17 ^aPs. 9:16;
83:18 ^bDan.
2:21; 4:25, 32;
5:21 ^cJer.
27:5-7
^{d1} Sam. 2:8

18 ^aGen. 41:8,
15 ^bDan. 4:8,
9; 5:11, 14

19 ^aDan. 4:8

11 The tree grew and became strong;
Its height reached to the heavens,

And it could be seen to the ends of all the earth.

12 Its leaves *were* lovely,
Its fruit abundant,
And in it was food for all.
^aThe beasts of the field found shade under it,
The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches,
And all flesh was fed from it.

13 "I saw in the visions of my head *while* on my bed, and there was ^aa watcher, ^ba holy one, coming down from heaven.

14 He cried ¹aloud and said thus:

^a"Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,
Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.

^bLet the beasts get out from under it,
And the birds from its branches.

15 Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth,
Bound with a band of iron and bronze,
In the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven,
And let him graze with the beasts

16 On the grass of the earth.
Let his heart be changed from *that* of a man,
Let him be given the heart of a beast,
And let seven ^atimes¹ pass over him.

17 "This decision *is* by the decree of the watchers,
And the sentence by the word of the holy ones,
In order ^athat the living may know

^bThat the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,

^cGives it to whomever He will,
And sets over it the ^dlowest of men."

18 "This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, ^asince all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you *are* able, ^bfor the Spirit of the Holy God is in you."

Daniel Explains the Second Dream

19 Then Daniel, ^awhose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished

- for a time, and his thoughts ^btroubled him. So the king spoke, and said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation trouble you."
- Belteshazzar answered and said, "My lord, *may* the dream ¹concern those who hate you, and its interpretation ²concern your enemies!"
- 20 "The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which *could be* seen by all the earth,
- 21 whose leaves were lovely and its fruit abundant, in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home—
- 22 it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, ^band your dominion to the end of the earth.
- 23 "And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, *bound* with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of heaven, ^band let him graze with the beasts of the field, till seven ¹times pass over him';
- 24 this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:
- 25 They shall ^adrive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you ^beat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven ¹times shall pass over you, ^ctill you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and ^agives it to whomever He chooses.
- 26 And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that ^aHeaven¹ rules.
- 27 Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; ^abreak off your sins by *being* righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. ^bPerhaps there may be ^alengthening of your prosperity."
- 19 ^bDan. 7:15, 28; 8:27 ^{c2} Sam. 18:32 ¹be for ²for
- 20 ^aDan. 4:10-12
- 22 ^aDan. 2:37, 38 ^bJer. 27:6-8
- 23 ^aDan. 4:13-15 ^bDan. 5:21 ¹Possibly years
- 25 ^aDan. 4:32; 5:21 ^bPs. 106:20 ^cDan. 4:2, 17, 32 ^aJer. 27:5 ¹Possibly years
- 26 ^aMatt. 21:25 ¹God
- 27 ^a[1 Pet. 4:8] ^b[Ps. 41:1-3] ^c1 Kin. 21:29 ¹prolonging
- 29 ¹Or upon
- 30 ^aProv. 16:18
- 31 ^aLuke 12:20 ^bDan. 4:24
- 32 ^a[Dan. 4:25] ¹Possibly years
- 34 ^aDan. 4:26 ^b[Rev. 4:10] ^c[Luke 1:33] ¹Lit. days
- 35 ^aIs. 40:15, 17 ^bPs. 115:3, 135:6 ^cJob 34:29 ^aRom. 9:20
- 36 ^aDan. 4:26 ^{b2}Chr. 20:20 ^c[Prov. 22:4]
- 37 ^aDan. 2:46, 47; 3:28, 29 ^b[Ps. 33:4]

Nebuchadnezzar's Humiliation

- 28 All *this* came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.
- 29 At the end of the twelve months he was walking ¹about the royal palace of Babylon.
- 30 The king ^aspoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"
- 31 "While the word was *still* in the king's mouth, ^ba voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!"
- 32 And ^athey shall drive you from men, and your dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven ¹times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."
- 33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.

Nebuchadnezzar Praises God

- 34 And ^aat the end of the ¹time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him ^bwho lives forever:

For His dominion is ^aan everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation.

- 35 "All the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing; ^bHe does according to His will in the army of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of the earth. ^cNo one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, ^a"What have You done?"

- 36 At the same time my reason returned to me, ^aand for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was ^brestored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was ^aadded to me.
- 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, ^apraise and extol and honor the King of heaven, ^ball of whose

works are truth, and His ways justice. "And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

Belshazzar's Feast

5 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand.

2 While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which had been in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

5 "In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.

7 "The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

8 Now all the king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation.

9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.

10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change.

11 "There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers.

33 ^cEx. 18:11

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aEsth. 1:3

2 ^aDan. 1:2
¹Or ancestor

3 ^{a2} Chr. 36:10

4 ^aRev. 9:20

5 ^aDan. 4:31

6 ^aDan. 4:6

7 ^aDan. 4:6, 7;
5:11, 15 ^bIs.
47:13 ^cDan.
6:2, 3 ¹Lit.
with strength

8 ^aDan. 2:27;
4:7; 5:15

9 ^aDan. 2:1;
5:6 ¹perplexed

11 ^aDan. 2:48;
4:8, 9, 18 ¹Or
ancestor

12 ^aDan. 1:7;
4:8 ¹Lit. unty-
ing knots

13 ¹Lit. who is
of the sons of
the captivity
²Or ancestor

14 ^aDan. 4:8, 9,
18; 5:11, 12
¹Or spirit of
the gods

15 ^aDan. 5:7, 8

16 ^aDan. 5:7,
29 ¹Lit. untie
knots

18 ^aDan. 2:37,
38; 4:17, 22,
25 ¹Or ances-
tor

19 ^aJer. 27:7;
^bDan. 2:12, 13;
3:6

20 ^aDan. 4:30,
37

21 ^aDan. 4:32,
33 ^bEzek.
17:24 ¹Recogn-
ized

22 ^{a2} Chr.
33:23; 36:12

23 ^aDan. 5:3, 4
^bEx. 40:9
¹Exalted ²The
temple

12 "Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation."

The Writing on the Wall Explained

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah?"

14 "I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

15 "Now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing.

16 "And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

17 Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

18 "O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor.

19 "And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down.

20 "But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

21 "Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

22 "But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.

23 "And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your

lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.

24 "Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.

25 "And this is the inscription that was written:

¹MENE, MENE, ²TEKEL,
³UPHARSIN.

26 "This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

27 "TEKEL: "You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

28 "PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the ^aMedes and ^bPersians."¹

29 Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Belshazzar's Fall

30 "That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

31 "And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

The Plot Against Daniel

6 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom;

2 and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss.

3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

4 "So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

6 So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever!

7 "All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a

23 ^cPs. 115:5, 6
^dJer. 10:23]

24 ¹Lit. palm

25 ¹Lit. a mina (50 shekels) from the verb "to number".
²Lit. a shekel from the verb "to weigh".
³Lit. and half-shekels from the verb "to divide"; pl. of Peres, v. 28

27 ^aPs. 62:9

28 ^aDan. 5:31; 9:1 ^bDan. 6:28
¹Aram. Paras, consonant with Peres

29 ^aDan. 5:7, 16

30 ^aJer. 51:31, 39, 57

31 ^aDan. 2:39; 9:1

CHAPTER 6

3 ^aDan. 5:12

4 ^aEcc. 4:4

6 ^aNeh. 2:3

7 ^aPs. 59:3; 62:4; 64:2-6

8 ^aEsth. 1:19; 8:8 ¹Lit. does not pass away

10 ^aJon. 2:4
^bPs. 55:17

12 ^aDan. 3:8-12 ^bDan. 6:8, 15 ¹Lit. does not pass away

13 ^aDan. 1:6; 5:13 ^bDan. 3:12 ¹Lit. of the sons of the captivity

14 ^aMark 6:26
¹stroke

15 ^aDan. 6:8, 12 ¹Lit. thronged before

17 ^aLam. 3:53
^bMatt. 27:66

18 ^aDan. 2:1
¹Exact meaning unknown
²Or fled

royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 "Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

9 Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.

Daniel in the Lions' Den

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 "And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

13 So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

14 And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

17 "Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

Daniel Saved from the Lions

18 Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.

19 Then the ^aking arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried out with a ¹lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, ^ahas your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

21 Then Daniel said to the king, ^a"O king, live forever!"

22 ^a"My God sent His angel and ^bshut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

23 Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, ^abecause he believed in his God.

Darius Honors God

24 And the king gave the command, ^aand they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions—*them*, ^btheir children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

25 ^aThen King Darius wrote:

To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth:

Peace be multiplied to you.

26 ^aI make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom *men* must ^btremble and fear before the God of Daniel.

^aFor He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom *is the one* which shall not be ^adestroyed, And His dominion *shall endure* to the end.

27 He delivers and rescues, ^aAnd He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the ¹power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius ^aand in the reign of ^bCyrus the Persian.

Vision of the Four Beasts

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, ^aDaniel ¹had a dream and ^bvisions of his head *while* on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling ²the main facts.

2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in

19 ^aDan. 3:24

20 ^aDan. 3:17
¹Or *grieved*

21 ^aDan. 2:4; 6:6

22 ^aDan. 3:28
^bHeb. 11:33

23 ^aHeb. 11:33

24 ^aDeut. 19:18, 19
^bDeut. 24:16

25 ^aDan. 4:1

26 ^aDan. 3:29
^bPs. 99:1
^cDan. 4:34; 6:20
^dDan. 2:44; 4:3; 7:14, 27

27 ^aDan. 4:2, 3
¹Lit. *hand*

28 ^aDan. 1:21
^bEzra 1:1, 2

CHAPTER 7

1 ^a[Amos 3:7]
^b[Dan. 2:28]
¹Lit. *saw* ²Lit. *the head or chief of the words*

3 ^aRev. 13:1; 17:8

4 ^aDeut. 28:49
^bDan. 4:16, 34

5 ^aDan. 2:39

6 ^aDan. 8:8, 22

7 ^aDan. 2:40
^bRev. 12:3; 13:1

8 ^aDan. 8:9
^bRev. 9:7
^cRev. 13:5, 6
¹Lit. *great things*

9 ^a[Rev. 20:4]
^bPs. 90:2
^cRev. 1:14
^dEzek. 1:15
¹Or *set up*

10 ^aIs. 30:33; 66:15
^bRev. 5:11
^c[Rev. 20:11-15]
¹Or *judgment*

11 ^a[Rev. 19:20; 20:10]
¹Lit. *great*

my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.

3 ^a"And four great beasts ^acame up from the sea, each different from the other.

4 ^a"The first was ^alike a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a ^bman's heart was given to it.

5 ^a"And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

6 ^a"After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had ^afour heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 ^a"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, ^aa fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that *were* before it, ^band it had ten horns.

8 ^a"I was considering the horns, and ^athere was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes ^bof a man, ^aand a mouth speaking ¹pompous words.

Vision of the Ancient of Days

9 ^a"I watched till thrones were ¹put in place, And ^bthe Ancient of Days was seated;

^aHis garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool.

His throne was a fiery flame, ^aIts wheels a burning fire;

10 ^aA fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him.

^aA thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

^aThe ^ccourt was seated, And the books were opened.

11 "I watched then because of the sound of the ¹pompous words which the horn was speaking; ^aI watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

12 ^a"As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

- 13 "I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, ^a*One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.
- 14 ^aThen to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all ^bpeoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion is ^can everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one*
Which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel's Visions Interpreted

- 15 "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit ¹within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.
- 16 "I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:
- 17 "Those great beasts, which are four, *are* four ¹kings *which* arise out of the earth.
- 18 "But ^athe saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever."
- 19 "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, *with* its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, *which* devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue *with* its feet;
- 20 "and the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke ¹pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.
- 21 "I was watching; ^aand the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,
- 22 "until the Ancient of Days came, ^aand a judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.
- 23 "Thus he said:

"The fourth beast shall be
^aA fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from
all *other* kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole
earth,
Trample it and break it in
pieces.

- 24 ^aThe ten horns *are* ten kings
Who shall arise from this
kingdom.

13 ^a[Matt. 24:30; 26:64]

14 ^a[John 3:35, 36] ^bDan. 3:4 ^cMic. 4:7

15 ¹Lit. *in the midst of its sheath*

17 ¹Representing their kingdoms, v. 23

18 ^aIs. 60:12–14

20 ¹Lit. *great things*

21 ^aRev. 11:7; 13:7; 17:14

22 ^a[Rev. 1:6]

23 ^aDan. 2:40

24 ^aRev. 13:1; 17:12

25 ^aRev. 13:1–6 ^bRev. 17:6 ^cDan. 2:21 ^dRev. 13:7; 18:24 ^eRev. 12:14 ¹Lit. *wear out*

26 ^a[Dan. 2:35; 7:10, 22] ^bRev. 19:20

27 ^aDan. 7:14, 18, 22 ^b[Luke 1:33, 34] ^cIs. 60:12

28 ^aDan. 8:27 ^bLuke 2:19, 51 ¹Lit. *word*

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aDan. 7:1 ¹The Hebrew language resumes in Dan. 8:1.

2 ^aEsth. 1:2; 2:8 ¹Or *Susa* ²Or *fortified palace*

3 ^aDan. 7:5

4 ^aDan. 5:19 ¹Lit. *stand before him*

5 ^aDan. 8:8, 21; 11:3

And another shall rise after them;
He shall be different from the first *ones*,
And shall subdue three kings.

25 ^aHe shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High,
Shall ^bpersecute¹ the saints of the Most High,
And shall ^cintend to change times and law.
Then ^d*the saints* shall be given into his hand
^eFor a time and times and half a time.

- 26 "But ^athe court shall be seated, And they shall ^btake away his dominion,
To consume and destroy it forever.
- 27 Then ^athe kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,
Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.
^bHis kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
^cAnd all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

28 "This *is* the end of the ¹account. As for me, Daniel, ^amy thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I ^bkept the matter in my heart."

Vision of a Ram and a Goat

- 8 In¹ the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me ^athe first time.
- 2 I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I was in ^aShushan,¹ the ²citadel, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.
- 3 Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns *were* high; but one was ^ahigher than the other, and the higher *one* came up last.
- 4 I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could ¹withstand him; nor was *there* any that could deliver from his hand, ^abut he did according to his will and became great.
- 5 And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat *had* a notable ^ahorn between his eyes.
- 6 Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

7 And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, ¹attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.

8 Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it ^afour notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.

9 ^aAnd out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, ^btoward the east, and toward the ^cGlorious Land.

10 ^aAnd it grew up to ^bthe host of heaven; and ^cit cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.

11 ^aHe even exalted *himself* as high as ^bthe Prince of the host; ^cand by him ^dthe daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of ¹His sanctuary was cast down.

12 Because of transgression, ^aan army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast ^btruth down to the ground. He ^cdid all this and prospered.

13 Then I heard ^aa holy one speaking; and *another* holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression ¹of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?"

14 And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred ¹days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and ^awas seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me ^bone having the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice ^abetween the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, ^b"Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and ^afell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision *refers* to the time of the end."

18 ^aNow, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; ^bbut he touched me, and stood me upright.

19 And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; ^afor at the appointed time the end *shall be*."

20 "The ram which you saw, having the two horns—*they are* the kings of Media and Persia.

21 "And the ¹male goat is the

7 ¹Lit. *struck*

8 ^aDan. 7:6; 8:22; 11:4

9 ^aDan. 11:21
^bDan. 11:25
^cPs. 48:2

10 ^aDan. 11:28
^bIs. 14:13
^cRev. 12:4

11 ^aDan. 8:25; 11:36, 37
^bJosh. 5:14
^cDan. 11:31; 12:11
^dEx. 29:38
¹The temple

12 ^aDan. 11:31
^bIs. 59:14
^cDan. 8:4; 11:36

13 ^aDan. 4:13, 23
¹Or *making desolate*

14 ¹Lit. *evening-mornings*

15 ^a1 Pet. 1:10
^bEzek. 1:26

16 ^aDan. 12:6, 7
^bLuke 1:19, 26

17 ^aRev. 1:17

18 ^aLuke 9:32
^bEzek. 2:2

19 ^aHab. 2:3

21 ^aDan. 11:3
¹*shaggy male*
²Lit. *king*, representing his kingdom,

Dan. 7:17, 23
22 ^aDan. 11:4

23 ^aDeut. 28:50
¹Lit. *countenance*

24 ^aRev. 17:13
^bDan. 11:36
^cDan. 7:25
¹Or *extraordinarily*

25 ^aDan. 11:21
^bDan. 8:11–13; 11:36; 12:7
^cRev. 19:19, 20
¹Job 34:20
²Lit. *hand*
³Lit. *hand*

26 ^aEzek. 12:27

27 ^aDan. 7:28; 8:17
¹*amazed*

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aDan. 1:21

2 ^aChr. 36:21

3 ^aNeh. 1:4

4 ^aEx. 20:6

5 ^a1 Kin. 8:47, 48

²kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes ^ais the first king.

22 ^a"As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom,

When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, ^aHaving fierce ¹features, Who understands sinister schemes.

24 His power shall be mighty, ^abut not by his own power; He shall destroy ¹fearfully, ^bAnd shall prosper and thrive; ^cHe shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

25 "Through ^ahis cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his ¹rule; ^bAnd he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity. ^cHe shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be ^abroken without *human* ²means.

26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; ^aTherefore seal up the vision, For it refers to many days in the future."

27 ^aAnd I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was ¹astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

Daniel's Prayer for the People

9 In the first year ^aof Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—
2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years *specified* by the word of the LORD through ^aJeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 ^aThen I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

5 ^a"we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from

Your precepts and Your judgments.
6 ^a"Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

7 ^a"O Lord, ^arighteousness *belongs* to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

8 ^a"O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

9 ^a"To the Lord our God *belong* mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

10 "We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

11 "Yes, ^aall Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the ^bLaw of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

12 "And He has ^aconfirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; ^bfor under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

13 ^a"As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; ^byet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

14 "Therefore the LORD has ^akept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for ^bthe LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.

15 "And now, O Lord our God, ^awho brought Your people out of the land of Egypt by a mighty hand, and made Yourself ^aa name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

16 "O Lord, ^aaccording to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, ^bYour holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, ^dJerusalem and Your people ^aare a reproach to all *those* around us.

17 "Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, ^aand ^bfor the Lord's sake ¹cause Your face to shine on ²Your sanctuary, ^cwhich is desolate.

18 ^a"O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes ^band see

6 ^a2 Chr. 36:15

7 ^aNeh. 9:33

9 ^a[Ps. 130:4, 7]

11 ^aIs. 1:3–6
^bLev. 26:14

12 ^aZech. 1:6
^bLam. 1:12; 2:13

13 ^aDeut. 28:15–68 ^bIs. 9:13

14 ^aJer. 31:28; 44:27 ^bNeh. 9:33

15 ^aNeh. 1:10
^bNeh. 9:10

16 ^a1 Sam. 12:7 ^bZech. 8:3 ^cEx. 20:5
^dLam. 2:16
^ePs. 79:4

17 ^aNum. 6:24–26 ^bLam. 5:18 ^c[John 16:24] ¹Be gracious ²The temple

18 ^aIs. 37:17
^bEx. 3:7 ^cJer. 25:29

21 ^aDan. 8:16
¹Or *being weary with weariness*

23 ^aDan. 10:11, 19
^bMatt. 24:15
¹Lit. *word*

24 ^a[Is. 53:10]
^bRev. 14:6 ^cPs. 45:7 ¹Lit. *sevens*, and so throughout the chapter
²So with Qr., LXX, Syr., Vg.; Kt., Theodotion ³To seal up ⁴The Most Holy Place

25 ^aJohn 1:41; 4:25 ^bIs. 55:4
¹Or *open square* ²Or *moat*

26 ^a[Is. 53:8]; ^b[1 Pet. 2:21]
^cMatt. 22:7
^dLuke 19:43, 44 ¹Suffer the death penalty

27 ^aIs. 42:6
^b[Matt. 26:28]
¹Or *treaty*

our desolations, and the city ^awhich is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.

19 "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

The Seventy-Weeks Prophecy

20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God,

21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man ^aGabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, ^bbeing caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

23 "At the beginning of your supplications the ¹command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you *are* greatly ^abeloved; therefore ^bconsider the matter, and understand the vision:

24 "Seventy ¹weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city,

To finish the transgression,
²To make an end of sins,

^aTo make reconciliation for iniquity,

^bTo bring in everlasting righteousness,

To seal up vision and prophecy,
^cAnd to anoint ³the Most Holy.

25 "Know therefore and understand,

That from the going forth of the command

To restore and build Jerusalem

Until ^aMessiah ^bthe Prince,

There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;

The ¹street shall be built again,

and the ²wall,

Even in troublesome times.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks ^aMessiah shall ^bbe cut off, ^bbut not for Himself;

And ^athe people of the prince who is to come

^dShall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end of it *shall be* with a flood,

And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm ^aa ¹covenant with ^bmany for one week;

But in the middle of the week
He shall bring an end to
sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of
abominations shall be one
who makes desolate.

^cEven until the consummation,
which is determined,
Is poured out on the ²desolate.”

Vision of the Glorious Man

10 In the third year of Cyrus
king of Persia a message was
revealed to Daniel, whose name
was called Belteshazzar. The mes-
sage was true, ^bbut the appointed
time was long; and he understood
the message, and had understand-
ing of the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniel, was
mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no ¹pleasant food, no meat
or wine came into my mouth, nor
did I anoint myself at all, till three
whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 Now on the twenty-fourth day
of the first month, as I was by the
side of the great river, that is, the
¹Tigris,

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and
behold, a certain man clothed in ^alin-
en, whose waist was ^bgirded with
gold of Uphaz!

6 His body was like beryl, his face
like the appearance of lightning, his
eyes like torches of fire, his arms
and feet like burnished bronze in
color, ^aand the sound of his words
like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the
vision, for the men who were with
me did not see the vision; but a
great terror fell upon them, so that
they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone when
I saw this great vision, and no
strength remained in me; for my
¹vigor was turned to ²frailty in me,
and I retained no strength.

9 Yet I heard the sound of his
words; and while I heard the sound
of his words I was in a deep sleep on
my face, with my face to the ground.

Prophecies Concerning Persia and Greece

10 ^aSuddenly, a hand touched me,
which made me tremble on my
knees and on the palms of my
hands.

11 And he said to me, “O Daniel,
^aman greatly beloved, understand
the words that I speak to you, and
stand upright, for I have now been
sent to you.” While he was speaking
this word to me, I stood trembling.

12 Then he said to me, ^a“Do not
fear, Daniel, for from the first day
that you set your heart to under-
stand, and to humble yourself
before your God, ^byour words were
heard; and I have come because of
your words.

27 ^cDan. 11:36
²Or *desolator*

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aDan. 1:7
¹Or *and of
great conflict*;

3 ¹*desirable*

4 ¹Heb. *Hid-
dekel*

5 ^aEzek. 9:2;
10:2 ^bRev.
1:13; 15:6

6 ^a[Rev. 1:15]

8 ¹Lit. *splen-
dor* ²Lit. *ruin*

10 ^aDan. 9:21

11 ^aDan. 9:23

12 ^aRev. 1:17
^bActs 10:4

13 ^aDan. 10:20
^bDan. 10:21;
12:1

14 ^aDan. 2:28
^bDan. 8:26;
10:1

15 ^aDan. 8:18;
10:9 ¹Lit. *set*

16 ^aDan. 8:15
^bJer. 1:9 ^cDan.
10:8, 9
¹Theodotion,
Vg. *the son*;
LXX *a hand*
²Or *turned
upon*

19 ^aDan. 10:11
^bJudg. 6:23

20 ^aDan. 10:13

21 ^a[Rev. 12:7]

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aDan. 9:1
^bDan. 5:31

3 ^aDan. 7:6;
8:5 ^bDan. 8:4;
11:16, 36

4 ^aZech. 2:6
^bDan. 8:22

13 ^a“But the prince of the kingdom
of Persia withstood me twenty-one
days; and behold, ^bMichael, one of
the chief princes, came to help me,
for I had been left alone there with
the kings of Persia.

14 “Now I have come to make you
understand what will happen to
your people ^ain the latter days, ^bfor
the vision refers to many days yet to
come.”

15 When he had spoken such
words to me, ^aI ¹turned my face
toward the ground and became
speechless.

16 And suddenly, ^aone having the
likeness of the ^asons of men
^btouched my lips; then I opened my
mouth and spoke, saying to him
who stood before me, “My lord,
because of the vision ^amy sorrows
have been ²overwhelmed me, and I have
retained no strength.

17 “For how can this servant of my
lord talk with you, my lord? As for
me, no strength remains in me now,
nor is any breath left in me.”

18 Then again, *the one* having the
likeness of a man touched me and
strengthened me.

19 ^aAnd he said, “O man greatly
beloved, ^bfear not! Peace be to you;
be strong, yes, be strong!” So when
he spoke to me I was strengthened,
and said, “Let my lord speak, for
you have strengthened me.”

20 Then he said, “Do you know
why I have come to you? And now I
must return to fight ^awith the prince
of Persia; and when I have gone
forth, indeed the prince of Greece
will come.

21 “But I will tell you what is noted
in the Scripture of Truth. (No one
upholds me against these, ^aexcept
Michael your prince.

11 ^a“Also ^ain the first year of
^bDarius the Mede, I, *even I*,
stood up to confirm and strengthen
him.)

2 “And now I will tell you the truth:
Behold, three more kings will arise
in Persia, and the fourth shall be far
richer than *them* all; by his strength,
through his riches, he shall stir up all
against the realm of Greece.

3 “Then ^aa mighty king shall
arise, who shall rule with great
dominion, and ^bdo according to his
will.

4 “And when he has arisen, ^ahis
kingdom shall be broken up and
divided toward the four winds of
heaven, but not among his posterity
^bnor according to his dominion with
which he ruled; for his kingdom
shall be uprooted, even for others
besides these.

Warring Kings of North and South

5 “Also the king of the South shall
become strong, as well as *one* of his
princes; and he shall gain power

over him and have dominion. His dominion *shall be* a great dominion.

6 "And at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her ¹authority, and neither he nor his ¹authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her, and with him who strengthened her in *those* times.

7 "But from a branch of her roots *one* shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail.

8 "And he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt, with their ¹princes and their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the North.

9 "Also the king of the North shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land.

10 "However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and *one* shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return ^{to} his fortress and stir up strife.

11 "And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude; but the ²multitude shall be given into the hand of his *enemy*.

12 "When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be ¹lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail.

13 "For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment.

14 "Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South. Also, ¹violent men of your people shall exalt themselves ²in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall *fall*.

15 "So the king of the North shall come and ¹build a siege mound, and take a fortified city; and the ¹forces of the South shall not withstand *him*. Even his choice troops *shall have* no strength to resist.

16 "But he who comes against him *shall* do according to his own will, and *no* one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his ¹power.

17 "He shall also ¹set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and ¹upright ones with him; thus shall he do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand *with him*, ²or be for him.

6 ¹Lit. *arm*

8 ¹Or *molded images*

10 ^aIs. 8:8; Jer. 46:7, 8; 51:42; Dan. 9:26; 11:26, 40
^bDan. 11:7

11 ^aProv. 16:14
^b[Ps. 33:10, 16]

12 ¹Proud

14 ^aJob 9:13
¹Or *robbers*, lit. *sons of breakage* ²Lit. *to establish*

15 ^aJer. 6:6; Ezek. 4:2; 17:17 ¹Lit. *arms*

16 ^aDan. 8:4, 7
^bJosh. 1:5 ¹Lit. *hand*

17 ^a2 Kin. 12:17; 2 Chr. 20:3; Ezek. 4:3, 7
^bDan. 9:26 ¹Or *bring equitable terms*

19 ^aPs. 27:2; Jer. 46:6 ^bJob 20:8; Ps. 37:36; Ezek. 26:21

21 ^aDan. 7:8

22 ^aDan. 9:26
^bDan. 8:10, 11
¹Lit. *arms*

23 ^aDan. 8:25

24 ¹booty

26 ¹Or *overflow*

27 ^aDan. 8:19; Hab. 2:3

30 ^aGen. 10:4; Num. 24:24; Is. 23:1, 12; Jer. 2:10 ¹Heb. *Kittim*, western lands, especially Cyprus

18 "After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him.

19 "Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall *stumble* and fall, ²and not be found.

20 "There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

21 "And in his place *shall* arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

22 "With the ¹force of a *flood* they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, ²and also the prince of the covenant.

23 "And after the league is *made* with him ²he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small *number* of people.

24 "He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do *what* his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, ¹spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but *only* for a time.

25 "He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him.

26 "Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall ¹be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

27 "Both these kings' hearts *shall be* bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end *will still be* at the *appointed* time.

28 "While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be *moved* against the holy covenant; so he shall do *damage* and return to his own land.

The Northern King's Blasphemies

29 "At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter.

30 ^a"For ships from ¹Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do *damage*. So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 "And ¹forces shall be mustered by him, ²and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily *sacrifices*, and place there the abomination of desolation.

32 "Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall ¹corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out *great exploits*.

33 "And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

34 "Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by ¹intrigue.

35 "And some of those of understanding shall fall, ²to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

36 "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall ²exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

37 "He shall regard neither the ¹God of his fathers nor the desire of women, ²nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

38 "But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

39 "Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for ¹gain.

The Northern King's Conquests

40 "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him ¹like a whirlwind, with chariots, ²horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

41 "He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: ²Edom, Moab, and the ¹prominent people of Ammon.

42 "He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of ²Egypt shall not escape.

43 "He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow ²at his heels.

44 "But news from the east and the

31 ^aDan. 8:11-13; 12:11
¹Lit. *arms*

32 ¹*pollute*

34 ¹Or *slipperiness, flattery*

35 ^a[Deut. 8:16; Prov. 17:3]; Dan. 12:10; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:2, 3

36 ^aDan. 7:8, 25

37 ^aIs. 14:13; 2 Thess. 2:4
¹Or *gods*

39 ¹*profit*

40 ^aDan. 11:27, 35; 12:4, 9 ^bIs. 21:1 ^cEzek. 38:4; Rev. 9:16

41 ^aIs. 11:14
¹Lit. *chief of the sons of Ammon*

42 ^aJoel 3:19

43 ^aEx. 11:8

45 ^aPs. 48:2
^bRev. 19:20

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aIs. 26:20; Jer. 30:7; Ezek. 5:9; Dan. 9:12; Matt. 24:21; Mark 13:19
^bRom. 11:26
^cEx. 32:32; Ps. 56:8

2 ^a[Matt. 25:46; John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15] ^bIs. 66:24; Rom. 9:21 ¹Lit. *abhorrence*

3 ^aProv. 3:35; Dan. 11:33, 35; Matt. 13:43 ^bProv. 11:30; [James 5:19, 20]
^c1 Cor. 15:41

4 ^aIs. 8:16; Dan. 12:9; Rev. 22:10
^bAmos 8:12

5 ^aDan. 10:4

6 ^aEzek. 9:2; Dan. 10:5
^bDan. 8:13; 12:8; Matt. 24:3; Mark 13:4

7 ^aDeut. 32:40
^bDan. 4:34
^cDan. 7:25; Rev. 12:14
^dLuke 21:24
^eDan. 8:24

10 ^aZech. 13:9
^bIs. 32:6, 7; Rev. 22:11
^cDan. 12:3; Hos. 14:9; John 7:17; 8:47

north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

45 "And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and ²the glorious holy mountain; ³yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

Prophecy of the End Time

12 "At that time Michael shall stand up,

The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;

"And there shall be a time of trouble,

Such as never was since there was a nation,

Even to that time.

And at that time your people

^bshall be delivered,

Every one who is found

^cwritten in the book.

2 And many of those who sleep

in the dust of the earth shall

awake,

^aSome to everlasting life,

Some to shame ^band

everlasting ¹contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall

^ashine

Like the brightness of the

firmament,

^bAnd those who turn many to

righteousness

^cLike the stars forever and ever.

4 "But you, Daniel, ^ashut up the words, and seal the book until the

time of the end; many shall ^brun to and fro, and knowledge shall

increase."

5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and

there stood two others, one on this

riverbank and the other on that

^ariverbank.

6 And one said to the man clothed

in ^alinen, who was above the waters

of the river, when he ^aheld up his right

hand and his left hand to heaven,

and swore by Him ^bwho lives forever,

that *it shall be* for a time,

times, and half a time; ^dand when

the power of ^ethe holy people has

been completely shattered, all these

things shall be finished.

8 Although I heard, I did not

understand. Then I said, "My lord,

what *shall be* the end of these

things?"

9 And he said, "Go your way,

Daniel, for the words *are* closed up

and sealed till the time of the end.

10 ^a"Many shall be purified, made

white, and refined, ^bbut the wicked

shall do wickedly; and none of the

wicked shall understand, but ^cthe

wise shall understand.

11 "And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 "Blessed is he who waits, and

13 ^aRev. 14:13
^bPs. 1:5

comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 "But you, go *your way* till the end; *for you shall rest*, ^band will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

The Book of

HOSEA

HOSEA, whose name means "Salvation," ministers to the northern kingdom of Israel (also called Ephraim, after its largest tribe). Outwardly, the nation is enjoying a time of prosperity and growth; but inwardly, moral corruption and spiritual adultery permeate the people. Hosea, instructed by God to marry a woman named Gomer, finds his domestic life to be an accurate and tragic dramatization of the unfaithfulness of God's people. During his half century of prophetic ministry, Hosea repeatedly echoes his threefold message: God abhors the sins of His people; judgment is certain; but God's loyal love stands firm.

The names Hosea, Joshua, and Jesus are all derived from the same Hebrew root word. The word *hoshea* means "salvation," but "Joshua" and "Jesus" include an additional idea: "Yahweh Is Salvation." As God's messenger, Hosea offers the possibility of salvation if only the nation will turn from idolatry back to God.

Israel's last king, Hoshea, has the same name as the prophet even though the English Bible spells them differently. Hosea in the Greek and Latin is *Osee*.

THE word of the LORD that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of ^aUzziah, ^bJotham, ^cAhaz, and ^dHezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of ^eJeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

The Family of Hosea

2 When the LORD began to speak by Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea:

^a"Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry
And children of harlotry,
For ^ethe land has committed
great ^hharlotry
By *departing* from the LORD."

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

4 Then the LORD said to him:

"Call his name Jezreel,
For in a little *while*
^aI will avenge the bloodshed of
Jezreel on the house of Jehu,
^bAnd bring an end to the
kingdom of the house of
Israel.

5 ^aIt shall come to pass in that day
That I will break the bow of
Israel in the Valley of
Jezreel."

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aAmos 1:1

^b2 Chr. 27

^c2 Chr. 28

^d2 Chr.

29:1—32:33

^e2 Kin. 13:13;

14:23—29

2 ^aHos. 3:1

^bJer. 2:13

^hSpiritual

adultery

4 ^a2 Kin. 10:11

^b2 Kin.

15:8—10; 17:6,

23; 18:11

5 ^a2 Kin. 15:29

6 ^a2 Kin. 17:6

^hLit. *No*

Mercy ²Or

That I may

forgive them

at all

7 ^a2 Kin.

19:29—35

^b[Zech. 4:6]

9 ^hLit. *Not-*

My-People

10 ^aGen. 22:17;

32:12 ^b1 Pet.

2:10

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then *God* said to him:

"Call her name ^hLo-Ruhamah,
^aFor I will no longer have mercy
on the house of Israel,
²But I will utterly take them
away.

7 ^aYet I will have mercy on the
house of Judah,
Will save them by the LORD
their God,
And ^bwill not save them by
bow,
Nor by sword or battle,
By horses or horsemen."

8 Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.

9 Then *God* said:

"Call his name ^hLo-Ammi,
For you *are* not My people,
And I will not be your *God*.

The Restoration of Israel

10 "Yet ^athe number of the children
of Israel
Shall be as the sand of the sea,
Which cannot be measured or
numbered.

^bAnd it shall come to pass

- In the place where it was said to them,
 ‘You are ¹not My ‘people,’
 There it shall be said to them,
 ‘You are ^asons of the living God.’
- 11 ‘Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, And appoint for themselves one head; And they shall come up out of the land, For great will be the day of Jezreel!’
- 2 Say to your brethren, ¹‘My people,’
 And to your sisters, ²‘Mercy is shown.’
- God’s Unfaithful People*
- 2 “Bring! charges against your mother, ²bring charges; For ‘she is not My wife, nor am I her Husband! Let her put away her ^bharlotries from her sight, And her adulteries from between her breasts;
- 3 Lest ‘I strip her naked And expose her, as in the day she was ^bborn, And make her like a wilderness, And set her like a dry land, And slay her with ‘thirst.
- 4 “I will not have mercy on her children, For they are the ‘children of harlotry.
- 5 For their mother has played the harlot; She who conceived them has behaved shamefully. For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers, ^aWho give me my bread and my water, My wool and my linen, My oil and my drink.’
- 6 “Therefore, behold, ^aI will hedge up your way with thorns, And ¹‘wall her in, So that she cannot find her paths.
- 7 She will ¹chase her lovers, But not overtake them; Yes, she will seek them, but not find them. Then she will say, ^a‘I will go and return to my ^bfirst husband, For then it was better for me than now.’
- 8 For she did not ‘know That I gave her grain, new wine, and oil,

¹⁰ ^cRom. 9:26
^d[John 1:12]
¹Heb. *lo-ammi*, v. 9

11 ^aIs. 11:11–13

CHAPTER 2

¹Heb. *Ammi*, Hos. 1:9, 10
²Heb. *Ruhamah*, Hos. 1:6

² ^aIs. 50:1
^bEzek. 16:25
¹Or *Contend with* ²Or *contend*

³ ^aJer. 13:22, 26 ^bEzek. 16:4–7, 22
^cAmos 8:11–13

⁴ ^aJohn 8:41

⁵ ^aHos. 2:8, 12

⁶ ^aLam. 3:7, 9
¹Lit. *wall up her wall*

⁷ ^aLuke 15:17, 18 ^bEzek. 16:8; 23:4 ¹Or *pursue*

⁸ ^aIs. 1:3

¹⁰ ^aEzek. 16:37

¹¹ ^aAmos 5:21; 8:10

¹⁴ ¹Lit. *to her heart*

¹⁵ ^aJosh. 7:26
^bEzek. 16:8–14
^cEx. 15:1

¹⁶ ¹Heb. *Ishi*
²Heb. *Baali*

¹⁷ ^aEx. 23:13

¹⁸ ^aJob 5:23

And multiplied her silver and gold—
 Which they prepared for Baal.

- 9 “Therefore I will return and take away My grain in its time And My new wine in its season, And will take back My wool and My linen, Given to cover her nakedness.
- 10 Now ‘I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, And no one shall deliver her from My hand.
- 11 ‘I will also cause all her mirth to cease, Her feast days, Her New Moons, Her Sabbaths— All her appointed feasts.
- 12 “And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, Of which she has said, ‘These are my wages that my lovers have given me.’ So I will make them a forest, And the beasts of the field shall eat them.
- 13 I will punish her For the days of the Baals to which she burned incense. She decked herself with her earrings and jewelry, And went after her lovers; But Me she forgot,” says the LORD.
- God’s Mercy on His People*
- 14 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Will bring her into the wilderness, And speak ¹comfort to her.
- 15 I will give her her vineyards from there, And ‘the Valley of Achor as a door of hope; She shall sing there, As in ‘the days of her youth, ^aAs in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.
- 16 “And it shall be, in that day,” Says the LORD, “That you will call Me ¹‘My Husband,’ And no longer call Me ²‘My Master,’
- 17 For ‘I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, And they shall be remembered by their name no more.
- 18 In that day I will make a ^acovenant for them With the beasts of the field, With the birds of the air, And with the creeping things of the ground.

- Bow and sword of battle ^bI will shatter from the earth,
To make them ^clie down safely.
- 19 "I will betroth you to Me forever;
Yes, I will betroth you to Me
In righteousness and justice,
In lovingkindness and mercy;
- 20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness,
And ^ayou shall know the LORD.
- 21 "It shall come to pass in that day
That ^cI will answer," says the LORD;
"I will answer the heavens,
And they shall answer the earth.
- 22 The earth shall answer
With grain,
With new wine,
And with oil;
They shall answer ¹Jezreel.
- 23 Then ^cI will sow her for Myself in the earth,
^bAnd I will have mercy on *her*
who had ¹not obtained mercy;
Then ^cI will say to *those who were* ²not My people,
'You are ³My people!'
And they shall say, 'You are my God!'
- Israel Will Return to God*
- 3 Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman *who is* loved by a ^alover¹ and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of *the pagans*."
- 2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen *shekels* of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley.
- 3 And I said to her, "You shall ^astay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man—so, too, *will I be toward you*."
- 4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days ^awithout king or prince, without sacrifice or *sacred* pillar, without ^bephod or ^cteraphim.
- 5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and ^aseek the LORD their God and ^bDavid their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the ^clater days.
- God's Charge Against Israel*
- 4 Hear the word of the LORD,
You children of Israel,
For the LORD *brings a* ^acharge¹
against the inhabitants of the land:
- "There is no truth or mercy
Or ^bknowledge of God in the land.
- 2 By swearing and lying,
Killing and stealing and
committing adultery,

¹⁸ ^bIs. 2:4
^cLev. 26:5

²⁰ ^a[Jer. 31:33, 34]

²¹ ^aZech. 8:12

²² ¹Lit. *God Will Sow*

²³ ^aJer. 31:27

^bHos. 1:6

^cHos. 1:10

¹Heb. *lo-ruhamah*

²Heb. *lo-ammi*

³Heb. *ammi*

CHAPTER 3

¹ ^aJer. 3:20

¹Lit. *friend or husband*

³ ^aDeut. 21:13

⁴ ^aHos. 10:3

^bEx. 28:4-12

^cJudg. 17:5;

18:14, 17

⁵ ^aJer. 50:4

^bJer. 30:9 ^c[Is. 2:2, 3]

CHAPTER 4

¹ ^aIs. 1:18 ^bJer. 4:22

¹A legal complaint

² ¹Lit. *touching*

³ ^aAmos 5:16;
8:8 ^bZeph. 1:3

⁴ ^aDeut. 17:12

⁵ ^aJer. 15:8

⁶ ^aIs. 5:13

^bEzek. 22:26

⁷ ^a1 Sam. 2:30

¹So with MT, LXX, Vg.;

scribal tradition, Syr., Tg.

They will change

²So with MT, LXX, Syr.,

Tg., Vg.;

scribal tradition *My glory*

⁸ ¹Desires

⁹ ^aIs. 24:2

¹repay

¹⁰ ^aLev. 26:26

¹¹ ^aIs. 5:12;

28:7

¹² ^aJer. 2:27

^bIs. 44:19, 20

¹Diviner's rod

¹³ ^aIs. 1:29;

57:5, 7 ^bAmos 7:17

They break all restraint,
With bloodshed ¹upon bloodshed.

- 3 Therefore ^athe land will mourn;
And ^beveryone who dwells there will waste away
With the beasts of the field
And the birds of the air;
Even the fish of the sea will be taken away.

- 4 "Now let no man contend, or rebuke another;
For your people *are* like those ^awho contend with the priest.

- 5 Therefore you shall stumble ^ain the day;
The prophet also shall stumble with you in the night;
And I will destroy your mother.

- 6 ^aMy people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
^bBecause you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.

- 7 "The more they increased,
The more they sinned against Me;
^aI¹ will change ²their glory into shame.

- 8 They eat up the sin of My people;
They set their ¹heart on their iniquity.

- 9 And it shall be: ^alike people, like priest.
So I will punish them for their ways,
And ^areward them for their deeds.

- 10 For ^athey shall eat, but not have enough;
They shall commit harlotry, but not increase;
Because they have ceased obeying the LORD.

The Idolatry of Israel

- 11 "Harlotry, wine, and new wine ^aenslave the heart.

- 12 My people ask counsel from their ^awooden idols,
And their ¹staff informs them.
For ^bthe spirit of harlotry has caused *them* to stray,
And they have played the harlot against their God.

- 13 ^aThey offer sacrifices on the mountaintops,
And burn incense on the hills,
Under oaks, poplars, and terebinths,
Because their shade *is* good.
^bTherefore your daughters commit harlotry,
And your brides commit adultery.

14 "I will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry,
Nor your brides when they commit adultery;
For *the men* themselves go apart with harlots,
And offer sacrifices with a ^aritual harlot.
Therefore people *who* do not understand will be trampled.

15 "Though you, Israel, play the harlot,
Let not Judah offend.
^aDo not come up to Gilgal,
Nor go up to ^bBeth¹ Aven,
^aNor swear an oath, *saying*, 'As the LORD lives'—

16 "For Israel ^ais stubborn
Like a stubborn calf;
Now the LORD will let them forage
Like a lamb in ¹open country.

17 "Ephraim is joined to idols,
^aLet him alone.

18 Their drink ¹is rebellion,
They commit harlotry continually.
^aHer ²rulers ³dearly love dishonor.

19 "The wind has wrapped her up in its wings,
And ^bthey shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

Impending Judgment on Israel and Judah

5 "Hear this, O priests!
Take heed, O house of Israel!
Give ear, O house of the king!
For ¹yours is the judgment,
Because ^ayou have been a snare to Mizpah

2 And a net spread on Tabor.
The revolvers are ^adeeply involved in slaughter,
Though I rebuke them all.

3 ^aI know Ephraim,
And Israel is not hidden from Me;
For now, O Ephraim, ^byou commit harlotry;
Israel is defiled.

4 "They¹ do not direct their deeds
Toward turning to their God,
For ^athe spirit of harlotry is in their midst,
And they do not know the LORD.

5 The ^apride of Israel testifies to his face;
Therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity;
Judah also stumbles with them.

6 "With their flocks and herds
^aThey shall go to seek the LORD,
But they will not find *Him*;

14 ^aDeut. 23:18

15 ^aHos. 9:15; 12:11 ^{b1} Kin. 12:29 ^cAmos 8:14 ¹Lit. *House of Idolatry or Wickedness*

16 ^aJer. 3:6; 7:24; 8:5 ¹Lit. *a large place*

17 ^aMatt. 15:14

18 ^aMic. 3:11 ¹Or *has turned aside*
²Lit. *shields*
³Heb. difficult; a Jewish tradition *shamefully love*, 'Give!'

19 ^aJer. 51:1 ^bIs. 1:29

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aHos. 6:9 ¹Or *to you*

2 ^aIs. 29:15

3 ^aAmos 3:2; 5:12 ^bHos. 4:17

4 ^aHos. 4:12 ¹Or *Their deeds will not allow them to turn*

5 ^aHos. 7:10

6 ^aProv. 1:28

7 ^aJer. 3:20 ¹Lit. *strange*

8 ^aJoel 2:1 ^bIs. 10:30 ^cJosh. 7:2

10 ^aDeut. 19:14; 27:17

11 ^aDeut. 28:33 ^bMic. 6:16

12 ^aProv. 12:4

13 ^aJer. 30:12–15 ^{b2} Kin. 15:19

14 ^aLam. 3:10 ^bPs. 50:22

15 ¹Lit. *become guilty or bear punishment*

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aIs. 1:18 ^bDeut. 32:39 ^cJer. 30:17 ¹Bandage

2 ^aL[1 Cor. 15:4]

3 ^aIs. 54:13 ^{b2} Sam. 23:4

He has withdrawn Himself from them.

7 They have ^adealt treacherously with the LORD,
For they have begotten ¹pagan children.
Now a New Moon shall devour them and their heritage.

8 "Blow^a the ram's horn in Gibeah,
The trumpet in Ramah!
^bCry aloud *at* ^cBeth Aven,
'Look behind you, O Benjamin!'

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke;
Among the tribes of Israel I make known what is sure.

10 "The princes of Judah are like those who ^aremove a landmark;
I will pour out My wrath on them like water.

11 Ephraim is ^aoppressed and broken in judgment,
Because he willingly walked by ^bhuman precept.

12 Therefore I *will be* to Ephraim like a moth,
And to the house of Judah ^alike rotteness.

13 "When Ephraim saw his sickness,
And Judah saw his ^awound,
Then Ephraim went ^bto Assyria
And sent to King Jareb;
Yet he cannot cure you,
Nor heal you of your wound.

14 For ^aI *will be* like a lion to Ephraim,
And like a young lion to the house of Judah.
^{b1} *even I*, will *take them* and go away;

I will take *them* away, and no one shall rescue.

15 I will return again to My place
Till they ¹acknowledge their offense.
Then they will seek My face;
In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me."

A Call to Repentance

6 Come,^a and let us return to the LORD;
For ^bHe has torn, but ^cHe will heal us;
He has stricken, but He will ¹bind us up.

2 ^aAfter two days He will revive us;
On the third day He will raise us up,
That we may live in His sight.

3 ^aLet us know,
Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD.
His going forth is established ^bas the morning;

He will come to us ^alike the rain,
Like the latter *and* former rain
to the earth.

Impenitence of Israel and Judah

- 4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you?
O Judah, what shall I do to you?
For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud,
And like the early dew it goes away.
- 5 Therefore I have hewn *them* by the prophets,
I have slain them by ^athe words of My mouth;
And ¹your judgments *are like* light *that* goes forth.
- 6 For I desire ^amercy¹ and ^bnot sacrifice,
And the ^aknowledge of God more than burnt offerings.
- 7 "But like ¹men they transgressed the covenant;
There they dealt treacherously with Me.
- 8 "Gilead is a city of evildoers
And ¹defiled with blood.
- 9 As bands of robbers lie in wait for a man,
So the company of ^apriests ^bmurder on the way to Shechem;
Surely they commit ^alewdness.
- 10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel:
There is the ¹harlotry of Ephraim;
Israel is defiled.
- 11 Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you,
When I return the captives of My people.

- 7 "When I would have healed Israel,
Then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered,
And the wickedness of Samaria.
For ^athey have committed fraud;
A thief comes in;
A band of robbers ¹takes spoil outside.
- 2 They ¹do not consider in their hearts
That ^aI remember all their wickedness;
Now their own deeds have surrounded them;
They are before My face.
- 3 They make a ^aking glad with their wickedness,
And princes ^bwith their lies.

- 4 "They^a are all adulterers.
Like an oven heated by a baker—

3 ^aPs. 72:6
^aJob 29:23

5 ^a[Jer. 23:29]
¹Or *the judgments on you*

6 ^aMatt. 9:13;
12:7 ^b[Mic. 6:6-8] ^c[John 17:3] ¹Or *faithfulness or loyalty*

7 ¹Or *Adam*

8 ^aHos. 12:11
¹Lit. *foot-tracked*

9 ^aHos. 5:1
^bJer. 7:9, 10
^cEzek. 22:9; 23:27

10 ¹Spiritual adultery

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aHos. 5:1
¹plunders

2 ^aJer. 14:10;
17:1 ¹Lit. *do not say to*

3 ^aHos. 1:1
^b[Rom. 1:32]

4 ^aJer. 9:2;
23:10

5 ^aIs. 28:1, 7
¹Lit. *with the heat of*

6 ¹So with MT, Vg.; Syr., Tg. *Their anger*; LXX *Ephraim*

7 ^aIs. 64:7

8 ^aPs. 106:35

9 ^aHos. 8:7

10 ^aHos. 5:5
^bIs. 9:13

11 ^aHos. 11:11
^bIs. 30:3 ^cHos. 5:13; 8:9 ¹Lit. *heart*

12 ^aEzek. 12:13 ^bLev. 26:14

13 ^aMic. 6:4

14 ^aJob 35:9;
10 ^bAmos 2:8
¹So with MT, Tg.; Vg. *thought upon*; LXX *slashed themselves for* (cf. 1 Kin. 18:28) ²So with MT, Syr., Tg.; LXX *omits They rebel against Me*; Vg. *They departed from Me*

16 ^aPs. 78:57
¹Or *upward*

He ceases stirring *the fire* after kneading the dough,
Until it is leavened.

- 5 In the day of our king
Princes have made *him* sick,
¹inflamed with ^awine;
He stretched out his hand with scoffers.

- 6 They prepare their heart like an oven,
While they lie in wait;
¹Their baker sleeps all night;
In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.

- 7 They are all hot, like an oven,
And have devoured their judges;
All their kings have fallen.
^aNone among them calls upon Me.

- 8 "Ephraim ^ahas mixed himself among the peoples;
Ephraim is a cake unturned.

- 9 ^aAliens have devoured his strength,
But he does not know it;
Yes, gray hairs are here and there on him,
Yet he does not know it.
- 10 And the ^apride of Israel testifies to his face,
But ^bthey do not return to the LORD their God,
Nor seek Him for all this.

Futile Reliance on the Nations

- 11 "Ephraim^a also is like a silly dove, without ¹sense—
^bThey call to Egypt.
They go to ^cAssyria.

- 12 Wherever they go, I will ^aspread My net on them;
I will bring them down like birds of the air;
I will chastise them
^bAccording to what their congregation has heard.

- 13 "Woe to them, for they have fled from Me!
Destruction to them,
Because they have transgressed against Me!
Though ^aI redeemed them,
Yet they have spoken lies against Me.

- 14 ^aThey did not cry out to Me with their heart
When they waited upon their beds.

"They ¹assemble together for grain and new ^bwine,
²They rebel against Me;

- 15 Though I disciplined *and* strengthened their arms,
Yet they devise evil against Me;
- 16 They return, but not ¹to the Most High;
^aThey are like a treacherous bow.

Their princes shall fall by the sword
For the ^acurseings of their tongue.
This *shall be* their derision ^ain the land of Egypt.

The Apostasy of Israel

8 “Set the ¹trumpet to your mouth!
He shall come ^alike an eagle against the house of the LORD,

Because they have transgressed My covenant
And rebelled against My law.

2 ^aIsrael will cry to Me,
‘My God, ^bwe know You!’
3 Israel has rejected the good;
The enemy will pursue him.

4 “They^a set up kings, but not by Me;

They made princes, but I did not acknowledge *them*.
From their silver and gold
They made idols for themselves—
That they might be cut off.

5 Your ¹calf ²is rejected,
O Samaria!
My anger is aroused against them—

^aHow long until they attain to innocence?

6 For from Israel is even this:
A ^aworkman made it, and it is not God;
But the calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces.

7 “They^a sow the wind,
And reap the whirlwind.
The stalk has no bud;
It shall never produce meal.
If it should produce,

^bAliens would swallow it up.

8 ^aIsrael is swallowed up;
Now they are among the Gentiles

^bLike ^aa vessel in which is no pleasure.

9 For they have gone up to Assyria,
Like ^aa wild donkey alone by itself;

Ephraim ^bhas hired lovers.

10 Yes, though they have hired among the nations,
Now ^aI will gather them;
And they shall ¹sorrow a little,
Because of the ²burden of ^bthe king of princes.

11 “Because Ephraim has made many altars for sin,
They have become for him altars for sinning.

12 I have written for him ^athe great things of My law,
But they were considered a strange thing.

13 *For* the sacrifices of My

16 ^bPs. 73:9
^cHos. 8:13; 9:3

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aDeut. 28:49
¹*ram's horn*,
Heb. *shophar*

2 ^aPs. 78:34
^bTitus 1:16

4 ^a2 Kin. 15:23, 25

5 ^aJer. 13:27
¹Golden calf image ²Or *has rejected you*

6 ^aIs. 40:19

7 ^aProv. 22:8
^bHos. 7:9

8 ^a2 Kin. 17:6
^bJer. 22:28; 25:34

9 ^aJer. 2:24
^bEzek. 16:33, 34

10 ^aEzek. 16:37; 22:20
^bIs. 10:8 ¹Or *begin to diminish* ²Or *oracle or proclamation*

12 ^a[Deut. 4:6–8]

13 ^aZech. 7:6
^bJer. 14:10
^cAmos 8:7

14 ^aDeut. 32:18 ^bIs. 29:23 ^cNum. 32:17 ^dJer. 17:27 ¹Or *palaces* ²Or *citadels*

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aIs. 22:12, 13
^bJer. 44:17

3 ^a[Lev. 25:23]
^bHos. 7:16;
8:13 ^cEzek. 4:13

4 ^aJer. 6:20
^bHos. 8:13

6 ^aIs. 5:6; 7:23

7 ^aIs. 10:3
^bLam. 2:14
^cMic. 2:11

offerings ^athey sacrifice flesh and eat *it*,

^bBut the LORD does not accept them.

^cNow He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

They shall return to Egypt.

14 “For^a Israel has forgotten ^bhis Maker,
And has built ¹temples;
Judah also has multiplied ^cfortified cities;
But ^dI will send fire upon his cities,
And it shall devour his ²palaces.”

Judgment of Israel's Sin

9 Do^a not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like *other* peoples,
For you have played the harlot against your God.

You have made love ^{for} ^bhire on every threshing floor.

2 The threshing floor and the winepress
Shall not feed them,
And the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in ^athe LORD's land,
^bBut Ephraim shall return to Egypt,
And ^cshall eat unclean *things* in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD.
Nor ^ashall their ^bsacrifices be pleasing to Him.
It shall be like bread of mourners to them;
All who eat it shall be defiled.
For their bread *shall be* for their own life;
It shall not come into the house of the LORD.

5 What will you do in the appointed day,
And in the day of the feast of the LORD?

6 For indeed they are gone because of destruction.
Egypt shall gather them up;
Memphis shall bury them.
^aNettles shall possess their valuables of silver;
Thorns *shall be* in their tents.

7 The ^adays of punishment have come;
The days of recompense have come.
Israel knows!
The prophet *is a* ^bfool,
^cThe spiritual man *is* insane,
Because of the greatness of your iniquity and great enmity.

- 8 The ^awatchman of Ephraim is with my God;
But the prophet is a ¹fowler's snare in all his ways—
Enmity in the house of his God.
- 9 ^aThey are deeply corrupted,
As in the days of ^bGibeah.
He will remember their iniquity;
He will punish their sins.
- 10 "I found Israel
Like grapes in the ^awilderness;
I saw your fathers
As the ^bfirstfruits on the fig tree in its first season.
But they went to ^aBaal Peor,
And ¹separated themselves to *that* shame;
^aThey became an abomination like the thing they loved.
- 11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird—
No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!
- 12 Though they bring up their children,
Yet I will bereave them to the last man.
Yes, ^awoe to them when I depart from them!
- 13 Just ^aas I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place,
So Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer."
- 14 Give them, O LORD—
What will You give?
Give them ^aa miscarrying womb
And dry breasts!
- 15 "All their wickedness is in ^aGilgal,
For there I hated them.
Because of the evil of their deeds
I will drive them from My house;
I will love them no more.
^bAll their princes are rebellious.
- 16 Ephraim is ^astricken,
Their root is dried up;
They shall bear no fruit.
Yes, were they to bear children,
I would kill the darlings of their womb."
- 17 My God will ^acast them away,
Because they did not obey Him;
And they shall be ^bwanderers among the nations.

Israel's Sin and Captivity

- 10 Israel ^aempties his vine;
He brings forth fruit for himself.
According to the multitude of his fruit
^bHe has increased the altars;
According to the bounty of his land

⁸ Jer. 6:17; 31:6; Ezek. 3:17; 33:7
¹One who catches birds in a trap or snare

⁹ Hos. 10:9
^bJudg. 19:22

¹⁰ Jer. 2:2 ^bIs. 28:4; Mic. 7:1
^cNum. 25:3;
Ps. 106:28 ^cPs. 81:12 ¹Or *dedicated*

¹² Deut. 31:17; Hos. 7:13

¹³ Ezek. 26–28

¹⁴ Luke 23:29

¹⁵ Hos. 4:15;
12:11 ^bIs. 1:23;
Hos. 5:2

¹⁶ Hos. 5:11

¹⁷ ^a2 Kin. 17:20; [Zech. 10:6] ^bLev. 26:33

CHAPTER 10

¹ Nah. 2:2
^bJer. 2:28;
Hos. 8:11;
12:11

² ^a1 Kin. 18:21; Zeph. 1:5; [Matt. 6:24] ¹Divided in loyalty

⁴ Deut. 31:16, 17;
² Kin. 17:3, 4;
Amos 5:7

⁵ ^a1 Kin. 12:28, 29; Hos. 8:5, 6; 13:2
^bHos. 9:11
¹Lit. *calves*, images ²*idolatrous priests*

⁶ Hos. 5:13

⁸ Hos. 4:15
^bDeut. 9:21;
¹ Kin. 13:34
^cIs. 2:19; Luke 23:30; Rev. 6:16 ¹Lit. *Idolatry* or *Wickedness*

⁹ Hos. 9:9
^bJudg. 20 ¹So with many Heb. mss., LXX, Vg.; MT *unruliness* ²Or *overcome*

¹⁰ Jer. 16:16
¹Or in their two *habitations*

¹¹ [Jer. 50:11; Hos. 4:16; Mic. 4:13]

¹Lit. *to ride*

¹² Jer. 4:3
^bHos. 6:3

They have embellished *his* sacred pillars.
2 Their heart is ^adivided;¹
Now they are held guilty.
He will break down their altars;
He will ruin their *sacred* pillars.

3 For now they say,
"We have no king,
Because we did not fear the LORD.

And as for a king, what would he do for us?"

4 They have spoken words,
Swearing falsely in making a covenant.
Thus judgment springs up ^alike hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria fear
Because of the ^acal¹ of Beth Aven.

For its people mourn for it,
And ²its priests shriek for it—
Because its ^bglory has departed from it.

6 *The idol* also shall be carried to Assyria
As a present for King ^aJareb.
Ephraim shall receive shame,
And Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off
Like a twig on the water.

8 Also the ^ahigh places of ¹Aven,
^bthe sin of Israel,
Shall be destroyed.

The thorn and thistle shall grow on their altars;

^cThey shall say to the mountains, "Cover us!"
And to the hills, "Fall on us!"

9 "O Israel, you have sinned from the days of ^aGibeah;
There they stood.

The ^bbattle in Gibeah against the children of ¹iniquity
Did not ²overtake them.

10 When it is ^aMy desire, I will chasten them.

^aPeoples shall be gathered against them

When I bind them ¹for their two transgressions.

11 Ephraim is ^aa trained heifer
That loves to thresh *grain*;
But I harnessed her fair neck,
I will make Ephraim ¹pull a plow.

Judah shall plow;
Jacob shall break his clods."

12 Sow for yourselves righteousness;

Reap in mercy;

^aBreak up your fallow ground,
For it is time to seek the LORD,
Till He ^bcomes and rains righteousness on you.

- 13 ^aYou have plowed wickedness;
You have reaped iniquity.
You have eaten the fruit of lies,
Because you trusted in your
own way,
In the multitude of your mighty
men.
- 14 Therefore tumult shall arise
among your people,
And all your fortresses shall be
plundered
As Shalman plundered Beth
Arbel in the day of battle—
A mother dashed in pieces
upon *her* children.
- 15 Thus it shall be done to you,
O Bethel,
Because of your great
wickedness.
At dawn the king of Israel
Shall be cut off utterly.

God's Continuing Love for Israel

- 11** “When Israel was a ¹child,
I loved him,
And out of Egypt ^aI called My
^bson.
- 2 ¹As they called them,
So they ^awent ²from them;
They sacrificed to the Baals,
And burned incense to carved
images.
- 3 “¹*a* taught Ephraim to walk,
Taking them by ¹their arms;
But they did not know that ^b*I*
healed them.
- 4 I drew them with ¹gentle cords,
With bands of love,
And ^a*I* was to them as those
who take the yoke from their
²neck.
^b*I* stooped and fed them.
- 5 “He shall not return to the land
of Egypt;
But the Assyrian shall be his
king,
Because they refused to repent.
- 6 And the sword shall slash in
his cities,
Devour his districts,
And consume *them*,
Because of their own counsels.
- 7 My people are bent on
^abacksliding from Me.
Though ¹they call ²to the Most
High,
None at all exalt *Him*.
- 8 “How^a can I give you up,
Ephraim?
How can I hand you over,
Israel?
How can I make you like
^bAdmah?
How can I set you like
Zeboim?
My heart ¹churns within Me;
My sympathy is stirred.
- 9 I will not execute the fierceness
of My anger;

13 ^a[Job 4:8;
Prov. 22:8;
Gal. 6:7, 8]

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aMatt. 2:15
^bEx. 4:22, 23
¹Or *youth*

2 ^{a2} Kin.
17:13–15 ¹So
with MT, Vg.;
LXX *Just as I*
called them;
Tg. interprets
as *I sent*
prophets to a
thousand of
them. ²So
with MT, Tg.,
Vg.; LXX
from My face

3 ^aDeut. 1:31;
32:10, 11 ^bEx.
15:26 ¹Some
Heb. mss.,
LXX, Syr., Vg.
My arms

4 ^aLev. 26:13
^bEx. 16:32; Ps.
78:25 ¹Lit.
cords of a
man ²Lit.
jaws

7 ^aJer. 3:6, 7;
8:5 ¹The
prophets ²Or
upward

8 ^aJer. 9:7;
^bGen. 14:8;
19:24, 25;
Deut. 29:23
¹Lit. *turns*
over

9 ^aNum. 23:19
¹Or *enter a*
city

10 ^aIs. 31:4;
[Joel 3:16];
Amos 1:2

11 ^aIs. 11:11;
60:8; Hos. 7:11
^bEzek. 28:25,
26; 34:27, 28

12 ¹Or *holy*
ones

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aJob 15:2, 3;
Hos. 8:7
^{b2} Kin. 17:4;
Hos. 8:9 ^aIs.
30:6 ¹*ruin* ²Or
treaty

2 ^aHos. 4:1;
Mic. 6:2 ¹A le-
gal complaint

3 ^aGen. 25:26
^bGen.
32:24–28

4 ^a[Gen.
28:12–19;
35:9–15]

5 ^aEx. 3:15

6 ^aHos. 14:1;
Mic. 6:8

7 ^aProv. 11:1;
Amos 8:5;
Mic. 6:11 ¹Or
merchant

8 ^aPs. 62:10;
Hos. 13:6;
Rev. 3:17

I will not again destroy
Ephraim.

^aFor *I am* God, and not man,
The *Holy One* in your midst;
And I will not ¹come with
terror.

- 10 “They shall walk after the LORD.
^aHe will roar like a lion.
When He roars,
Then *His* sons shall come
trembling from the west;
- 11 They shall come trembling like
a bird from Egypt,
^aLike a dove from the land of
Assyria.
^bAnd I will let them dwell in
their houses,”
Says the LORD.

God's Charge Against Ephraim

- 12 “Ephraim has encircled Me with
lies,
And the house of Israel with
deceit;
But Judah still walks with God,
Even with the ¹Holy One *who is*
faithful.

- 12** “Ephraim ^afeeds on the wind,
And pursues the east wind;
He daily increases lies and
¹desolation.
^bAlso they make a ²covenant
with the Assyrians,
And ^aoil is carried to Egypt.

- 2 “The^a LORD also *brings* a
¹charge against Judah,
And will punish Jacob
according to his ways;
According to his deeds He will
recompense him.
- 3 He took his brother ^aby the heel
in the womb,
And in his strength he
^bstruggled with God.
- 4 Yes, he struggled with the
Angel and prevailed;
He wept, and sought favor from
Him.
He found Him in ^aBethel,
And there He spoke to us—
- 5 That is, the LORD God of hosts.
The LORD is His ^amemorable
name.
- 6 “So you, by the *help* of your
God, return;
Observe mercy and justice,
And wait on your God
continually.
- 7 “A cunning ¹Canaanite!
^aDeceitful scales *are* in his hand;
He loves to oppress.
- 8 And Ephraim said,
^a‘Surely I have become rich,
I have found wealth for myself;
In all my labors
They shall find in me no
iniquity that is sin.’

- 9 "But *I am* the LORD your God,
Ever since the land of Egypt;
^aI will again make you dwell in
tents,
As in the days of the appointed
feast.
- 10 ^aI have also spoken by the
prophets,
And have multiplied visions;
I have given ¹symbols ²through
the witness of the prophets."
- 11 Though ^aGilead *has* idols—
Surely they are ¹vanity—
Though they sacrifice bulls in
^bGilgal,
Indeed their altars *shall be*
heaps in the furrows of the
field.
- 12 Jacob ^afled to the country of
Syria;
^bIsrael served for a spouse,
And for a wife he tended
sheep.
- 13 ^aBy a prophet the LORD brought
Israel out of Egypt,
And by a prophet he was
preserved.
- 14 Ephraim ^aprovoked *Him* to
anger most bitterly;
Therefore his Lord will leave
the guilt of his bloodshed
upon him,
^bAnd return his reproach upon
him.

Relentless Judgment on Israel

- 13 When Ephraim spoke,
trembling,
He exalted *himself* in Israel;
But when he offended through
Baal *worship*, he died.
- 2 Now they sin more and more,
And have made for themselves
molded images,
Idols of their silver, according
to their skill;
All of it is the work of
craftsmen.
They say of them,
"Let ¹the men who sacrifice
²kiss the calves!"
- 3 Therefore they shall be like the
morning cloud
And like the early dew that
passes away,
^aLike chaff blown off from a
threshing floor
And like smoke from a
chimney.
- 4 "Yet ^aI *am* the LORD your God
Ever since the land of Egypt,
And you shall know no God
but Me;
For ^bthere is no savior besides
Me.
- 5 ^aI ¹knew you in the wilderness,
^bIn the land of ²great drought.
- 6 ^aWhen they had pasture, they
were filled;

9 ^aLev. 23:42
10 ^{a2} Kin.
17:13 ¹Or
parables ²Lit.
by the hand

11 ^aHos. 6:8
^bHos. 9:15
¹worthless

12 ^aGen. 28:5
^bGen. 29:20,
28

13 ^aEx. 12:50,
51; 13:3

14 ^aEzek.
18:10–13
^bDan. 11:18

CHAPTER 13

2 ¹Or *those*
who offer
human sacrifi-
ce ²Worship
with kisses

3 ^aDan. 2:35

4 ^aIs. 43:11
^bIs. 43:11;
45:21, 22

5 ^aDeut. 2:7;
32:10 ^bDeut.
8:15 ¹Cared
for you ²Lit.
droughts

6 ^aDeut. 8:12,
14; 32:13–15

7 ^aLam. 3:10
^bJer. 5:6

8 ^{a2} Sam. 17:8
¹Lit. *beast of*
the field

9 ¹Lit. *it or he*
destroyed you
²Lit. *in your*
help

10 ^aDeut.
32:38 ^{b1} Sam.
8:5, 6 ¹LXX.
Syr., Tg., Vg.
Where is your
king?

11 ^{a1} Sam. 8:7;
10:17–24

12 ^aDeut.
32:34, 35

13 ^aIs. 13:8

14 ^{a1} Cor.
15:54, 55 ^bJer.
15:6 ¹Lit.
hand ²Or
Sheol ³LXX
where is your
punishment?
⁴Or *Sheol*
⁵LXX *where*
is your sting?

15 ^aJer. 4:11,
12

16 ^{a2} Kin.
18:12 ^{b2} Kin.
15:16 ¹LXX
shall be dis-
figured

CHAPTER 14

1 ^aJoel 2:13

They were filled and their heart
was exalted;
Therefore they forgot Me.

7 "So ^aI will be to them like a lion;
Like ^ba leopard by the road I
will lurk;

8 I will meet them ^alike a bear
deprived of *her cubs*;
I will tear open their rib cage,
And there I will devour them
like a lion.
The ¹wild beast shall tear them.

9 "O Israel, ¹you are destroyed,
But ²your help is from Me.

10 ¹I will be your King;
^aWhere is *any other*,
That he may save you in all
your cities?
And your judges to whom ^byou
said,

"Give me a king and princes?"
11 ^aI gave you a king in My anger,
And took *him* away in My
wrath.

12 "The ^ainiquity of Ephraim is
bound up;
His sin is stored up.

13 "The sorrows of a woman in
childbirth shall come upon
him.
He is an unwise son,
For he should not stay long
where children are born.

14 "I will ransom them from the
¹power of ²the grave;
I will redeem them from death.
^aO Death, ³I will be your plagues!
O ⁴Grave, ⁵I will be your
destruction!
^bPity is hidden from My eyes."

15 Though he is fruitful among his
brethren,
^aAn east wind shall come;
The wind of the LORD shall
come up from the wilderness.
Then his spring shall become
dry,
And his fountain shall be dried
up.

He shall plunder the treasury of
every desirable prize.

16 Samaria ¹is held guilty,
For she has ^arebelled against
her God.
They shall fall by the sword,
Their infants shall be dashed in
pieces,
And their women with child
^bripped open.

Israel Restored at Last

- 14 O Israel, ^areturn to the LORD
your God,
For you have stumbled because
of your iniquity;
- 2 Take words with you,
And return to the LORD.

- Say to Him,
 "Take away all iniquity;
 Receive us graciously,
 For we will offer the ^asacrifices¹
 of our lips.
- 3 Assyria shall ^anot save us,
^bWe will not ride on horses,
 Nor will we say anymore to the
 work of our hands,
 'You are our gods.'
^aFor in You the fatherless finds
 mercy."
- 4 "I will heal their ^abacksliding,
 I will ^blove them freely,
 For My anger has turned away
 from him.
- 5 I will be like the ^adew to Israel;
 He shall ¹grow like the lily,
 And ²lengthen his roots like
 Lebanon.
- 6 His branches shall ¹spread;
^aHis beauty shall be like an
 olive tree,
 And ^bhis fragrance like
 Lebanon.
- 2 ^a[Heb. 13:15]
¹Lit. *bull
calves*; LXX
fruit
- 3 ^aHos. 7:11;
10:13; 12:1
^b[Ps. 33:17]
^cPs. 10:14;
68:5
- 4 ^aJer. 14:7
^b[Eph. 1:6]
- 5 ^aProv. 19:12
¹Lit. *bud* or
sprout ²Lit.
strike
- 6 ^aPs. 52:8;
128:3 ^bGen.
27:27 ¹Lit. *go*
- 7 ^aDan. 4:12
¹Lit. *bud* or
sprout ²Lit.
remembrance
- 8 ^a[John 15:4]
- 9 ^a[Prov.
10:29]
- 7 ^aThose who dwell under his
 shadow shall return;
 They shall be revived *like*
 grain,
 And ¹grow like a vine.
 Their ²scent *shall be* like the
 wine of Lebanon.
- 8 "Ephraim *shall say*,
 'What have I to do anymore
 with idols?'
 I have heard and observed him.
 I *am* like a green cypress tree;
^aYour fruit is found in Me."
- 9 Who is wise?
 Let him understand these
 things.
 Who is prudent?
 Let him know them.
 For ^athe ways of the LORD *are*
 right;
 The righteous walk in them,
 But transgressors stumble in
 them.

The Book of

JOEL

DISASTER strikes the southern kingdom of Judah without warning. An ominous black cloud descends upon the land—the dreaded locusts. In a matter of hours, every living green thing has been stripped bare. Joel, God's spokesman during the reign of Joash (835–796 B.C.), seizes this occasion to proclaim God's message. Although the locust plague has been a terrible judgment for sin, God's future judgments during the day of the Lord will make that plague pale by comparison. In that day, God will destroy His enemies, but bring unparalleled blessing to those who faithfully obey Him.

The Hebrew name *Yo'el* means "Yahweh Is God." This name is appropriate to the theme of the book, which emphasizes God's sovereign work in history. The courses of nature and nations are in His hand. The Greek equivalent is *Ioel*, and the Latin is *Joel*.

THE word of the LORD that came
 to "Joel the son of Pethuel.

The Land Laid Waste

- 2 Hear this, you elders,
 And give ear, all you
 inhabitants of the land!
^aHas *anything like* this
 happened in your days,
 Or even in the days of your
 fathers?
- 3 ^aTell your children about it,
 Let your children *tell* their
 children,
 And their children another
 generation.

CHAPTER 1

- 1 ^aActs 2:16
- 2 ^aJoel 2:2
- 3 ^aPs. 78:4
- 4 ^aDeut. 28:38
^bIs. 33:4 ¹Ex-
act identity of
these locusts
unknown
- 5 ^aIs. 5:11;
28:1 ^bIs. 32:10

- 4 ^aWhat the chewing ¹locust left,
 the ^bswarming locust has
 eaten;
 What the swarming locust left,
 the crawling locust has eaten;
 And what the crawling locust
 left, the consuming locust has
 eaten.
- 5 Awake, you ^adrunkards, and
 weep;
 And wail, all you drinkers of
 wine,
 Because of the new wine,
^bFor it has been cut off from
 your mouth.

- 6 For ^aa nation has come up
against My land,
Strong, and without number;
^bHis teeth *are* the teeth of a lion,
And he has the fangs of a
¹fierce lion.
- 7 He has ^alaid waste My vine,
And ^aruined My fig tree;
He has stripped it bare and
thrown it away;
Its branches are made white.
- 8 ^aLament like a virgin girded
with sackcloth
For ^bthe husband of her youth.
- 9 ^aThe grain offering and the
drink offering
Have been cut off from the
house of the LORD;
The priests ^bmourn, who
minister to the LORD.
- 10 The field is wasted,
^aThe land mourns;
For the grain is ruined,
^bThe new wine is dried up,
The oil fails.
- 11 ^aBe ashamed, you farmers,
Wail, you vinedressers,
For the wheat and the
barley;
Because the harvest of the field
has perished.
- 12 ^aThe vine has dried up,
And the fig tree has withered;
The pomegranate tree,
The palm tree also,
And the apple tree—
All the trees of the field are
withered;
Surely ^bjoy has withered away
from the sons of men.
- Mourning for the Land*
- 13 ^aGird yourselves and lament,
you priests;
Wail, you who minister before
the altar;
Come, lie all night in sackcloth,
You who minister to my God;
For the grain offering and the
drink offering
Are withheld from the house of
your God.
- 14 ^aConsecrate a fast,
Call ^ba sacred assembly;
Gather the elders
And ^acall the inhabitants of the
land
Into the house of the LORD
your God,
And cry out to the LORD.
- 15 ^aAlas for the day!
For ^bthe day of the LORD is at
hand;
It shall come as destruction
from the Almighty.
- 16 Is not the food ^acut off before
our eyes,
^bJoy and gladness from the
house of our God?

6 ^aJoel 2:2, 11,
25 ^bRev. 9:8
¹Or *lioness*

7 ^aIs. 5:6 ¹Or
splintered

8 ^aIs. 22:12
^bJer. 3:4

9 ^aJoel 1:13;
2:14 ^bJoel 2:17

10 ^aJer. 12:11
^bIs. 24:7

11 ^aJer. 14:3, 4

12 ^aJoel 1:10
^bJer. 48:33

13 ^aJer. 4:8

14 ^aJoel 2:15,
16 ^bLev. 23:36
^c2 Chr. 20:13

15 ^a[Jer. 30:7]
^bIs. 13:6

16 ^aIs. 3:1
^bDeut. 12:7

18 ^aHos. 4:3
¹LXX, Vg. *are
made deso-
late*

19 ^a[Ps. 50:15]
^bJer. 9:10 ¹Lit.
*pastures of
the wilder-
ness*

20 ^aPs. 104:21;
147:9 ^b1 Kin.
17:7; 18:5 ¹Lit.
*pastures of
the wilder-
ness*

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aJer. 4:5
^bNum. 10:5
^c[Obad. 15]
¹*ram's horn*

2 ^aAmos 5:18
^bJoel 1:6; 2:11,
25 ^cDan. 9:12;
12:1

3 ^aIs. 51:3
^bZech. 7:14

4 ^aRev. 9:7 ¹Or
horsemen

5 ^aRev. 9:9

6 ^aNah. 2:10
¹LXX, Tg., Vg.
*gather black-
ness*

- 17 The seed shrivels under the
clods,
Storehouses are in shambles;
Barns are broken down,
For the grain has withered.
- 18 How ^athe animals groan!
The herds of cattle are
restless,
Because they have no pasture;
Even the flocks of sheep ¹suffer
punishment.
- 19 O LORD, ^ato You I cry out;
For ^bfire has devoured the
¹open pastures,
And a flame has burned all the
trees of the field.
- 20 The beasts of the field also ^acry
out to You,
For ^bthe water brooks are dried
up,
And fire has devoured the
¹open pastures.

The Day of the LORD

- 2 Blow ^athe ¹trumpet in Zion,
And ^bsound an alarm in My
holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the
land tremble;
For ^athe day of the LORD is
coming,
For it is at hand:
- 2 ^aA day of darkness and
gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick
darkness,
Like the morning *clouds* spread
over the mountains.
^bA people *come*, great and
strong,
^cThe like of whom has never
been;
Nor will there ever be any *such*
after them,
Even for many successive
generations.
- 3 A fire devours before them,
And behind them a flame
burns;
The land is like ^athe Garden of
Eden before them,
^bAnd behind them a desolate
wilderness;
Surely nothing shall escape
them.
- 4 ^aTheir appearance is like the
appearance of horses;
And like ¹swift steeds, so they
run.
- 5 ^aWith a noise like chariots
Over mountaintops they leap,
Like the noise of a flaming fire
that devours the stubble,
Like a strong people set in
battle array.
- 6 Before them the people writhe
in pain;
^aAll faces ¹are drained of color.
- 7 They run like mighty men,

- They climb the wall like men of war;
Every one marches in formation,
And they do not break ^aranks.
8 They do not push one another;
Every one marches in his own ¹column.
Though they lunge between the weapons,
They are not ²cut down.
9 They run to and fro in the city,
They run on the wall;
They climb into the houses,
They ^aenter at the windows ^blike a thief.
- 10 ^aThe earth quakes before them,
The heavens tremble;
^bThe sun and moon grow dark,
And the stars diminish their brightness.
- 11 ^aThe LORD gives voice before His army,
For His camp is very great;
^bFor strong is *the One* who executes His word.
For the ^cday of the LORD is great and very terrible;
^dWho can endure it?
- A Call to Repentance*
- 12 “Now, therefore,” says the LORD,
^a“Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”
- 13 So ^arend your heart, and not ^byour garments;
Return to the LORD your God,
For He is ^cgracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness;
And He relents from doing harm.
- 14 ^aWho knows *if* He will turn and relent,
And leave ^ba blessing behind Him—
^cA grain offering and a drink offering
For the LORD your God?
- 15 ^aBlow the ¹trumpet in Zion,
^bConsecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;
- 16 Gather the people,
^aSanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Gather the children and nursing babes;
^bLet the bridegroom go out from his chamber,
And the bride from her dressing room.
- 17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD,
Weep ^abetween the porch and the altar;
Let them say, ^b“Spare Your people, O LORD,
And do not give Your heritage to reproach,

7 ^aProv. 30:278 ¹Lit. *high-way* ²Halted by losses9 ^aJer. 9:21
^bJohn 10:110 ^aPs. 18:7
^bIs. 13:10; 34:411 ^aJer. 25:30
^bRev. 18:8
^cAmos 5:18
^d[Mal. 3:2]12 ^aJer. 4:113 ^a[Ps. 34:18; 51:17] ^bGen. 37:34 ^c[Ex. 34:6]14 ^aJer. 26:3
^bHag. 2:19
^cJoel 1:9, 1315 ^aNum. 10:3
^bJoel 1:14
¹*ram's horn*16 ^aEx. 19:10
^bPs. 19:517 ^aMatt. 23:35
^bEx. 32:11, 12
^cPs. 42:10 ¹Or *speaking a proverb against them*18 ^a[Is. 60:10; 63:9, 15]19 ^a[Mal. 3:10]20 ^aEx. 10:19
^bJer. 1:14, 15
^cDeut. 11:24
¹Lit. *great*21 ¹Lit. *great*22 ^aJoel 1:1923 ^aIs. 41:16
^bLev. 26:4 ¹Or *teacher of righteousness*25 ^aJoel 1:4-7; 2:2-11 ¹Exact identity of these locusts unknown26 ^aLev. 26:5

That the nations should ¹rule over them.
^aWhy should they say among the peoples,
^b“Where is their God?”

The Land Refreshed

- 18 Then the LORD will ^abe zealous for His land,
And pity His people.
- 19 The LORD will answer and say to His people,
“Behold, I will send you ^agrain and new wine and oil,
And you will be satisfied by them;
I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.
- 20 “But ^aI will remove far from you ^bthe northern *army*,
And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land,
With his face toward the eastern sea
And his back ^ctoward the western sea;
His stench will come up,
And his foul odor will rise,
Because he has done ¹monstrous things.”
- 21 Fear not, O land;
Be glad and rejoice,
For the LORD has done ¹marvelous things!
- 22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field;
For ^athe open pastures are springing up,
And the tree bears its fruit;
The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.
- 23 Be glad then, you children of Zion,
And ^arejoice in the LORD your God;
For He has given you the ¹former rain faithfully,
And He ^bwill cause the rain to come down for you—
The former rain,
And the latter rain in the first *month*.
- 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat,
And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.
- 25 “So I will restore to you the years ^athat the swarming ¹locust has eaten,
The crawling locust,
The consuming locust,
And the chewing locust.
My great army which I sent among you.
- 26 You shall ^aeat in plenty and be satisfied,
And praise the name of the LORD your God,
Who has dealt wondrously with you;

- And My people shall never be put to ^bshame.
 27 Then you shall know that I *am* ^ain the midst of Israel:
^bI *am* the LORD your God
 And there is no other.
 My people shall never be put to shame.

God's Spirit Poured Out

- 28 "And^a it shall come to pass afterward
 That ^bI will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
^cYour sons and your ^ddaughters shall prophesy,
 Your old men shall dream dreams,
 Your young men shall see visions.
 29 And also on My ^amenservants and on My maidservants
 I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

- 30 "And ^aI will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:
 Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

- 31 "The sun shall be turned into darkness,
 And the moon into blood,
^bBefore the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

- 32 And it shall come to pass That ^awhoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be ^asaved.
 For ^ain Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be ²deliverance,
 As the LORD has said,
 Among ^athe remnant whom the LORD calls.

God Judges the Nations

- 3** "For behold, ^ain those days and at that time,
 When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,
 2 ^aI will also gather all nations,
 And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
 And I ^bwill enter into judgment with them there
 On account of My people, My heritage Israel,
 Whom they have scattered among the nations;
 They have also divided up My land.
 3 They have ^acast lots for My people,
 Have given a boy *as payment* for a harlot,
 And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.
 4 "Indeed, what have you to do with Me,

26 ^bIs. 45:17

27 ^aLev. 26:11,
 12 ^bIs. 45:5,
 6]

28 ^aEzek.
 39:29 ^bZech.
 12:10 ^cIs.
 54:13 ^dActs
 21:9

29 ^a[Gal. 3:28]

30 ^aMatt. 24:29

31 ^aIs. 13:9, 10;
 34:4
^b[Mal. 4:1, 5,
 6]

32 ^aRom. 10:13
^bIs. 46:13
^c[Mic. 4:7] ¹Or
 delivered ²Or
 salvation

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aJer. 30:3

2 ^aZech. 14:2
^bIs. 66:16

3 ^aNah. 3:10

4 ^aAmos 1:6-8
¹Or *render Me repayment*
²Or *repay Me*
³Or *repayment*

5 ¹Lit. *precious good things*

7 ^aJer. 23:8
¹Or *repayment*

8 ^aEzek. 23:42
^bJer. 6:20 ¹Lit.
Shebaites, Is.
 60:6; Ezek.
 27:22

9 ^aEzek. 38:7

10 ^a[Is. 2:4]
^bZech. 12:8
¹*pruning knives*

11 ^aIs. 13:3

12 ^aIs. 2:4

13 ^aRev. 14:15
^bJer. 51:33
^c[Is. 63:3]

14 ^aJoel 2:1

- ^aO Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia?
 Will you ¹retaliate against Me?
 But if you ²retaliate against Me,
 Swiftly and speedily I will return your ³retaliation upon your own head;
 5 Because you have taken My silver and My gold,
 And have carried into your temples My ¹prized possessions.
 6 Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem
 You have sold to the Greeks.
 That you may remove them far from their borders.

- 7 "Behold, ^aI will raise them Out of the place to which you have sold them,
 And will return your ¹retaliation upon your own head.
 8 I will sell your sons and your daughters
 Into the hand of the people of Judah,
 And they will sell them to the ^aSabeans,¹
 To a people ^bfar off;
 For the LORD has spoken."

- 9 "Proclaim this among the nations:
^a"Prepare for war!
 Wake up the mighty men,
 Let all the men of war draw near,
 Let them come up.
 10 ^aBeat your plowshares into swords
 And your ¹pruning hooks into spears;
^bLet the weak say, 'I *am* strong.'"
 11 Assemble and come, all you nations,
 And gather together all around.
 Cause ^aYour mighty ones to go down there, O LORD.

- 12 "Let the nations be wakened,
 and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
 For there I will sit to ^ajudge all the surrounding nations.
 13 ^aPut in the sickle, for ^bthe harvest is ripe.
 Come, go down;
 For the ^awinepress is full,
 The vats overflow—
 For their wickedness is great."

- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!
 For ^athe day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.
 15 The sun and moon will grow dark,
 And the stars will diminish their brightness.
 16 The LORD also will roar from Zion,

- And utter His voice from
Jerusalem;
The heavens and earth will
shake;
“But the LORD will be a shelter
for His people,
And the strength of the
children of Israel.
- 17 “So you shall know that I *am*
the LORD your God,
Dwelling in Zion My ^aholy
mountain.
Then Jerusalem shall be holy,
And no aliens shall ever pass
through her again.”
- God Blesses His People*
- 18 And it will come to pass in that
day
That the mountains shall drip
with new wine,
- 16 ^a[Is. 51:5, 6]
- 17 ^aZech. 8:3
- 18 ^aEzek. 47:1
¹Heb. *Shittim*
- 21 ^aIs. 4:4
- The hills shall flow with milk,
And all the brooks of Judah
shall be flooded with water;
A ^afountain shall flow from the
house of the LORD
And water the Valley of
¹Acacias.
- 19 “Egypt shall be a desolation,
And Edom a desolate
wilderness,
Because of violence *against* the
people of Judah,
For they have shed innocent
blood in their land.
- 20 But Judah shall abide forever,
And Jerusalem from generation
to generation.
- 21 For I will ^aacquit them of the
guilt of bloodshed, whom I
had not acquitted;
For the LORD dwells in Zion.”

The Book of

AMOS

AMOS prophesies during a period of national optimism in Israel. Business is booming and boundaries are bulging. But below the surface, greed and injustice are festering. Hypocritical religious motions have replaced true worship, creating a false sense of security and a growing callousness to God’s disciplining hand. Famine, drought, plagues, death, destruction—nothing can force the people to their knees.

Amos, the farmer-turned-prophet, lashes out at sin unflinchingly, trying to visualize the nearness of God’s judgment and mobilize the nation to repentance. The nation, like a basket of rotting fruit, stands ripe for judgment because of its hypocrisy and spiritual indifference.

The name *Amos* is derived from the Hebrew root *amas*, “to lift a burden, to carry.” Thus, his name means “Burden” or “Burden-Bearer.” Amos lives up to the meaning of his name by bearing up under his divinely given burden of declaring judgment to rebellious Israel. The Greek and Latin titles are both transliterated in English as *Amos*.

THE words of Amos, who was
among the ^asheepbreeders of
^bTekoa, which he saw concerning
Israel in the days of ^cUzziah king of
Judah, and in the days of ^dJeroboam
the son of Joash, king of Israel, two
years before the ^eearthquake.

2 And he said:

“The LORD ^aroars from Zion,
And utters His voice from
Jerusalem;
The pastures of the shepherds
mourn,
And the top of ^bCarmel
withers.”

CHAPTER 1

- 1 ^{a2} Kin. 3:4;
Amos 7:14
^{b2} Sam. 14:2
^{c2} Chr.
26:1–23
^d Amos 7:10
^e Zech. 14:5
- 2 ^a Joel 3:16
^{b1} Sam. 25:2
- 3 ^a Is. 8:4;
17:1–3 ^{b2} Kin.
10:32, 33
- 4 ^a Jer. 49:27;
51:30 ^{b2} Kin.
6:24
- 5 ^a Jer. 51:30

Judgment on the Nations

- 3 Thus says the LORD:
- “For three transgressions of
^aDamascus, and for four,
I will not turn away its
punishment.
Because they have ^bthreshed
Gilead with implements of
iron.
- 4 “But I will send a fire into the
house of Hazael,
Which shall devour the palaces
of ^bBen-Hadad.
- 5 I will also break the *gate* ^abar
of Damascus,

- And cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven,
And the one who ¹holds the scepter from ²Beth Eden.
The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir,”
Says the LORD.
- 6 Thus says the LORD:
“For three transgressions of
 ^aGaza, and for four,
I will not turn away its
 punishment,
Because they took captive the whole captivity
To deliver *them* up to Edom.
7 ^aBut I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza,
Which shall devour its palaces.
8 I will cut off the inhabitant
 ^afrom Ashdod,
And the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon;
I will ^aturn My hand against Ekron,
And ^athe remnant of the Philistines shall perish,”
Says the Lord GOD.
- 9 Thus says the LORD:
“For three transgressions of
 ^aTyre, and for four,
I will not turn away its
 punishment,
Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom,
And did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.
10 But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre,
Which shall devour its palaces.”
- 11 Thus says the LORD:
“For three transgressions of
 ^aEdom, and for four,
I will not turn away its
 punishment,
Because he pursued his
 ^bbrother with the sword,
And cast off all pity;
His anger tore perpetually,
And he kept his wrath forever.
12 But ^aI will send a fire upon Teman,
Which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.”
- 13 Thus says the LORD:
“For three transgressions of ^athe people of Ammon, and for four,
I will not turn away its
 punishment,
Because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead,
That they might enlarge their territory.

5 ¹Rules ²Lit.
House of Eden

6 ^aJer. 47:1, 5

7 ^aJer. 47:1

8 ^aZeph. 2:4
^bPs. 81:14
^cEzek. 25:16

9 ^aIs. 23:1–18

11 ^aIs. 21:11
^bObad. 10–12

12 ^aObad. 9, 10

13 ^aEzek. 25:2

14 ^aDeut. 3:11
^bAmos 2:2

15 ^aJer. 49:3

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aZeph. 2:8–11 ^{b2} Kin. 3:26, 27

2 ^aJer. 48:24, 41

3 ^aNum. 24:17

4 ^aHos. 12:2
^bLev. 26:14
^cJer. 16:19
^dEzek. 20:13, 16, 18

5 ^aHos. 8:14

6 ^{a2} Kin. 17:7–18; 18:12 ^bIs. 29:21 ^cAmos 4:1; 5:11; 8:6

7 ^aAmos 5:12
^bEzek. 22:11
^cLev. 20:3 ¹Or *trample on*

- 14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of ^aRabbah,
And it shall devour its palaces,
^bAmid shouting in the day of battle,
And a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.
15 ^aTheir king shall go into captivity,
He and his princes together,”
Says the LORD.

2 Thus says the LORD:

- ^a“For three transgressions of Moab, and for four,
I will not turn away its
 punishment,
Because he ^bburned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.
2 But I will send a fire upon Moab,
And it shall devour the palaces of ^aKerioth;
Moab shall die with tumult,
With shouting and trumpet sound.
3 And I will cut off ^athe judge from its midst,
And slay all its princes with him.”
Says the LORD.

Judgment on Judah

- 4 Thus says the LORD:
“For three transgressions of ^aJudah, and for four,
I will not turn away its
 punishment,
^bBecause they have despised the law of the LORD,
And have not kept His commandments.
^cTheir lies lead them astray,
Lies ^awhich their fathers followed.
5 ^aBut I will send a fire upon Judah,
And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.”

Judgment on Israel

- 6 Thus says the LORD:
“For three transgressions of ^aIsrael, and for four,
I will not turn away its
 punishment,
Because ^bthey sell the righteous for silver,
And the ^cpoor for a pair of sandals.
7 They ¹pant after the dust of the earth *which is* on the head of the poor,
And ^apervert the way of the humble.
^bA man and his father go in to the *same* girl,
^cTo defile My holy name.

- 8 They lie down ^aby every altar on clothes ^btaken in pledge, And drink the wine of ¹the condemned in the house of their god.
- 9 “Yet it was I who destroyed the ^aAmorite before them, Whose height was like the ^bheight of the cedars, And he was as strong as the oaks; Yet I ^cdestroyed his fruit above And his roots beneath.
- 10 Also it was ^aI who brought you up from the land of Egypt, And ^bled you forty years through the wilderness, To possess the land of the Amorite.
- 11 I raised up some of your sons as ^aprophets, And some of your young men as ^bNazirites. Is it not so, O you children of Israel?” Says the LORD.
- 12 “But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, And commanded the prophets ^asaying, ‘Do not prophesy!’
- 13 “Behold, ^aI am ¹weighed down by you, As a cart full of sheaves ²is weighed down.
- 14 ^aTherefore ¹flight shall perish from the swift, The strong shall not strengthen his power, ^bNor shall the mighty ²deliver himself;
- 15 He shall not stand who handles the bow, The swift of foot shall not ¹escape, Nor shall he who rides a horse deliver himself.
- 16 The most ¹courageous men of might Shall flee naked in that day,” Says the LORD.

Authority of the Prophet's Message

- 3** Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying:
- 2 “You^a only have I known of all the families of the earth; ^bTherefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”
- 3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?
- 4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Will a young lion ¹cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing?

8 ^a1 Cor. 8:10
^bEx. 22:26 ¹Or those punished by fines

9 ^aNum. 21:25
^bEzek. 31:3
^c[Mal. 4:1]

10 ^aEx. 12:51
^bDeut. 2:7

11 ^aNum. 12:6
^bNum. 6:2, 3

12 ^aIs. 30:10

13 ^aIs. 1:14 ¹Or tottering under ²Or totters

14 ^aJer. 46:6
^bPs. 33:16 ¹Or the place of refuge ²Lit. save his soul or life

15 ¹Or save

16 ¹Lit. strong of his heart among the mighty

CHAPTER 3

2 ^a[Deut. 7:6]
^b[Rom. 2:9]

4 ¹Lit. give his voice

5 ¹Or bait or lure

6 ^aIs. 45:7
¹ram's horn

7 ^a[John 15:15]

8 ^aActs 4:20

9 ¹Or oppression

10 ^aJer. 4:22
¹Or devastation

12 ¹Or snatches
²Heb. uncertain, possibly on the cover

14 ^aAmos 4:4

15 ^aJer. 36:22
^bJudg. 3:20
^c1 Kin. 22:39
¹Lit. strike

- 5 Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no ¹trap for it? Will a snare spring up from the earth, if it has caught nothing at all?
- 6 If a ¹trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? ^aIf there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done it?
- 7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless ^aHe reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.
- 8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! ^aWho can but prophesy?

Punishment of Israel's Sins

- 9 “Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod, And in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say: ‘Assemble on the mountains of Samaria; See great tumults in her midst, And the ¹oppressed within her.
- 10 For they ^ado not know to do right,’ Says the LORD, ‘Who store up violence and ¹robbery in their palaces.’ ”
- 11** Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
- “An adversary *shall be* all around the land; He shall sap your strength from you, And your palaces shall be plundered.”
- 12 Thus says the LORD:
- “As a shepherd ¹takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear, So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria— In the corner of a bed and ²on the edge of a couch!
- 13 Hear and testify against the house of Jacob,” Says the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,
- 14 “That in the day I punish Israel for their transgressions, I will also visit *destruction* on the altars of ^aBethel; And the horns of the altar shall be cut off And fall to the ground.
- 15 I will ¹destroy ^athe winter house along with ^bthe summer house; The ^chouses of ivory shall perish,

CHAPTER 4

- And the great houses shall have an end,"
Says the LORD.
- 4 Hear this word, you "cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria,
Who oppress the "poor,
Who crush the needy,
Who say to "your husbands,
"Bring wine, let us "drink!"
- 2 "The Lord GOD has sworn by His holiness:
"Behold, the days shall come upon you
When He will take you away
"with fishhooks,
And your posterity with fishhooks.
- 3 "You will go out *through* broken walls,
Each one straight ahead of her,
And you will "be cast into Harmon,"
Says the LORD.
- 4 "Come^a to Bethel and transgress,
At "Gilgal multiply transgression;
"Bring your sacrifices every morning,
"Your tithes every three "days.
- 5 "Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven,
Proclaim *and* announce "the freewill offerings;
For this you love,
You children of Israel!"
Says the Lord GOD.
- Israel Did Not Accept Correction*
- 6 "Also I gave you "cleanness of teeth in all your cities,
And lack of bread in all your places;
"Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.
- 7 "I also withheld rain from you,
When *there were* still three months to the harvest.
I made it rain on one city,
I withheld rain from another city.
One part was rained upon,
And where it did not rain the part withered.
- 8 So two *or* three cities wandered to another city to drink water,
But they were not satisfied;
Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.
- 9 "I^a blasted you with blight and mildew,
When your gardens increased,
Your vineyards,
Your fig trees,
And your olive trees,
^bThe locust devoured *them*;

1 "Ps. 22:12;
Ezek. 39:18
^bAmos 2:6
^cProv. 23:20
¹Lit. *their masters or lords*

2 "Ps. 89:35
^bJer. 16:16;
Ezek. 29:4;
Hab. 1:15

3 "Ezek. 12:5
¹Or *cast them*

4 "Ezek. 20:39;
Amos 3:14
^bHos. 4:15
^cNum. 28:3;
Amos 5:21, 22
^dDeut. 14:28
¹Or *years*,
Deut. 14:28

5 "Lev. 7:13
^bLev. 22:18;
Deut. 12:6

6 "2 Chr. 28:22; Is. 26:11; Jer. 5:3;
Hag. 2:17
¹Hunger

9 "Deut. 28:22;
Hag. 2:17
^bJoel 1:4, 7;
Amos 7:1, 2

10 "Ex. 9:3, 6;
Lev. 26:25;
Deut. 28:27;
60; Ps. 78:50

11 "Gen. 19:24, 25; Deut. 29:23; Is. 13:19; Jer. 49:18; Lam. 4:6

12 "Amos 4:12

13 "Ps. 139:2;
Dan. 2:28
^bMic. 1:3 "Is. 47:4; Jer. 10:16 "Or *spirit* "Or *His*

CHAPTER 5

1 "Jer. 7:29;
9:10, 17; Ezek. 19:1

4 "Deut. 4:29;
2 Chr. 15:2;
Jer. 29:13
^b[Is. 55:3]

5 "1 Kin. 12:28, 29;
Amos 4:4
^bGen. 21:31-33;
Amos 8:14

Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.

- 10 "I sent among you a plague
"after the manner of Egypt;
Your young men I killed with a sword,
Along with your captive horses;
I made the stench of your camps come up into your nostrils;
Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.

- 11 "I overthrew *some* of you,
As God overthrew "Sodom and Gomorrah,
And you were like a firebrand plucked from the burning;
Yet you have not returned to Me,"
Says the LORD.

- 12 "Therefore thus will I do to you,
O Israel;
Because I will do this to you,
"Prepare to meet your God,
O Israel!"

- 13 For behold,
He who forms mountains,
And creates the "wind,
"Who declares to man what "his thought is,
And makes the morning darkness,
"Who treads the high places of the earth—
"The LORD God of hosts is His name.

A Lament for Israel

- 5 Hear this word which I "take up against you, a lamentation, O house of Israel:

- 2 The virgin of Israel has fallen;
She will rise no more.
She lies forsaken on her land;
There is no one to raise her up.

- 3 For thus says the Lord GOD:

"The city that goes out by a thousand
Shall have a hundred left,
And that which goes out by a hundred
Shall have ten left to the house of Israel."

A Call to Repentance

- 4 For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:

- "Seek Me "and live;
5 But do not seek "Bethel,
Nor enter Gilgal,
Nor pass over to "Beersheba;

- For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,
And ^cBethel shall come to nothing.
- 6 ^aSeek the LORD and live,
Lest He break out like fire *in* the house of Joseph,
And devour *it*,
With no one to quench *it* in Bethel—
- 7 You who ^cturn justice to wormwood,
And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!"
- 8 He made the ^aPleiades and Orion;
He turns the shadow of death into morning
^bAnd makes the day dark as night;
He ^ccalls for the waters of the sea
And pours them out on the face of the earth;
^aThe LORD *is* His name.
- 9 He ¹rains ruin upon the strong,
So that fury comes upon the fortress.
- 10 ^aThey hate the one who rebukes in the gate,
And they ^babhor the one who speaks uprightly.
- 11 ^aTherefore, because you ¹tread down the poor
And take grain ²taxes from him,
Though ^byou have built houses of hewn stone,
Yet you shall not dwell in them;
You have planted ³pleasant vineyards,
But you shall not drink wine from them.
- 12 For I ^aknow your manifold transgressions
And your mighty sins;
^bAfflicting the just *and* taking bribes;
^cDiverting the poor *from* justice at the gate.
- 13 Therefore ^athe prudent keep silent at that time,
For it is an evil time.
- 14 Seek good and not evil,
That you may live;
So the LORD God of hosts will be with you,
^aAs you have spoken.
- 15 ^aHate evil, love good;
Establish justice in the gate.
^bIt may be that the LORD God of hosts
Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Day of the LORD

- 16 Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the Lord, says this:

"There shall be wailing in all streets,

5 ^cHos. 4:15
6 ^a[Is. 55:3, 6, 7; Amos 5:14]
7 ^aAmos 6:12
8 ^aJob 9:9; 38:31 ^bPs. 104:20 ^cJob 38:34 ^d[Amos 4:13]
9 ¹Or *flashes forth destruction*
10 ^a[Is. 29:21; 66:5; Amos 5:15 ^b1 Kin. 22:8; Is. 59:15; Jer. 17:16–18]
11 ^aAmos 2:6 ^bDeut. 28:30, 38, 39; Mic. 6:15; Zeph. 1:13; Hag. 1:6 ¹trample ²Or *tribute* ³desirable
12 ^aHos. 5:3 ^bIs. 1:23; 5:23; Amos 2:6 ^cIs. 29:21
13 ^aAmos 6:10
14 ^aMic. 3:11
15 ^aPs. 97:10; Rom. 12:9 ^bJoel 2:14
16 ^a2 Chr. 35:25; Jer. 9:17
17 ^aEx. 12:12
18 ^aIs. 5:19; Jer. 17:15; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31 ^bIs. 5:30; Joel 2:2
19 ^aJob 20:24; Is. 24:17, 18; Jer. 48:44
21 ^aIs. 1:11–16; Amos 4:4, 5; 8:10 ^bLev. 26:31; Jer. 14:12; Hos. 5:6
22 ^aIs. 66:3; Mic. 6:6, 7
24 ^aJer. 22:3; Ezek. 45:9; Hos. 6:6; Mic. 6:8
25 ^aDeut. 32:17; Josh. 24:14; Neh. 9:18–21; Acts 7:42, 43
26 ^a1 Kin. 11:33 ^b1LXX. Vg. *tabernacle of Moloch* ²A pagan deity
27 ^a2 Kin. 17:6; Amos 7:11; 17; Mic. 4:10 ^bAmos 4:13

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aLuke 6:24 ^bPs. 123:4; Is. 32:9–11; Zeph. 1:12 ^cIs. 31:1; Jer. 49:4 ^dEx. 19:5; Amos 3:2

- And they shall say in all the highways,
'Alas! Alas!'
They shall call the farmer to mourning,
^aAnd skillful lamenters to wailing.
- 17 In all vineyards *there shall be* wailing,
For ^aI will pass through you,"
Says the LORD.
- 18 ^aWoe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
For what good is ^bthe day of the LORD to you?
It *will be* darkness, and not light.
- 19 It *will be* ^aas though a man fled from a lion,
And a bear met him!
Or *as though* he went into the house,
Leaned his hand on the wall,
And a serpent bit him!
- 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light?
Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?
- 21 ^aI hate, I despise your feast days,
And ^bI do not savor your sacred assemblies.
- 22 ^aThough you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings,
I will not accept *them*,
Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.
- 23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs,
For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.
- 24 ^aBut let justice run down like water,
And righteousness like a mighty stream.
- 25 ^a"Did ^ayou offer Me sacrifices and offerings
In the wilderness forty years,
O house of Israel?
26 You also carried ¹Sikkuth²
^ayour king
And Chiun, your idols,
The star of your gods,
Which you made for yourselves.
- 27 Therefore I will send you into captivity ^abeyond Damascus,"
Says the LORD, ^bwhose name is the God of hosts.

Warnings to Zion and Samaria

- 6 ^aWoe ^ato you who are at ^bease in Zion,
And ^ctrust in Mount Samaria,
Notable persons in the ^dchief nation,
To whom the house of Israel comes!

- 2 "Go over to ^bCalneh and see;
And from there go to ^cHamath
the great;
Then go down to Gath of the
Philistines.
^aAre you better than these
kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater
than your territory?

- 3 Woe to you who "put far off the
day of ^ddoom,
^cWho cause ^ethe seat of violence
to come near;

- 4 Who lie on beds of ivory,
Stretch out on your couches,
Eat lambs from the flock
And calves from the midst of
the stall;

- 5 "Who sing idly to the sound of
stringed instruments,
And invent for yourselves
^bmusical instruments ^clike
David;

- 6 Who "drink wine from bowls,
And anoint yourselves with the
best ointments,
^bBut are not grieved for the
affliction of Joseph.

- 7 Therefore they shall now go
^acaptive as the first of the
captives,
And those who recline at
banquets shall be removed.

- 8 "The Lord GOD has sworn by
Himself,
The LORD God of hosts says:
"I abhor ^bthe pride of Jacob,
And hate his palaces;
Therefore I will deliver up ^cthe
city
And all that is in it."

- 9 Then it shall come to pass, that
if ten men remain in one house, they
shall die.

- 10 And when ^{1a}relative of the
dead, with one who will burn ^bthe
bodies, picks up the ²bodies to take
them out of the house, he will say to
one inside the house, "^aAre there any
more with you?" Then someone will
say, "None." And he will say, "^aHold
your tongue! ^bFor we dare not men-
tion the name of the LORD."

- 11 For behold, ^athe LORD gives a
command:
^bHe will break the great house
into bits,
And the little house into
pieces.

- 12 Do horses run on rocks?
Does ^aone plow ^bthere with
oxen?
Yet ^cyou have turned justice
into gall,
And the fruit of righteousness
into wormwood,

- 13 You who rejoice over ¹Lo
Debar,

2 ^aJer. 2:10 ^bIs.
10:9 ^{c2} Kin.
18:34 ^dNah.
3:8

3 ^aIs. 56:12
^bAmos 5:18
^cAmos 5:12
^dPs. 94:20

5 ^aIs. 5:12
^bAmos 5:23;
3:10 ^{c1} Chr.
23:5

6 ^aAmos 2:8;
4:1 ^bGen.
37:25

7 ^aAmos 5:27

8 ^aJer. 51:14
^bAmos 8:7

10 ^aAmos 5:13
^bAmos 8:3
¹Lit. *his loved
one or uncle*
²Lit. *bones*

11 ^aIs. 55:11
^bAmos 3:15

12 ^aHos. 10:4

13 ¹Lit. *Nothing*
²Lit.
*Horns, a sym-
bol of
strength*

14 ^aJer. 5:15
^{b1} Kin. 8:65

CHAPTER 7

1 ¹Lit. *begin-
ning of the
sprouting of*

2 ^aIs. 51:19
¹Or *How shall
Jacob stand*

3 ^aJon. 3:10

4 ¹to contend
²Lit. *portion*

5 ^aAmos 7:2, 3

8 ^{a2} Kin. 21:13
^bMic. 7:18

9 ^aGen. 46:1
^{b2} Kin. 15:8-10
¹Places of
pagan wor-
ship ²Or *holy
places*

10 ^{a1} Kin.
12:31, 32;
13:33 ^bAmos
4:4 ^{c2} Kin.
14:23

Who say, "Have we not taken
²Karnaim for ourselves
By our own strength?"

- 14 "But, behold, ^aI will raise up a
nation against you,
O house of Israel."
Says the LORD God of hosts:
"And they will afflict you from
the ^bentrance of Hamath
To the Valley of the Arabah."

Vision of the Locusts

- 7 Thus the Lord GOD showed me:
Behold, He formed locust
swarms at the ¹beginning of the late
crop; indeed it was the late crop
after the king's mowings.
2 And so it was, when they had
finished eating the grass of the land,
that I said:

"O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray!
^aOh, that Jacob may stand,
For he is small!"

- 3 So ^athe LORD relented
concerning this.
"It shall not be," said the LORD.

Vision of the Fire

- 4 Thus the Lord GOD showed me:
Behold, the Lord GOD called ¹for
conflict by fire, and it consumed the
great deep and devoured the ²terri-
tory.

- 5 Then I said:

"O Lord GOD, cease, I pray!
^aOh, that Jacob may stand,
For he is small!"

- 6 So the LORD relented concerning
this.
"This also shall not be," said the
Lord GOD.

Vision of the Plumb Line

- 7 Thus He showed me: Behold,
the Lord stood on a wall ^amade with
a plumb line, with a plumb line in
His hand.

- 8 And the LORD said to me,
"Amos, what do you see?" And I said,
"A plumb line." Then the Lord said:

"Behold, ^aI am setting a plumb
line
In the midst of My people
Israel;

^bI will not pass by them
anymore.

- 9 ^aThe ¹high places of Isaac shall
be desolate,
And the ²sanctuaries of Israel
shall be laid waste.
^bI will rise with the sword
against the house of
Jeroboam."

Amaziah's Complaint

- 10 Then Amaziah the ^apriest of
^bBethel sent to ^cJeroboam king of

Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to ¹bear all his words.

11 "For thus Amos has said:

'Jero-boam shall die by the sword,
And Israel shall surely be led away ^a'captive
From their own land.' "

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos:

"Go, you seer!
Flee to the land of Judah.
There eat bread,
And there prophesy.

13 But ^a'never again prophesy at Bethel,
^bFor it is the king's ¹'sanctuary,
And it is the royal ²'residence."

14 Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

"I was no prophet,
Nor was I ^a'a son of a prophet,
But I was a ^b'sheepbreeder
And a tender of sycamore fruit.

15 Then the LORD took me ¹'as I followed the flock,
And the LORD said to me,
'Go, ^a'prophesy to My people Israel.'

16 Now therefore, hear the word of the LORD:
You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,
And ^a'do not ¹'spout against the house of Isaac.'

17 "Therefore^a thus says the LORD:

^b'Your wife shall be a harlot in the city;
Your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword;
Your land shall be divided by ^a'survey line;
You shall die in a ^c'defiled land;
And Israel shall surely be led away captive
From his own land.' "

Vision of the Summer Fruit

8 Thus the Lord GOD showed me:
Behold, a basket of summer fruit.

2 And He said, "Amos, what do you see?" So I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me:

^a"The end has come upon My people Israel;
^bI will not pass by them anymore.

3 And ^a'the songs of the temple Shall be wailing in that day,"
Says the Lord GOD—
"Many dead bodies everywhere,

10 ¹Or *endure*

11 ^aAmos 5:27;
6:7

13 ^aAmos 2:12
^b1 Kin. 12:29,
32 ¹Or *holy place* ²Lit. *house*

14 ^a1 Kin. 20:35 ^bZech. 13:5

15 ^aAmos 3:8
¹Lit. *from behind*

16 ^aEzek. 21:2
¹Lit. *drip*

17 ^aJer. 28:12;
29:21, 32
^bZech. 14:2
^cHos. 9:3

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2 ^aEzek. 7:2
^bAmos 7:8

3 ^aAmos 5:23
^bAmos 6:9, 10

4 ¹Or *trample on*, Amos 2:7

5 ^aNeh. 13:15
^bMic. 6:10, 11
^cLev. 19:35, 36
¹Lit. *open*

6 ^aAmos 2:6

7 ^aAmos 6:8
^bHos. 7:2; 8:13

8 ^aHos. 4:3
^bAmos 9:5
¹The Nile; some Heb. mss., LXX. Tg., Syr., Vg. *River* (cf. 9:5);
MT *the light*

9 ^aJob 5:14
¹Lit. *a day of light*

10 ^aEzek. 7:18
^bEzek. 27:31
^c[Zech. 12:10]

11 ^aEzek. 7:26

12 ^aHos. 5:6

^bThey shall be thrown out in silence."

4 Hear this, you who ¹'swallow up the needy,
And make the poor of the land fail,

5 Saying:

"When will the New Moon be past,
That we may sell grain?
And ^a'the Sabbath,
That we may ¹'trade wheat?
^bMaking the ephah small and the shekel large,
Falsifying the scales by ^a'deceit,
6 That we may buy the poor for ^a'silver,
And the needy for a pair of sandals—
Even sell the bad wheat?"

7 The LORD has sworn by ^a'the pride of Jacob:
"Surely ^b'I will never forget any of their works.

8 "Shall the land not tremble for this,
And everyone mourn who dwells in it?
All of it shall swell like ¹'the River,
Heave and subside
^b'Like the River of Egypt.

9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD,
^a"That I will make the sun go down at noon,
And I will darken the earth in ¹'broad daylight;

10 I will turn your feasts into ^a'mourning,
^bAnd all your songs into lamentation;
^cI will bring sackcloth on every waist,
And baldness on every head;
I will make it like mourning for an only son,
And its end like a bitter day.

11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD,
"That I will send a famine on the land,
Not a famine of bread,
Nor a thirst for water,
But ^a'of hearing the words of the LORD.

12 They shall wander from sea to sea,
And from north to east;
They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
But shall ^a'not find it.

13 "In that day the fair virgins
And strong young men
Shall faint from thirst.

- 14 Those who ^aswear by ^bthe ¹sin of Samaria,
Who say,
'As your god lives, O Dan!'
And, 'As the way of ^aBeersheba lives!'
They shall fall and never rise again."

The Destruction of Israel

- 9 I saw the Lord standing by the altar, and He said:

"Strike the ¹doorposts, that the thresholds may shake,
And ^abreak them on the heads of them all.
I will slay the last of them with the sword.
^bHe who flees from them shall not get away,
And he who escapes from them shall not be delivered.

- 2 "Though^a they dig into ¹hell,
From there My hand shall take them;

^bThough they climb up to heaven,
From there I will bring them down;

- 3 And though they ^ahide themselves on top of Carmel,
From there I will search and take them;
Though they hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea,
From there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them;

- 4 Though they go into captivity before their enemies,
From there ^aI will command the sword,
And it shall slay them.
^bI will set My eyes on them for harm and not for good."

- 5 The Lord GOD of hosts,
He who touches the earth and it ^amelts,

^bAnd all who dwell there mourn;
All of it shall swell like ¹the River,
And subside like the River of Egypt.

- 6 He who builds His ^alayers¹ in the sky,
And has founded His strata in the earth;
Who ^bcalls for the waters of the sea,
And pours them out on the face of the earth—
^cThe LORD is His name.

14 ^aHos. 4:15
^bDeut. 9:21
^cAmos 5:5 ¹Or *Ashima*, a Syrian goddess

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aPs. 68:21;
Hab. 3:13
^bAmos 2:14
¹Capitals of the pillars

2 ^aPs. 139:8;
Jer. 23:24 ^bJob 20:6; Jer. 51:53; Obad. 4; Matt. 11:23
¹Or *Sheol*

3 ^aJer. 23:24

4 ^aLev. 26:33
^bLev. 17:10;
Jer. 21:10;
39:16; 44:11

5 ^aPs. 104:32;
144:5; Is. 64:1;
Mic. 1:4
^bAmos 8:8
¹The Nile

6 ^aPs. 104:3, 13
^bAmos 5:8
^cAmos 4:13;
5:27 ¹Or *stairs*

7 ^aJer. 47:4
^bDeut. 2:23
^cAmos 1:5
¹Lit. *sons of the Ethiopians* ²Crete

8 ^aJer. 44:27;
Amos 9:4 ^bJer. 5:10; 30:11;
[Joel 2:32];
Amos 3:12;
[Obad. 16, 17]

9 ^a[Is. 65:8–16]
¹shake ²Lit. *pebble*

10 ^a[Is. 28:15];
Jer. 5:12;
Amos 6:3

11 ^aActs 15:16–18 ¹Lit. *booth*; a figure of a deposed dynasty ²Lit. *wall up its breaches*

12 ^aObad. 19
^bNum. 24:18;
Is. 11:14 ¹LXX *mankind*

13 ^aLev. 26:5
^bJoel 3:18

14 ^aPs. 53:6; Is. 60:4; Jer. 30:3;
18 ^bIs. 61:4

15 ^aIs. 60:21;
Ezek. 34:28;
37:25

- 7 "Are you not like the ¹people of Ethiopia to Me,
O children of Israel?" says the LORD.
"Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt,
The ^aPhilistines from ^bCaphtor,²
And the Syrians from ^cKir?"

- 8 "Behold, ^athe eyes of the Lord GOD *are* on the sinful kingdom,
And I ^bwill destroy it from the face of the earth;
Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,"
Says the LORD.

- 9 "For surely I will command,
And will ¹sift the house of Israel among all nations,
As *grain* is sifted in a sieve;
^aYet not the smallest ²grain shall fall to the ground.

- 10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword,
^aWho say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'

Israel Will Be Restored

- 11 "On^a that day I will raise up The ¹tabernacle of David,
which has fallen down,
And ²repair its damages;
I will raise up its ruins,
And rebuild it as in the days of old;

- 12 ^aThat they may possess the remnant of ^bEdom,¹
And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,"
Says the LORD who does this thing.

- 13 "Behold, ^athe days are coming," says the LORD,
"When the plowman shall overtake the reaper,
And the treader of grapes him who sows seed;
^bThe mountains shall drip with sweet wine,
And all the hills shall flow *with it*."

- 14 ^aI will bring back the captives of My people Israel;

^bThey shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*;
They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them;
They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

- 15 I will plant them in their land,
^aAnd no longer shall they be pulled up
From the land I have given them,"
Says the LORD your God.

The Book of OBADIAH

A STRUGGLE that began in the womb between twin brothers, Esau and Jacob, eventuates in a struggle between their respective descendants, the Edomites and the Israelites. For the Edomites' stubborn refusal to aid Israel, first during the time of wilderness wandering (Num. 20:14–21) and later during a time of invasion, they are roundly condemned by Obadiah. This little-known prophet describes their crimes, tries their case, and pronounces their judgment: total destruction.

The Hebrew name *Obadyah* means “Worshiper of Yahweh” or “Servant of Yahweh.” The Greek title in the Septuagint is *Obdiou*, and the Latin title in the Vulgate is *Abdias*.

The Coming Judgment on Edom

THE vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord GOD
concerning Edom

^b(We have heard a report from
the LORD,
And a messenger has been sent
among the nations, *saying*,
“Arise, and let us rise up against
her for battle”):

- 2 “Behold, I will make you small
among the nations;
You shall be greatly despised.
- 3 The pride of your heart has
deceived you,
You who dwell in the clefts of
the rock,
Whose habitation is high;
^bYou who say in your heart,
“Who will bring me down to the
ground?”
- 4 “Though you ascend as high as
the eagle,
And though you ^bset your nest
among the stars,
From there I will bring you
down,” says the LORD.
- 5 “If thieves had come to you,
If robbers by night—
Oh, how you will be cut off!—
Would they not have stolen till
they had enough?
If grape-gatherers had come to
you,
^bWould they not have left *some*
 gleanings?
- 6 “Oh, how Esau shall be searched
out!
How his hidden treasures shall
be sought after!
- 7 All the men in your
confederacy
Shall force you to the border;
^aThe men at peace with you
Shall deceive you *and* prevail
against you.
Those who eat your bread shall
lay a ¹trap for you.
^bNo² one is aware of it.

¹Is. 21:11;
Ezek. 25:12;
Joel 3:19; Mal.
1:3 ^bJer.
49:14–16;
Obad. 1–4

³Is. 16:6; Jer.
49:16 ^bIs.
14:13–15; Rev.
18:7

⁴aJob 20:6
^bHab. 2:9;
Mal. 1:4

⁵aJer. 49:9
^bDeut. 24:21

⁷aJer. 38:22
^bIs. 19:11; Jer.
49:7 ¹Or
wound or plot
²Or *There is*
no under-
standing in
him

⁸a[Job
5:12–14]; Is.
29:14

⁹aPs. 76:5
^bGen. 36:11;
1 Chr. 1:45;
Job 2:11; Jer.
49:7

¹⁰aGen. 27:41;
Ezek. 25:12;
Amos 1:11
^bEzek. 35:9;
Joel 3:19

¹¹aPs. 83:5–8;
Amos 1:6, 9
^bJoel 3:3;
Nah. 3:10

¹²aMic. 4:11;
7:10 ^b[Prov.
17:5]; Ezek.
35:15; 36:5
¹Gloated over
²Lit. *On the*
day he be-
came a
foreigner

¹³¹Gloated
over

¹⁴¹Handed
over to the
enemy

- 8 “Will^a I not in that day,” says the
LORD,
“Even destroy the wise *men*
from Edom,
And understanding from the
mountains of Esau?”
- 9 Then your “mighty men, O
^bTeman, shall be dismayed,
To the end that everyone from
the mountains of Esau
May be cut off by slaughter.

Edom Mistreated His Brother

- 10 “For violence against your
brother Jacob,
Shame shall cover you,
And ^byou shall be cut off
forever.
- 11 In the day that you “stood on
the other side—
In the day that strangers
carried captive his forces,
When foreigners entered his
gates
And ^bcast lots for Jerusalem—
Even you were as one of
them.
- 12 “But you should not have
“gazed¹ on the day of your
brother
²In the day of his captivity;
Nor should you have ^brejoiced
over the children of
Judah
In the day of their destruction;
Nor should you have spoken
proudly
In the day of distress.
- 13 You should not have entered
the gate of My people
In the day of their calamity.
Indeed, you should not have
¹gazed on their affliction
In the day of their calamity,
Nor laid *hands* on their
substance
In the day of their calamity.
- 14 You should not have stood at
the crossroads
To cut off those among them
who escaped;
Nor should you have ¹delivered

- up those among them who remained
In the day of distress.
- 15 ^aFor^a the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near;
^bAs you have done, it shall be done to you;
Your ¹reprisal shall return upon your own head.
- 16 ^aFor as you drank on My holy mountain,
So shall all the nations drink continually;
Yes, they shall drink, and swallow,
And they shall be as though they had never been.
- Israel's Final Triumph*
- 17 "But on Mount Zion there ^ashall be ¹deliverance,
And there shall be holiness;
The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.
- 18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire,
And the house of Joseph ^aa flame;

- 15 ^aEzek. 30:3
^bHab. 2:8 ¹Or reward
- 16 ^aJoel 3:17
- 17 ^aAmos 9:8
¹Or salvation
- 18 ^aZech. 12:6
- 19 ^aIs. 11:14
^bZeph. 2:7
¹Heb. Negev
- 20 ^a1 Kin. 17:9
^bJer. 32:44
¹Heb. Negev
- 21 ^a[James 5:20] ^b[Rev. 11:15] ¹deliverers

- But the house of Esau *shall* be stubble;
They shall kindle them and devour them,
And no survivor shall *remain* of the house of Esau."
For the LORD has spoken.
- 19 The ¹South ^ashall possess the mountains of Esau,
^bAnd the Lowland shall possess Philistia.
They shall possess the fields of Ephraim
And the fields of Samaria.
Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.
- 20 And the captives of this host of the children of Israel
Shall possess the land of the Canaanites
As ^afar as Zarephath.
The captives of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad
^bShall possess the cities of the ¹South.
- 21 Then ^asaviors¹ shall come to Mount Zion
To judge the mountains of Esau,
And the ^bkingdom shall be the LORD'S.

The Book of

JONAH

NINEVEH is northeast; Tarshish is west. When God calls Jonah to preach repentance to the wicked Ninevites, the prophet knows that God's mercy may follow. He turns down the assignment and heads for Tarshish instead. But once God has dampened his spirits (by tossing him out of the boat and into the water) and has demonstrated His protection (by moving him out of the water and into the fish), Jonah realizes God is serious about His command. Nineveh must hear the word of the Lord; therefore Jonah goes. Although the preaching is a success, the preacher comes away angry and discouraged and he must learn firsthand of God's compassion for sinful men.

Yonah is the Hebrew word for "dove." The Septuagint hellenized this word into *Ionas*, and the Latin Vulgate used the title *Jonas*.

Jonah's Disobedience

NOW the word of the LORD came to ^aJonah the son of Amittai, saying,
2 "Arise, go to ^aNineveh, that ^bgreat city, and cry out against it; for ^ctheir wickedness has come up before Me."
3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to ^aJoppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid

CHAPTER 1

- 1 ^a2 Kin. 14:25
- 2 ^aIs. 37:37
^bGen. 10:11,
12 ^cGen. 18:20
- 3 ^aJosh. 19:46
^bIs. 23:1 ^cGen. 4:16
- 4 ^aPs. 107:25
¹Lit. *hurled*
- 5 ¹Lit. *from upon them*

the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to ^bTarshish ^afrom the presence of the LORD.

The Storm at Sea

4 But ^athe LORD ¹sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up.
5 Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten ¹the load.

But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep.

6 So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish."

7 And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

8 Then they said to him, "Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?"

9 So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

Jonah Thrown into the Sea

10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?"—for the sea was growing more tempestuous.

12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me."

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them.

14 Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You."

15 So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows.

Jonah's Prayer and Deliverance

17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.

2 And he said:

"I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction,
And He answered me.

"Out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
And You heard my voice.

5 ^a1 Sam. 24:3

6 ^aPs. 107:28
^bJoel 2:14

7 ^aJosh. 7:14

8 ^aJosh. 7:19

9 ^a[Neh. 9:6]
¹Heb. YHWH

12 ^aJohn 11:50
¹Lit. hurl

13 ^a[Prov. 21:30]

14 ^aDeut. 21:8
^bPs. 115:3

15 ^a[Ps. 89:9; 107:29]

16 ^aActs 5:11

17 ^a[Matt. 12:40]

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2 ^aPs. 120:1
^bPs. 65:2

3 ^aPs. 88:6
^bPs. 42:7

4 ^aPs. 31:22
^b1 Kin. 8:38

5 ^aLam. 3:54

6 ^a[Ps. 16:10]
¹foundations or bases

7 ^aPs. 18:6

8 ^aJer. 10:8
¹Or Lov-
ingkindness

9 ^aHos. 14:2
^b[Ecc. 5:4, 5]
^cPs. 3:8 [Jer. 3:23]

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3 ¹Exact meaning unknown

4 ^a[Deut. 18:22]

5 ^a[Matt. 12:41]

6 ^aJob 2:8

7 ^a2 Chr. 20:3
¹Lit. great ones

3 "For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me.

4 "Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.'

5 The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head.

6 I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God.

7 "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple.

8 "Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. "Salvation is of the LORD."

10 So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah Preaches at Nineveh

3 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you."

3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent.

4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

The People of Nineveh Believe

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

6 Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying,

Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water.

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, ^alet every one turn from his evil way and from ^bthe violence that is in his hands.

9 ^aWho can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?

10 ^aThen God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

Jonah's Anger and God's Kindness

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry.

2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I ^afled previously to Tarsish; for I know that You are ^bgracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.

3 ^a"Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for ^bit is better for me to die than to live!"

4 Then the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

5 So Jonah went out of the city and

8 ^aIs. 58:6 ^bIs. 59:6

9 ^aJoel 2:14

10 ^aJer. 18:8

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2 ^aJon. 1:3
^bJoel 2:13

3 ^a1 Kin. 19:4
^bJon. 4:8

6 ¹Heb. *kikayon*, exact identity unknown ²Lit. *rejoiced with great joy*

8 ^aJon. 4:3

10 ¹Lit. *was a son of a night*

11 ^aJon. 1:2; 3:2, 3 ^bDeut. 1:39

sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a ¹plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah ²was very grateful for the plant.

7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered.

8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, ^a"It is better for me to die than to live."

9 Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "It is right for me to be angry, even to death!"

10 But the LORD said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which ¹came up in a night and perished in a night.

11 "And should I not pity Nineveh, ^athat great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons ^bwho cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"

The Book of

MICAH

MICAH, called from his rustic home to be a prophet, leaves his familiar surroundings to deliver a stern message of judgment to the princes and people of Jerusalem. Burdened by the abusive treatment of the poor by the rich and influential, the prophet turns his verbal rebukes upon any who would use their social or political power for personal gain. One-third of Micah's book exposes the sins of his countrymen; another third pictures the punishment God is about to send; and the final third holds out the hope of restoration once that discipline has ended. Through it all, God's righteous demands upon His people are clear: "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" (6:8).

The name *Michayahu* ("Who Is Like Yahweh?") is shortened to *Michaia*. In 7:18, Micah hints at his own name with the phrase "Who is a God like You?" The Greek and Latin titles of this book are *Michaias* and *Micha*.

CHAPTER 1

THE word of the LORD that came to ^aMicah of Moresheth in the days of ^bJotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

1 ^aJer. 26:18
^bIs. 1:1

The Coming Judgment on Israel

2 Hear, all you peoples! Listen, O earth, and all that is in it!

- Let the Lord GOD be a witness
against you,
The Lord from ^aHis holy temple.
- 3 For behold, the LORD is coming
out of His place;
He will come down
And tread on the high places of
the earth.
- 4 ^aThe mountains will melt under
Him,
And the valleys will split
Like wax before the fire,
Like waters poured down a
steep place.
- 5 All this is for the transgression
of Jacob
And for the sins of the house of
Israel.
What is the transgression of
Jacob?
Is it not Samaria?
And what *are* the ^ahigh places
of Judah?
Are they not Jerusalem?
- 6 “Therefore I will make Samaria
^aa heap of ruins in the field,
Places for planting a vineyard;
I will pour down her stones
into the valley,
And I will ^buncover her
foundations.
- 7 All her carved images shall be
beaten to pieces,
And all her ^apay as a harlot
shall be burned with the fire;
All her idols I will lay desolate,
For she gathered it from the
pay of a harlot,
And they shall return to the
^bpay of a harlot.”
- Mourning for Israel and Judah*
- 8 Therefore I will wail and howl,
I will go stripped and naked;
^aI will make a wailing like the
jackals
And a mourning like the
ostriches,
- 9 For her wounds *are* incurable.
For ^ait has come to Judah;
It has come to the gate of My
people—
To Jerusalem.
- 10 ^aTell *it* not in Gath,
Weep not at all;
In ¹Beth Aphrah
Roll yourself in the dust.
- 11 Pass by in naked shame, you
inhabitant of ¹Shaphir;
The inhabitant of ²Zaanan does
not go out.
Beth Ezel mourns;
Its place to stand is taken away
from you.
- 12 For the inhabitant of ¹Maroth
²pined for good.
But ^adisaster came down from
the LORD
- 2 ^a[Ps. 11:4]
4 ^aAmos 9:5
5 ^aDeut. 32:13;
33:29; Amos
4:13
6 ^{a2} Kin.
19:25; Mic.
3:12 ^bEzek.
13:14
7 ^aHos. 2:5
^bDeut. 23:18;
Is. 23:17
8 ^aPs. 102:6
9 ^{a2} Kin.
18:13; Is. 8:7,
8
10 ^{a2} Sam.
1:20 ¹Lit.
House of Dust
11 ¹Lit. *Beau-
tiful* ²Lit.
Going Out
12 ^aIs. 59:9–11;
Jer. 14:19;
Amos 3:6 ¹Lit.
Bitterness
²Lit. *was sick*
13 ^aJosh. 10:3;
2 Kin. 14:19;
18:14; Is. 36:2
^bEzek. 23:11
14 ^{a2} Sam. 8:2
^bJosh. 15:44
¹Lit. *Posses-
sion of Gath*
²Lit. *Lie*
15 ^aJosh. 15:44
^{b2} Chr. 11:7
¹Lit. *Inheri-
tance* ²Lit.
Refuge
16 ^aJob 1:20
^bLam. 4:5
^{c2} Kin. 17:6;
Amos 7:11,
17; [Mic. 4:10]
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1 ^aHos. 7:6, 7
¹Plan
2 ^aIs. 5:8
3 ^aEx. 20:5;
Jer. 8:3; Amos
3:1, 2 ^bAmos
5:13
4 ^{a2} Sam. 1:17
¹Lit. *portion*
²Lit. *one turn-
ing back, an*
apostate
5 ¹Lit. *one*
casting a sur-
veyor's line
6 ¹Or *preach*,
lit. *drip words*
²Lit. *to these*

- To the gate of Jerusalem.
13 O inhabitant of ^aLachish,
Harness the chariot to the swift
steeds
(She was the beginning of sin
to the daughter of Zion),
For the transgressions of Israel
were ^bfound in you.
- 14 Therefore you shall ^agive
presents to ¹Moresheh Gath;
The houses of ^bAchzib² *shall be*
a lie to the kings of Israel.
- 15 I will yet bring an heir to you,
O inhabitant of ^aMareshah;¹
The glory of Israel shall come
to ^bAdullam.²
- 16 Make yourself ^abald and cut off
your hair,
Because of your ^bprecious
children;
Enlarge your baldness like an
eagle,
For they shall go from you into
^ccaptivity.

Woe to Evildoers

- 2 Woe to those who devise
iniquity,
And ¹work out evil on their
beds!
At ^amorning light they practice
it,
Because it is in the power of
their hand.
- 2 They ^acovet fields and take
them by violence,
Also houses, and seize *them*.
So they oppress a man and his
house,
A man and his inheritance.
- 3 Therefore thus says the LORD:
“Behold, against this ^afamily I
am devising ^bdisaster,
From which you cannot remove
your necks;
Nor shall you walk haughtily,
For this is an evil time.
- 4 In that day *one* shall take up a
proverb against you,
And ^alament with a bitter
lamentation, saying:
“We are utterly destroyed!
He has changed the ^aheritage
of my people;
How He has removed it from
me!
To ^{2a} turncoat He has divided
our fields.”
- 5 Therefore you will have no ¹one
to determine boundaries by
lot
In the assembly of the LORD.
- Lying Prophets*
- 6 “Do not prattle,” you say to
those who ¹prophesy.
So they shall not prophesy ²to
you;

- ³They shall not return insult for insult.
 7 You who are named the house of Jacob:
 "Is the Spirit of the LORD restricted?
 Are these His doings?
 Do not My words do good
 To him who walks uprightly?"
 8 "Lately My people have risen up
 as an enemy—
 You pull off the robe with the garment
 From those who trust you, as they pass by,
 Like men returned from war.
 9 The women of My people you cast out
 From their pleasant houses;
 From their children
 You have taken away My glory forever.
 10 "Arise and depart,
 For this is not your ^arest;
 Because it is ^bdefiled, it shall destroy,
 Yes, with utter destruction.
 11 If a man should walk in a false spirit
 And speak a lie, saying,
 'I will ¹prophecy to you ²of wine and drink,'
 Even he would be the ^aprattler of this people.

Israel Restored

- 12 "I^a will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob,
 I will surely gather the remnant of Israel;
 I will put them together ^blike sheep of ¹the fold,
 Like a flock in the midst of their pasture;
^cThey shall make a loud noise because of so many people.
 13 The one who breaks open will come up before them;
 They will break out,
 Pass through the gate,
 And go out by it;
^cTheir king will pass before them,
^bWith the LORD at their head."

Wicked Rulers and Prophets

- 3 And I said:
 "Hear now, O heads of Jacob,
 And you ^arulers of the house of Israel:
^bIs it not for you to know justice?
 2 You who hate good and love evil;
 Who strip the skin from ¹My people,
 And the flesh from their bones;
 3 Who also ^ceat the flesh of My people,

⁶ ³Vg. *He shall not take shame*

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 12:9
^bLev. 18:25

¹¹ ^aIs. 30:10;
 Jer. 5:30, 31;
 2 Tim. 4:3, 4
¹Or *preach*,
 lit. *drip* ²*concerning*

¹² ^a[Mic. 4:6;
 7] ^bJer. 31:10
^cEzek. 33:22;
 36:37 ¹Heb.
Bozrah

¹³ ^a[Hos. 3:5]
^bIs. 52:12

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¹ ^aEzek. 22:27
^bPs. 82:1-5;
 Jer. 5:4, 5

² ¹Lit. *them*

³ ^aPs. 14:4;
 27:2; Zeph.
 3:3 ^bEzek.
 11:3, 6, 7

⁴ ^aPs. 18:41;
 Prov. 1:28; Is.
 1:15; Jer.
 11:11

⁵ ^aIs. 56:10, 11;
 Jer. 6:13;
 Ezek. 13:10;
 19 ^bMatt. 7:15
^cEzek. 13:18
¹All is well
²For those
 who feed
 them

⁶ ^aIs. 8:20-22;
 29:10-12 ^bIs.
 29:10; [Jer.
 23:33-40];
 Ezek. 13:23
¹Prophetic
 revelation

⁷ ^aAmos 8:11

⁸ ^aIs. 58:1

⁹ ¹Lit. *twist*

¹⁰ ^aJer. 22:13,
 17 ^bEzek.
 22:27; Hab.
 2:12

¹¹ ^aIs. 1:23;
 Mic. 7:3 ^bJer.
 6:13 ^cIs. 48:2;
 Jer. 7:4 ¹Lit.
silver

¹² ^aJer. 26:18
^bPs. 79:1; Jer.
 9:11 ^cMic. 4:1,
 2 ¹Lit. *house*

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¹ ^aIs. 2:2-4;
 Ezek. 17:22;
 Dan. 2:28;
 10:14; Hos. 3:5

Flay their skin from them,
 Break their bones,
 And chop *them* in pieces
 Like *meat* for the pot,
^bLike flesh in the caldron."

- 4 Then ^athey will cry to the LORD,
 But He will not hear them;
 He will even hide His face from
 them at that time,
 Because they have been evil in
 their deeds.

- 5 Thus says the LORD
^aconcerning the prophets
 Who make my people stray;
 Who chant ¹"Peace"
²While they ^bchew with their
 teeth,
 But who prepare war against
 him
^cWho puts nothing into their
 mouths:

- 6 "Therefore ^ayou shall have night
 without ¹vision,
 And you shall have darkness
 without divination;
 The sun shall go down on the
 prophets,
 And the day shall be dark for
^bthem.

- 7 So the seers shall be ashamed,
 And the diviners abashed;
 Indeed they shall all cover their
 lips;
^aFor *there* is no answer from
 God."

- 8 But truly I am full of power by
 the Spirit of the LORD,
 And of justice and might,
^aTo declare to Jacob his
 transgression
 And to Israel his sin.

- 9 Now hear this,
 You heads of the house of
 Jacob
 And rulers of the house of
 Israel,
 Who abhor justice

- And ¹pervert all equity,
 10 ^aWho build up Zion with
^bbloodshed

- And Jerusalem with iniquity;
 11 ^aHer heads judge for a bribe,
^bHer priests teach for pay,
 And her prophets divine for
¹money.

- ^cYet they lean on the LORD, and
 say,
 "Is not the LORD among us?
 No harm can come upon us."

- 12 Therefore because of you
 Zion shall be ^aplowed *like* a
 field,
^bJerusalem shall become heaps
 of ruins,
 And ^cthe mountain of the
¹temple
 Like the bare hills of the forest.

The LORD's Reign in Zion

- 4 Now ^ait shall come to pass in the
 latter days

- That the mountain of the LORD's house
 Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
 And shall be exalted above the hills;
 And peoples shall flow to it.
- 2 Many nations shall come and say,
 "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 To the house of the God of Jacob;
 He will teach us His ways,
 And we shall walk in His paths."
 For out of Zion the law shall go forth,
 And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 3 He shall judge between many peoples,
 And rebuke strong nations afar off;
 They shall beat their swords into "plowshares,
 And their spears into ¹pruning hooks;
 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
^bNeither shall they learn war anymore.
- 4 "But everyone shall sit under his vine
 and under his fig tree,
 And no one shall make *them* afraid;
 For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.
- 5 For all people walk each in the name of his god,
 But "we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
 Forever and ever.
- Zion's Future Triumph*
- 6 "In that day," says the LORD,
 "I will assemble the lame,
^bI will gather the outcast
 And those whom I have afflicted;
- 7 I will make the lame ^aa remnant,
 And the outcast a strong nation;
 So the LORD ^bwill reign over them in Mount Zion
 From now on, even forever.
- 8 And you, O tower of the flock,
 The stronghold of the daughter of Zion,
 To you shall it come,
 Even the former dominion shall come,
 The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem."
- 9 Now why do you cry aloud?
^aIs there no king in your midst?
 Has your counselor perished?
 For ^bpangs have seized you like
 a woman in ¹labor.

3 ^aIs. 2:4; Joel 3:10 ^bPs. 72:7
¹pruning knives

4 ^a1 Kin. 4:25; Zech. 3:10

5 ^aZech. 10:12

6 ^aEzek. 34:16
^bPs. 147:2

7 ^aMic. 2:12
^b[Is. 9:6; 24:23; Luke 1:33; Rev. 11:15]

9 ^aJer. 8:19 ^bIs. 13:8; Jer. 30:6
¹childbirth

10 ^a2 Chr. 36:20; Amos 5:27 ^b[Is. 45:13; Mic. 7:8-12] ^cEzra 1:1-3; 2:1; Ps. 18:17

11 ^aLam. 2:16
^bObad. 12

12 ^a[Is. 55:8, 9]
^bIs. 21:10

13 ^aJer. 51:33; [Zech. 12:1-8; 14:14] ^bIs. 41:15 ^cDan. 2:44 ^dIs. 18:7
^eZech. 4:14

CHAPTER 5

1 ^a1 Kin. 22:24; Job 16:10; Lam. 3:30; Matt. 27:30; Mark 15:19

2 ^aIs. 11:1; Matt. 2:6; Luke 2:4, 11; John 7:42
^bGen. 35:19; 48:7; Ruth 4:11 ^c1 Sam. 23:23 ^dEx. 18:25 ^e[Gen. 49:10; Is. 9:6]
^fPs. 90:2; [John 1:1]
¹Lit. *the days of eternity*

3 ^aHos. 11:8; Mic. 4:10
^bMic. 4:7; 7:18

4 ^a[Is. 40:11; 49:9; Ezek. 34:13-15, 23, 24]; Mic. 7:14
^bPs. 72:8; Is. 52:13; Zech. 9:10; [Luke 1:32] ¹shepherd

5 ^a[Is. 9:6]; Luke 2:14; [Eph. 2:14; Col. 1:20]

- 10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth,
 O daughter of Zion,
 Like a woman in birth pangs.
 For now you shall go forth from the city,
 You shall dwell in the field,
 And to "Babylon you shall go.
 There you shall be delivered;
 There the ^bLORD will ^credeem you
 From the hand of your enemies.

- 11 "Now also many nations have gathered against you,
 Who say, "Let her be defiled,
 And let our eye ^blook upon Zion."
 12 But they do not know "the thoughts of the LORD,
 Nor do they understand His counsel;
 For He will gather them ^blike sheaves to the threshing floor.

- 13 "Arise^a and ^bthresh, O daughter of Zion;
 For I will make your horn iron,
 And I will make your hooves bronze;
 You shall ^cbeat in pieces many peoples;
^dI will consecrate their gain to the LORD,
 And their substance to "the Lord of the whole earth."

- 5 Now gather yourself in troops,
 O daughter of troops;
 He has laid siege against us;
 They will "strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

The Coming Messiah

- 2 "But you, "Bethlehem ^bEphrathah,
 Though you are little "among the "thousands of Judah,
 Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
 The One to be "Ruler in Israel,
 For whose goings forth *are* from of old,
 From "everlasting."

- 3 Therefore He shall give them up,
 Until the time *that* "she who is in labor has given birth;
 Then "the remnant of His brethren
 Shall return to the children of Israel.

- 4 And He shall stand and "feed¹ His flock
 In the strength of the LORD,
 In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God;
 And they shall abide,
 For now He "shall be great
 To the ends of the earth;
 5 And this *One* "shall be peace.

Judgment on Israel's Enemies

- When the Assyrian comes into our land,
And when he treads in our palaces,
Then we will raise against him
Seven shepherds and eight princely men.
- 6 They shall ¹waste with the sword the land of Assyria,
And the land of ^aNimrod at its entrances;
Thus He shall ^bdeliver us from the Assyrian,
When he comes into our land
And when he treads within our borders.
- 7 Then ^athe remnant of Jacob
Shall be in the midst of many peoples,
^bLike dew from the LORD,
Like showers on the grass,
That ¹tarry for no man
Nor ²wait for the sons of men.
- 8 And the remnant of Jacob
Shall be among the Gentiles,
In the midst of many peoples,
Like a ^alion among the beasts of the forest,
Like a young lion among flocks of sheep,
Who, if he passes through,
Both treads down and tears in pieces,
And none can deliver.
- 9 Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries,
And all your enemies shall be ¹cut off.
- 10 "And it shall be in that day,"
says the LORD,
"That I will ^acut ¹off your ^bhorses from your midst
And destroy your ^cchariots.
- 11 I will cut off the cities of your land
And throw down all your strongholds.
- 12 I will cut off sorceries from your hand,
And you shall have no ^asoothsayers.
- 13 ^aYour carved images I will also cut off,
And your ^asacred pillars from your midst;
You shall ^bno more worship the work of your hands;
- 14 I will pluck your ¹wooden images from your midst;
Thus I will destroy your cities.
- 15 And I will ^aexecute vengeance in anger and fury
On the nations that have not ¹heard."

God Pleads with Israel

- 6 Hear now what the LORD says:
"Arise, plead your case before the mountains,

6 ^aGen. 10:8-11 ^bIs. 14:25 ¹devastate

7 ^aMic. 5:3
^bDeut. 32:2
¹wait ²delay

8 ^aNum. 24:9

9 ¹destroyed

10 ^aZech. 9:10
^bDeut. 17:16
^cIs. 2:7; 22:18
¹destroy

12 ^aIs. 2:6

13 ^aZech. 13:2
^bIs. 2:8

14 ¹Heb. *Asherim*, Canaanite deities

15 ^a[2 Thess. 1:8] ¹obeyed

CHAPTER 6

2 ^aPs. 50:1, 4
^bHos. 12:2
^c[Is. 1:18]
¹bring charges against

3 ^aJer. 2:5, 31
^bIs. 43:22, 23

4 ^a[Deut. 4:20]

5 ^aNum. 22:5,
6 ^bJudg. 5:11
¹Heb. *Shittim*,
Num. 25:1;
Josh. 2:1; 3:1

7 ^aIs. 1:11
^bJob 29:6 ^c2 Kin. 16:3 ¹My own child

8 ^a[Deut. 10:12] ^bGen. 18:19 ¹Or loving-kindness

11 ^aHos. 12:7

12 ^aMic. 2:1, 2

- And let the hills hear your voice.
- 2 ^aHear, O you mountains, ^bthe LORD's complaint,
And you strong foundations of the earth;
For ^athe LORD has a complaint against His people,
And He will ¹contend with Israel.
- 3 "O My people, what ^ahave I done to you?
And how have I ^bwearied you? Testify against Me.
- 4 ^aFor I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
I redeemed you from the house of bondage;
And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- 5 O My people, remember now
What ^aBalak king of Moab counseled,
And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
From ¹Acacia Grove to Gilgal,
That you may know ^bthe righteousness of the LORD."
- 6 With what shall I come before the LORD,
And bow myself before the High God?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
With calves a year old?
- 7 ^aWill the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
Ten thousand ^bdrivers of oil?
^cShall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
¹The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
- 8 He has ^ashown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But ^bto do justly,
To love ¹mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?
- Punishment of Israel's Injustice*
- 9 The LORD's voice cries to the city—
Wisdom shall see Your name:
"Hear the rod!
Who has appointed it?
10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness
In the house of the wicked,
And the short measure that is an abomination?
11 Shall I count pure those with ^athe wicked scales,
And with the bag of deceitful weights?
12 For her rich men are full of ^aviolence,

- Her inhabitants have spoken lies,
And ^btheir tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
- 13 "Therefore I will also ^amake you sick by striking you,
By making you desolate because of your sins.
- 14 ^aYou shall eat, but not be satisfied;
¹Hunger shall be in your midst.
²You may carry some away, but shall not save them;
And what you do rescue I will give over to the sword.
- 15 "You shall ^asow, but not reap;
You shall tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil;
And make sweet wine, but not drink wine.
- 16 For the statutes of ^aOmri are ^bkept;
All the works of Ahab's house are done;
And you walk in their counsels,
That I may make you a ¹desolation,
And your inhabitants a hissing.
Therefore you shall bear the ^areproach of ²My people."

Sorrow for Israel's Sins

- 7 Woe is me!
For I am like those who gather summer fruits,
Like those who ^aglean vintage grapes;
There is no cluster to eat
Of the first-ripe fruit which ^bmy soul desires.
- 2 The ^afaithful ¹man has perished from the earth,
And *there is no one upright among men.*
They all lie in wait for blood;
^bEvery man hunts his brother with a net.
- 3 That they may successfully do evil with both hands—
The prince asks for gifts,
The judge seeks a ^abribe,
And the great man utters his evil desire;
So they scheme together.
- 4 The best of them is ^alike a bribe;
The most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge;
The day of your watchman and your punishment comes;
Now shall be their perplexity.
- 5 ^aDo not trust in a friend;
Do not put your confidence in a companion;
Guard the doors of your mouth
From her who lies in your ^bbosom.

12 ^bJer. 9:2-6, 8
13 ^aLev. 26:16
14 ^aLev. 26:26
¹Or *Emptiness* or *Humiliation*
²Tg., Vg. *You shall take hold*

15 ^aAmos 5:11
16 ^a1 Kin. 16:25, 26
^bHos. 5:11
^cIs. 25:8 ¹Or *object of horror*
²So with MT, Tg., Vg.; LXX *nations*

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aIs. 17:6 ^bIs. 28:4

2 ^aIs. 57:1
^bHab. 1:15
¹Or *loyal*

3 ^aMic. 3:11

4 ^aEzek. 2:6;
Luke 1:72, 73

5 ^aJer. 9:4
^bDeut. 28:56

6 ^aMatt. 10:36

7 ^aIs. 25:9

8 ^aProv. 24:17
^b[Prov. 24:16]

9 ^aLam. 3:39;
40 ^bJer. 50:34

10 ^aPs. 35:26
^bPs. 42:3

11 ^a[Amos 9:11] ¹Or *the boundary shall be extended*

12 ^a[Is. 11:16; 19:23-25] ¹Lit. *he, collective of the captives* ²Heb. *arey mazor, possibly cities of Egypt*
³Heb. *mazor, possibly Egypt* ⁴The Euphrates

13 ^aJer. 21:14

14 ^aIs. 37:24
¹Alone

15 ^aPs. 68:22; 78:12 ^bEx. 34:10 ¹Lit. *him, collective for the captives*

16 ^aIs. 26:11
^bJob 21:5

- 6 For ^ason dishonors father,
Daughter rises against her mother,
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
A man's enemies are the men of his own household.
- 7 Therefore I will look to the LORD;
I will ^await for the God of my salvation;
My God will hear me.

Israel's Confession and Comfort

- 8 ^aDo not rejoice over me, my enemy;
^bWhen I fall, I will arise;
When I sit in darkness,
The LORD will be a light to me.
- 9 ^aI will bear the indignation of the LORD,
Because I have sinned against Him,
Until He pleads my ^bcase
And executes justice for me.
He will bring me forth to the light;
I will see His righteousness.
- 10 Then *she who is* my enemy will see,
And ^ashame will cover her who said to me,
^b"Where is the LORD your God?"
My eyes will see her;
Now she will be trampled down
Like mud in the streets.
- 11 In the day when your ^awalls are to be built,
In that day ¹the decree shall go far and wide.
- 12 In that day ^athey ¹shall come to you
From Assyria and the ²fortified cities,
From the ³fortress to ⁴the River,
From sea to sea,
And mountain to mountain.
- 13 Yet the land shall be desolate
Because of those who dwell in it,
And ^afor the fruit of their deeds.

God Will Forgive Israel

- 14 Shepherd Your people with Your staff,
The flock of Your heritage,
Who dwell ¹solitarily in a ^awoodland,
In the midst of Carmel;
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead,
As in days of old.
- 15 ^aAs ^ain the days when you came out of the land of Egypt,
I will show ¹them ^bwonders."
- 16 The nations ^ashall see and be ashamed of all their might;
^bThey shall put *their* hand over *their* mouth;

- 17 Their ears shall be deaf.
 17 They shall lick the ^adust like a serpent;
^bThey shall crawl from their holes like ¹snakes of the earth.
^cThey shall be afraid of the LORD our God,
 And shall fear because of You.
 18 ^aWho is a God like You,
^bPardoning iniquity
 And passing over the transgression of ^cthe remnant of His heritage?

17 ^a[Is. 49:23]
^bPs. 18:45
^cJer. 33:9 ¹Lit. *crawlers*
 18 ^aEx. 15:11
^bEx. 34:6, 7, 9
^cMic. 4:7 ^aPs. 103:8, 9, 13
^e[Ezek. 33:11]
¹Or *loving-kindness*
 19 ¹Lit. *their*
 20 ^aLuke 1:72.
 73 ^bPs. 105:9
¹Or *loving-kindness*

- ^aHe does not retain His anger forever.
 Because He delights in ^amercy.¹
 19 He will again have compassion on us,
 And will subdue our iniquities.
 You will cast all ¹our sins
 Into the depths of the sea.
 20 ^aYou will give truth to Jacob
 And ¹mercy to Abraham,
^bWhich You have sworn to our fathers
 From days of old.

The Book of
NAHUM

“FOR everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required” (Luke 12:48). Nineveh had been given the privilege of knowing the one true God. Under Jonah’s preaching this great gentile city had repented, and God had graciously stayed His judgment. However, a hundred years later, Nahum proclaims the downfall of this same city. The Assyrians have forgotten their revival and have returned to their habits of violence, idolatry, and arrogance. As a result, Babylon will so destroy the city that no trace of it will remain—a prophecy fulfilled in painful detail.

The Hebrew word *nahum* (“comfort,” “consolation”) is a shortened form of Nehemiah (“Comfort of Yahweh”). The destruction of the capital city of Assyria is a message of comfort and consolation to Judah and all who live in fear of the cruelty of the Assyrians. The title of this book in the Greek and Latin Bibles is *Naoum* and *Nahum*.

THE ¹burden ^aagainst Nineveh.
 The book of the vision of Nahum
 the Elkoshite.

God’s Wrath on His Enemies

- 2 God is ^ajealous, and the LORD avenges;
 The LORD avenges and is furious.
 The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries,
 And He reserves *wrath* for His enemies;
 3 The LORD is ^aslow to anger and ^bgreat in power,
 And will not at all acquit *the wicked*.
^cThe LORD has His way
 In the whirlwind and in the storm,
 And the clouds *are* the dust of His feet.
 4 ^aHe rebukes the sea and makes it dry,
 And dries up all the rivers.
^bBashan and Carmel wither,

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aZeph. 2:13
¹oracle, *prophecy*
 2 ^aEx. 20:5
 3 ^aEx. 34:6, 7
^b[Job 9:4] ^cPs. 18:17
 4 ^aMatt. 8:26
^bIs. 33:9
 5 ¹Tg. *burns*
 6 ^a[Mal. 3:2]
 7 ^a[Jer. 33:11]
^b2 Tim. 2:19

- And the flower of Lebanon wilts.
 5 The mountains quake before Him,
 The hills melt,
 And the earth ¹heaves at His presence,
 Yes, the world and all who dwell in it.
 6 Who can stand before His indignation?
 And ^awho can endure the fierceness of His anger?
 His fury is poured out like fire,
 And the rocks are thrown down by Him.
 7 ^aThe LORD is good,
 A stronghold in the day of trouble;
 And ^bHe knows those who trust in Him.
 8 But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place,
 And darkness will pursue His enemies.

- 9 ^aWhat do you ¹conspire against the LORD?
^bHe will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time.

- 10 For while tangled ^alike thorns,
^bAnd while drunken like drunkards,
^cThey shall be devoured like stubble fully dried.

- 11 From you comes forth *one* Who plots evil against the LORD,
 A ¹wicked counselor.

- 12 Thus says the LORD:

"Though *they are* ¹safe, and likewise many,
 Yet in this manner they will be ^acut down

- When he passes through.
 Though I have afflicted you,
 I will afflict you no more;
 13 For now I will break off his yoke from you,
 And burst your bonds apart."

- 14 The LORD has given a command concerning you:
¹"Your name shall be perpetuated no longer.

Out of the house of your gods
 I will cut off the carved image and the molded image.
 I will dig your ^agrave,
 For you are ^bvile."²

- 15 Behold, on the mountains
 The ^afeet of him who brings good tidings,
 Who proclaims peace!
 O Judah, keep your appointed feasts,
 Perform your vows.
 For the ¹wicked one shall no more pass through you;
 He is ^butterly cut off.

The Destruction of Nineveh

- 2 He¹ who scatters has come up before your face.
 Man the fort!
 Watch the road!
 Strengthen your flanks!
 Fortify your power mightily.

- 2 For the LORD will restore the excellence of Jacob
 Like the excellence of Israel,
 For the emptiers have emptied them out
 And ruined their vine branches.

- 3 The shields of his mighty men are made red,
 The valiant men are in scarlet.
 The chariots come with flaming torches
 In the day of his preparation,
 And ¹the spears are brandished.
 4 The chariots rage in the streets,

9 ^aPs. 2:1;
 Nah. 1:11
^{b1} Sam. 3:12
¹Or devise

10 ^{a2} Sam. 23:6; Mic. 7:4
^{b1s} 56:12;
 Nah. 3:11 ^{c1s} 5:24; 10:17;
 Mal. 4:1

11 ¹Lit. counselor of Belial

12 ^a[Is. 10:16–19, 33, 34] ¹Or at peace or complete

14 ^aEzek. 32:22, 23
^bNah. 3:6 ¹Lit. No more of your name shall be fruitful ²Or contemptible

15 ^aIs. 40:9; 52:7; Rom. 10:15 ^{b1s} 29:7;
 8 ¹Lit. one of Belial

CHAPTER 2

1 ¹Vg. He who destroys

3 ¹Lit. the cyresses are shaken; LXX, Syr. the horses rush about; Vg. the drivers are stupefied

7 ¹Heb. Huz-zab

8 ¹Lit. Stand

9 ^aEzek. 7:19; Zeph. 1:18
¹Plunder

10 ¹LXX, Tg., Vg. gather blackness; Joel 2:6

11 ^aJob 4:10, 11; Ezek. 19:2–7

12 ^aIs. 10:6; Jer. 51:34 ¹Lit. Strangled
²Torn flesh

13 ^aJer. 21:13; Ezek. 5:8; Nah. 3:5
^{b2} Kin. 18:17–25;
 19:9–13, 23
¹Lit. her

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aEzek. 22:2, 3; 24:6–9;
 Hab. 2:12 ¹Lit. prey

2 ¹bounding or jolting

They jostle one another in the broad roads;
 They seem like torches,
 They run like lightning.

- 5 He remembers his nobles;
 They stumble in their walk;
 They make haste to her walls,
 And the defense is prepared.

- 6 The gates of the rivers are opened,
 And the palace is dissolved.

- 7 ¹It is decreed:
 She shall be led away captive,
 She shall be brought up;
 And her maidservants shall lead her as with the voice of doves,
 Beating their breasts.

- 8 Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water,
 Now they flee away.

¹"Halt! Halt!" they cry;
 But no one turns back.

- 9 ¹Take spoil of silver!
 Take spoil of ^agold!
 There is no end of treasure,
 Or wealth of every desirable prize.

- 10 She is empty, desolate, and waste!
 The heart melts, and the knees shake;
 Much pain is in every side,
 And all their faces ¹are drained of color.

- 11 Where is the dwelling of the ^alions,
 And the feeding place of the young lions,
 Where the lion walked, the lioness and lion's cub,
 And no one made them afraid?

- 12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs,
¹Killed for his lionesses,
^aFilled his caves with prey,
 And his dens with ²flesh.

- 13 "Behold, ^aI am against you," says the LORD of hosts, "I will burn ¹your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions; I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your ^amessengers shall be heard no more."

The Woe of Nineveh

- 3 Woe to the ^abloody city!
 It is all full of lies and robbery.
 Its ¹victim never departs.

- 2 The noise of a whip
 And the noise of rattling wheels,
 Of galloping horses,
 Of ¹clattering chariots!

- 3 Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear.
 There is a multitude of slain,
 A great number of bodies,
 Countless corpses—

- They stumble over the corpses—
- 4 Because of the multitude of¹ harlotries of the² seductive harlot,
^aThe mistress of sorceries,
 Who sells nations through her harlotries,
 And families through her sorceries.
- 5 “Behold, I *am* ^aagainst you,”
 says the LORD of hosts;
^b“I will lift your skirts over your face,
 I will show the nations your nakedness,
 And the kingdoms your shame.
- 6 I will cast abominable filth upon you,
 Make you ^avile,¹
 And make you ^aa spectacle.
 It shall come to pass *that* all who look upon you
^aWill flee from you, and say,
^b“Nineveh is laid waste!
^cWho will bemoan her?”
 Where shall I seek comforters for you?”
- 8 ^aAre you better than ^bNo¹ Amon
That was situated by the ²River,
 That had the waters around her,
 Whose rampart *was* the sea,
 Whose wall *was* the sea?
- 9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength,
 And *it* was boundless;
^aPut and Lubim were ¹your helpers.
- 10 Yet she *was* carried away,
 She went into captivity;
^aHer young children also were dashed to pieces
^bAt the head of every street;
 They ^ccast lots for her honorable men,
 And all her great men were bound in chains.
- 11 You also will be ^adrunk;
 You will be hidden;
 You also will seek refuge from the enemy.

4 ^aIs. 47:9–12
¹Spiritual unfaithfulness
²Lit. *goodly charm*, in a bad sense

5 ^aNah. 2:13
^bIs. 47:2, 3

6 ^aNah. 1:14
^bHeb. 10:33
¹despicable

7 ^aRev. 18:10
^bJon. 3:3; 4:11
^cJer. 15:5

8 ^aAmos 6:2
^bJer. 46:25
¹Ancient Thebes; Tg., Vg. *populous Alexandria*
²Lit. *rivers*, the Nile and the surrounding canals

9 ^aEzek. 27:10
¹LXX *her*

10 ^aHos. 13:16
^bLam. 2:19
^cJoel 3:3

11 ^aNah. 1:10

12 ^aRev. 6:12, 13

13 ^aIs. 19:16
^bJer. 51:30

14 ^aNah. 2:1

15 ^aJoel 1:4

16 ^aRev. 18:3, 11–19

17 ^aRev. 9:7

18 ^aPs. 76:5, 6
^bJer. 50:18
^c1 Kin. 22:17

19 ^aMic. 1:9
^bLam. 2:15

- 12 All your strongholds *are* ^afig trees with ripened figs:
 If they are shaken,
 They fall into the mouth of the eater.
- 13 Surely, ^ayour people in your midst *are* women!
 The gates of your land are wide open for your enemies;
 Fire shall devour the ^bbars of your *gates*.
- 14 Draw your water for the siege!
^aFortify your strongholds!
 Go into the clay and tread the mortar!
 Make strong the brick kiln!
- 15 There the fire will devour you,
 The sword will cut you off;
 It will eat you up like a ^alocust.
- Make yourself many—like the locust!
 Make yourself many—like the *swarming* locusts!
- 16 You have multiplied your ^amerchants more than the stars of heaven.
 The locust plunders and flies away.
- 17 ^aYour commanders *are* like *swarming* locusts,
 And your generals like great grasshoppers,
 Which camp in the hedges on a cold day;
 When the sun rises they flee away,
 And the place where they *are* is not known.
- 18 ^aYour shepherds slumber,
 O ^bking of Assyria;
 Your nobles rest *in the dust*.
 Your people are ^cscattered on the mountains,
 And no one gathers them.
- 19 Your injury *has* no healing,
^aYour wound is severe.
^bAll who hear news of you
 Will clap *their* hands over you,
 For upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?

The Book of HABAKKUK

HABAKKUK ministers during the “death throes” of the nation of Judah. Although repeatedly called to repentance, the nation stubbornly refuses to change her sinful ways. Habakkuk, knowing the hardheartedness of his countrymen, asks God how long this intolerable condition can continue. God replies that the Babylonians will be His chastening rod upon the nation—an announcement that sends the prophet to his knees. He acknowledges that the just in any generation shall live by faith (2:4), not by sight. Habakkuk concludes by praising God’s wisdom even though he does not fully understand God’s ways.

Habaqquq is an unusual Hebrew name derived from the verb *habaq*, “embrace.” Thus his name probably means “One Who Embraces” or “Clings.” At the end of his book this name becomes appropriate because Habakkuk chooses to cling firmly to God regardless of what happens to his nation (3:16–19). The Greek title in the Septuagint is *Ambakouk*, and the Latin title in Jerome’s Vulgate is *Habacuc*.

THE ¹burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

The Prophet’s Question

- 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry,
“And You will not hear?
Even cry out to You,
^b“Violence!”
And You will ^cnot save.
- 3 Why do You show me iniquity,
And cause *me* to see ^ttrouble?
For plundering and violence
are before me;
There is strife, and contention
arises.
- 4 Therefore the law is powerless,
And justice never goes forth.
For the ^wicked surround the
righteous;
Therefore perverse judgment
proceeds.

The LORD’s Reply

- 5 “Look^a among the nations and
watch—
Be utterly astounded!
For *I will* work a work in your
days
Which you would not believe,
though it were told you.
- 6 For indeed I am ^raising up the
Chaldeans,
A bitter and hasty ⁿation
Which marches through the
breadth of the earth,
To possess dwelling places *that*
are not theirs.
- 7 They are terrible and dreadful;
Their judgment and their
dignity proceed from
themselves.
- 8 Their horses also are ^swifter
than leopards,
And more fierce than evening
wolves.
Their ^chargers ²charge ahead;
Their cavalry comes from afar;
They fly as the ^beagle *that*
hastens to eat.

CHAPTER 1

¹ *Oracle,
prophecy*

² *aLam. 3:8
bMic. 2:1, 2;
3:1–3 cJob
21:5–16]*

³ *Or toil*

⁴ *aJer. 12:1*

⁵ *aIs. 29:14;
Ezek.
12:22–28*

⁶ *aDeut. 28:49;
50; 2 Kin.
24:2; 2 Chr.
36:17; Jer.
4:11–13; Mic.
4:10 bEzek.
7:24; 21:31*

⁸ *aJer. 4:13
bJob 9:26;
39:29, 30;
Lam. 4:19;
Ezek. 17:3;
Hos. 8:1;
Matt. 24:28;
Luke 17:37
1Lit. horse-
men 2Lit.
spring about*

¹¹ *aDan. 5:4
1Lit. spirit or
wind*

¹² *aDeut.
33:27; Ps.
90:2; 93:2;
Mal. 3:6 bIs.
10:5–7; Mal.
3:5 cJer. 25:9*

¹⁶ *aDeut. 8:17*

- 9 “They all come for violence;
Their faces are set *like* the east
wind.
They gather captives like
sand.
- 10 They scoff at kings,
And princes are scorned by
them.
They deride every stronghold,
For they heap up earthen
mounds and seize it.
- 11 Then his ^mind changes, and he
transgresses;
He commits offense,
^a*Ascribing* this power to his
god.”

The Prophet’s Second Question

- 12 Are You not ^from everlasting,
O LORD my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O LORD, ^bYou have appointed
them for judgment;
O Rock, You have marked them
for ^ccorrection.
- 13 You *are* of purer eyes than to
behold evil,
And cannot look on
wickedness.
Why do You look on those who
deal treacherously,
And hold Your tongue when the
wicked devours
A *person* more righteous than
he?
- 14 Why do You make men like fish
of the sea,
Like creeping things *that* have
no ruler over them?
- 15 They take up all of them with a
hook,
They catch them in their net,
And gather them in their
dragnet.
Therefore they rejoice and are
glad.
- 16 Therefore ^athey sacrifice to
their net,

- And burn incense to their
dragnet;
Because by them their share is
¹sumptuous
And their food plentiful.
17 Shall they therefore empty
their net,
And continue to slay nations
without pity?

- 2 I will ^astand my watch
And set myself on the rampart,
And watch to see what He will
say to me,
And what I will answer when I
am corrected.

The Just Live by Faith

- 2 Then the LORD answered me
and said:

^a"Write the vision

- And make it plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.
3 For ^athe vision is yet for an
appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and
it will ^bnot lie.
Though it tarries, ^cwait for it;
Because it will ^csurely come,
It will not tarry.

- 4 "Behold the proud,
His soul is not upright in him;
But the ^ajust shall live by his
faith.

Woe to the Wicked

- 5 "Indeed, because he
transgresses by wine,
He is a proud man,
And he does not stay at home.
Because he ^aenlarges his desire
as ¹hell,
And he is like death, and
cannot be satisfied,
He gathers to himself all nations
And heaps up for himself all
peoples.

- 6 "Will not all these ^atake up a
proverb against him,
And a taunting riddle against
him, and say,
^a"Woe to him who increases
What is not his—how long?
And to him who loads himself
with ¹many pledges?"

- 7 Will not ¹your creditors rise up
suddenly?
Will they not awaken who
oppress you?
And you will become their
booty.

- 8 ^a"Because you have plundered
many nations,
All the remnant of the people
shall plunder you,
Because of men's ¹blood
And the violence of the land
and the city,
And of all who dwell in it.

16 ¹Lit. *fat*

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aIs. 21:8, 11

2 ^aIs. 8:1

3 ^aDan. 8:17,
19; 10:14
^bEzek. 12:24,
25 ^c[Heb.
10:37, 38] ^dPs.
27:13, 14;
[James 5:7, 8;
2 Pet. 3:9]

4 ^a[John 3:36];
Rom. 1:17;
Heb. 10:38

5 ^aProv. 27:20;
30:16; Is.
5:11–15 ¹Or
Sheol

6 ^aMic. 2:4
¹Syr., Vg.
thick clay

7 ¹Lit. *those
who bite you*

8 ^aIs. 33:1; Jer.
27:7; Ezek.
39:10; Zech.
2:8 ¹Or *blood-
shed*

9 ^aJer. 49:16;
Obad. 4 ¹Lit.
hand of evil

13 ¹Lit. *for
what satisfies
fire, for what
is of no last-
ing value*

15 ^aHos. 7:5
¹Lit. *Attach-
ing or Joining*
²Lit. *their*

16 ¹DSS, LXX
reel!; Syr., Vg.
*fall fast
asleep!*

20 ^aZeph. 1:7;
Zech. 2:13

- 9 "Woe to him who covets evil
gain for his house,
That he may ^aset his nest on
high,
That he may be delivered from
the ¹power of disaster!
10 You give shameful counsel to
your house,
Cutting off many peoples,
And sin *against* your soul.
11 For the stone will cry out from
the wall,
And the beam from the timbers
will answer it.

- 12 "Woe to him who builds a town
with bloodshed,
Who establishes a city by
iniquity!

- 13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of
hosts
That the peoples labor ¹to feed
the fire,
And nations weary themselves
in vain?

- 14 For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the
glory of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.

- 15 "Woe to him who gives drink to
his neighbor,
¹Pressing *him* to your ^abottle,
Even to make *him* drunk,
That you may look on ²his
nakedness!

- 16 You are filled with shame
instead of glory.
You also—drink!
And ¹be exposed as
uncircumcised!
The cup of the LORD's right
hand *will be* turned against
you,
And utter shame will be on
your glory.

- 17 For the violence *done to*
Lebanon will cover you,
And the plunder of beasts
which made them afraid,
Because of men's blood
And the violence of the land
and the city,
And of all who dwell in it.

- 18 "What profit is the image, that
its maker should carve it,
The molded image, a teacher of
lies,

- That the maker of its mold
should trust in it,
To make mute idols?
19 Woe to him who says to wood,
'Awake!'
To silent stone, 'Arise! It shall
teach!'

- Behold, it is overlaid with gold
and silver,
Yet in it there is no breath at
all.

- 20 "But ^athe LORD is in His holy
temple.

Let all the earth keep silence
before Him."

The Prophet's Prayer

- 3** A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, on ¹Shigionoth.
- 2** O LORD, I have heard Your speech *and* was afraid;
O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years!
In the midst of the years make *it* known;
In wrath remember mercy.
- 3** God came from Teman,
The Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah
- His glory covered the heavens,
And the earth was full of His praise.
- 4** His brightness was like the light;
He had rays *flashing* from His hand,
And there His power was hidden.
- 5** Before Him went pestilence,
And fever followed at His feet.
- 6** He stood and measured the earth;
He looked and startled the nations.
*"And the everlasting mountains were scattered,
The perpetual hills bowed.
His ways are everlasting.*
- 7** I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;
The curtains of the land of Midian trembled.
- 8** O LORD, were *You* displeased with the rivers,
Was Your anger against the rivers,
Was Your wrath against the sea,
That *You* rode on Your horses,
Your chariots of salvation?
- 9** Your bow was made quite ready;
Oaths were sworn over *Your* Selah
¹arrows.
- You divided the earth with rivers.
- 10** The mountains saw *You and* trembled;
The overflowing of the water passed by.
The deep uttered its voice,
And *"*lifted its hands on high.

CHAPTER 3

¹Exact meaning unknown

⁶ ^aNah. 1:5

⁹ ¹Lit. *tribes* or *rods*, cf. v. 14

¹⁰ ^aEx. 14:22

¹¹ ^aJosh. 10:12-14

¹² ¹Or *threshed*

¹⁵ ^aPs. 77:19; Hab. 3:8

¹⁶ ^aPs. 119:120

¹⁸ ^aIs. 41:16; 61:10

¹⁹ ²Sam. 22:34; Ps. 18:33 ^bDeut. 32:13; 33:29 ¹Heb. YHWH *Adonai*

- 11** The "sun and moon stood still in their habitation;
At the light of Your arrows they went,
At the shining of Your glittering spear.
- 12** You marched through the land in indignation;
You ¹trampled the nations in anger.
- 13** You went forth for the salvation of Your people,
For salvation with Your Anointed.
You struck the head from the house of the wicked,
By laying bare from foundation to neck. Selah
- 14** You thrust through with his own arrows
The head of his villages.
They came out like a whirlwind to scatter me;
Their rejoicing was like feasting on the poor in secret.
- 15** "You walked through the sea with Your horses,
Through the heap of great waters.
- 16** When I heard, "my body trembled;
My lips quivered at *the* voice;
Rottenness entered my bones;
And I trembled in myself,
That I might rest in the day of trouble.
When he comes up to the people,
He will invade them with his troops.

A Hymn of Faith

- 17** Though the fig tree may not blossom,
Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail,
And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,
And there be no herd in the stalls—
- 18** Yet I will "rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
- 19** ¹The LORD God is my strength;
He will make my feet like *"*deer's feet,
And He will make me ^bwalk on my high hills.
- To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments.

The Book of ZEPHANIAH

DURING Judah's hectic political and religious history, reform comes from time to time. Zephaniah's forceful prophecy may be a factor in the reform that occurs during Josiah's reign—a "revival" that produces outward change, but does not fully remove the inward heart of corruption which characterizes the nation. Zephaniah hammers home his message repeatedly that the day of the Lord, Judgment Day, is coming when the malignancy of sin will be dealt with. Israel and her gentile neighbors will soon experience the crushing hand of God's wrath. But after the chastening process is complete, blessing will come in the person of the Messiah, who will be the cause for praise and singing.

Tsephan-yah means "Yahweh Hides" or "Yahweh Has Hidden." Zephaniah was evidently born during the latter part of the reign of King Manasseh. His name may mean that he was "hidden" from Manasseh's atrocities. The Greek and Latin title is *Sophonias*.

THE word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of "Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

The Great Day of the LORD

- 2 "I will utterly consume everything
From the face of the land,"
Says the LORD;
- 3 "I^a will consume man and beast;
I will consume the birds of the heavens,
The fish of the sea,
And the stumbling blocks
along with the wicked.
I will cut off man from the face
of the ²land,"
Says the LORD.
- 4 "I will stretch out My hand
against Judah,
And against all the inhabitants
of Jerusalem.
¹I will cut off every trace of Baal
from this place,
The names of the idolatrous²
priests with the *pagan*
priests—
- 5 Those "who worship the host of
heaven on the housetops;
Those who worship and swear
oaths by the LORD,
But who also swear ^bby
¹Milcom;
- 6 "Those who have turned back
from following the LORD,
And ^bhave not sought the
LORD, nor inquired of Him."
- 7 "Be silent in the presence of the
Lord GOD;
^bFor the day of the LORD is at
hand,
For "the LORD has prepared a
sacrifice;
He has ¹invited His guests.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a2 Kin. 22:1,
2: 2 Chr.
34:1-33; Jer.
1:2; 22:11

2 ¹Lit. *make a complete end of*, Jer. 8:13

3 ^aHos. 4:3
¹Idols ²ground

4 ^a2 Kin. 23:5;
Hos. 10:5
¹Fulfilled in

2 Kin. 23:4, 5
²Heb.
chemarim

5 ^a2 Kin.
23:12; Jer.
19:13 ^bJosh.
23:7 ¹Or *Mal-*
cam, an
Ammonite
god, 1 Kin.
11:5; Jer. 49:1;
Molech, Lev.
18:21

6 ^aIs. 1:4; Jer.
2:13 ^bHos. 7:7

7 ^aHab. 2:20;
Zech. 2:13 ^bIs.
13:6 ^cDeut.
28:26; Is. 34:6;

Jer. 46:10;
Ezek.
39:17-19 ¹Lit.
set apart,
consecrated

8 ^aJer. 39:6

9 ^a1 Sam. 5:5

10 ^a2 Chr.
33:14; Neh.
3:3; 12:39

11 ^aJames 5:1
¹A market
district of
Jerusalem, lit.
Mortar

12 ^aJer. 48:11;
Amos 6:1 ^bPs.
94:7 ¹Lit. *on*
their lees; like
the dregs of
wine

13 ^aDeut. 28:39

14 ^aJer. 30:7;
Joel 2:1, 11

- 8 "And it shall be,
In the day of the LORD's
sacrifice,
That I will punish "the princes
and the king's children,
And all such as are clothed
with foreign apparel.
- 9 In the same day I will punish
All those who "leap over the
threshold,
Who fill their masters' houses
with violence and deceit.
- 10 "And there shall be on that day,"
says the LORD,
"The sound of a mournful cry
from "the Fish Gate,
A wailing from the Second
Quarter,
And a loud crashing from the
hills.
- 11 "Wail, you inhabitants of
¹Maktesh!
For all the merchant people are
cut down;
All those who handle money
are cut off.
- 12 "And it shall come to pass at
that time
That I will search Jerusalem
with lamps,
And punish the men
Who are "settled" in
complacency,
^bWho say in their heart,
"The LORD will not do good,
Nor will He do evil."
- 13 Therefore their goods shall
become booty,
And their houses a desolation;
They shall build houses, but not
inhabit *them*;
They shall plant vineyards, but
"not drink their wine."
- 14 "The great day of the LORD is
near;
It is near and hastens quickly.

- The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter;
There the mighty men shall cry out.
- 15 ^aThat day is a day of wrath,
A day of trouble and distress,
A day of devastation and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,
- 16 A day of ^ctrumpet and alarm
Against the fortified cities
And against the high towers.
- 17 "I will bring distress upon men,
And they shall ^cwalk like blind men,
Because they have sinned against the LORD;
Their blood shall be poured out like dust,
And their flesh like refuse."
- 18 ^aNeither their silver nor their gold
Shall be able to deliver them
In the day of the LORD's wrath;
But the whole land shall be devoured
By the fire of His jealousy,
For He will make speedy riddance
Of all those who dwell in the land.
- A Call to Repentance*
- 2 Gather^a yourselves together,
yes, gather together,
O ¹undesirable nation,
- 2 Before the decree is issued,
Or the day passes like chaff,
Before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you,
Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you!
- 3 ^aSeek the LORD, ^ball you meek of the earth,
Who have upheld His justice.
Seek righteousness, seek humility.
^cIt may be that you will be hidden
In the day of the LORD's anger.
- Judgment on Nations*
- 4 For ^aGaza shall be forsaken,
And Ashkelon desolate;
They shall drive out Ashdod ^bat noonday,
And Ekron shall be uprooted.
- 5 Woe to the inhabitants of ^athe seacoast,
The nation of the Cherethites!
The word of the LORD is against you,
O ^bCanaan, land of the Philistines:
"I will destroy you;
So there shall be no inhabitant."
- 15 ^aIs. 22:5
- 16 ^aIs. 27:13; Jer. 4:19
- 17 ^aDeut. 28:29
- 18 ^aEzek. 7:19
- CHAPTER 2
- 1 ^{a2} Chr. 20:4; Joel 1:14; 2:16
¹Or *shameless*
- 3 ^aPs. 105:4; Amos 5:6 ^bPs. 76:9 ^cJoel 2:14; Amos 5:14, 15
- 4 ^aJer. 47:1, 5; Amos 1:7, 8; Zech. 9:5 ^bJer. 6:4
- 5 ^aEzek. 25:15-17
^bJosh. 13:3
- 6 ^aIs. 17:2 ¹Underground huts or cisterns, lit. *excavations*
- 7 ^a[Mic. 5:7, 8]
^bLuke 1:68
^cJer. 29:14
¹Lit. *visit them*
- 8 ^aJer. 48:27; Amos 2:1-3
^bEzek. 25:3; Amos 1:13
^cJer. 49:1
- 9 ^aIs. 15:1-9; Jer. 48:1-47
^bAmos 1:13
^cDeut. 29:23
¹Lit. *Possessed by nettles* ²Or *permanent ruin*
- 10 ^aIs. 16:6
- 11 ^aMal. 1:11
^bGen. 10:5
- 12 ^aIs. 18:1-7; Ezek. 30:4, 5
^bPs. 17:13
- 13 ^aIs. 10:5-27; 14:24-27; Mic. 5:5, 6
- 14 ^aIs. 13:21
^bIs. 14:23; 34:11
- 6 The seacoast shall be pastures,
With ¹shelters for shepherds
^aand folds for flocks.
- 7 The coast shall be for ^athe remnant of the house of Judah;
They shall feed *their* flocks there;
In the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening.
For the LORD their God will ^bintervene¹ for them,
And ^creturn their captives.
- 8 "I^a have heard the reproach of Moab,
And ^bthe insults of the people of Ammon,
With which they have reproached My people,
And ^cmade arrogant threats against their borders.
- 9 Therefore, as I live,"
Says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
"Surely ^aMoab shall be like Sodom,
And ^bthe people of Ammon like Gomorrah—
^cOverrun¹ with weeds and salt pits,
And a ²perpetual desolation.
The residue of My people shall plunder them,
And the remnant of My people shall possess them."
- 10 This they shall have ^afor their pride,
Because they have reproached and made arrogant threats
Against the people of the LORD of hosts.
- 11 The LORD *will be* awesome to them,
For He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth;
^aPeople shall worship Him,
Each one from his place,
Indeed all ^bthe shores of the nations.
- 12 "You^a Ethiopians also,
You shall be slain by ^bMy sword."
- 13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north,
^aDestroy Assyria,
And make Nineveh a desolation,
As dry as the wilderness.
- 14 The herds shall lie down in her midst,
^aEvery beast of the nation.
Both the ^bpelican and the bittern
Shall lodge on the capitals of her *pillars*;
Their voice shall sing in the windows;
Desolation *shall be* at the threshold;

- For He will lay bare the ^ccedar work.
 15 This is the rejoicing city
^aThat dwelt securely,
^bThat said in her heart,
^c"I am it, and there is none
 besides me."
 How has she become a
 desolation,
 A place for beasts to lie down!
 Everyone who passes by her
^cShall hiss and ^dshake his fist.

The Wickedness of Jerusalem

- 3 Woe to her who is rebellious
 and polluted,
 To the oppressing city!
 2 She has not obeyed His voice,
 She has not received correction;
 She has not trusted in the LORD,
 She has not drawn near to her
 God.
 3 ^aHer princes in her midst are
 roaring lions;
 Her judges are ^bevening wolves
 That leave not a bone till
 morning.
 4 Her ^aprophets are insolent,
 treacherous people;
 Her priests have ⁱpolluted the
 sanctuary,
 They have done ^bviolence to the
 law.
 5 The LORD is righteous in her
 midst,
 He will do no unrighteousness.
ⁱEvery morning He brings His
 justice to light;
 He never fails,
 But ^a"the unjust knows no
 shame."
 6 "I have cut off nations,
 Their fortresses are devastated;
 I have made their streets
 desolate,
 With none passing by.
 Their cities are destroyed;
 There is no one, no inhabitant.
 7 ^aI said, 'Surely you will fear Me,
 You will receive instruction'—
 So that her dwelling would not
 be cut off,
 Despite everything for which I
 punished her.
 But ⁱthey rose early and
^bcorrupted all their deeds.

A Faithful Remnant

- 8 "Therefore 'wait for Me," says
 the LORD,
 "Until the day I rise up ⁱfor
 plunder;
 My determination is to ^bgather
 the nations
 To My assembly of kingdoms,
 To pour on them My
 indignation,
 All My fierce anger;
 All the earth ^cshall be devoured
 With the fire of My jealousy.

14 ^cJer. 22:14

15 ^aIs. 47:8
^bRev. 18:7
^cLam. 2:15
^dNah. 3:19

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3 ^aEzek. 22:27
^bJer. 5:6; Hab.
 1:8

4 ^aHos. 9:7
^bEzek. 22:26;
 Mal. 2:7, 8 ¹Or
profaned

5 ^aJer. 3:3 ¹Lit.
*Morning by
 morning*

7 ^aJer. 8:6
ⁱGen. 6:12
¹They were
 eager

8 ^aProv. 20:22;
 Mic. 7:7; Hab.
 2:3 ^bIs. 66:18;
 Ezek.

38:14-23; Joel
 3:2; Mic. 4:12;
 Matt. 25:32
^cZeph. 1:18
¹LXX, Syr. for
 witness; Tg.
 for the day of
 My revelation
 for judgment;
 Vg. for the
 day of My res-
 urrection that
 is to come

9 ^aIs. 19:18;
 57:19 ¹Lit. *lip*

10 ^aPs. 68:31;
 Is. 18:1; Acts
 8:27

11 ^aIs. 2:12;
 5:15; Matt. 3:9

12 ^aIs. 14:32;
 Zech. 13:8, 9

13 ^aIs.
 10:20-22;
 [Mic. 4:7] ^bIs.
 60:21 ^cZech.
 8:3, 16; Rev.
 14:5 ^dEzek.
 34:13-15, 28

14 ^aIs. 12:6

15 ^a[John 1:49]
^bEzek. 48:35;
 [Rev. 7:15] ¹So
 with Heb.
 mss., LXX,
 Bg., MT, Vg.
fear

16 ^aIs. 35:3, 4
^bJob 4:3; Heb.
 12:12

17 ^aZeph. 3:5,
 15 ^bDeut.
 30:9; Is. 62:5;
 65:19; Jer.
 32:41

18 ^aLam. 2:6

19 ^a[Ezek.
 34:16; Mic.
 4:6, 7]

- 9 "For then I will restore to the
 peoples ^aa pure ¹language.
 That they all may call on the
 name of the LORD,
 To serve Him with one accord.
 10 ^aFrom beyond the rivers of
 Ethiopia
 My worshipers,
 The daughter of My dispersed
 ones,
 Shall bring My offering.
 11 In that day you shall not be
 shamed for any of your deeds
 In which you transgress against
 Me;
 For then I will take away from
 your midst
 Those who ^arejoice in your
 pride,
 And you shall no longer be
 haughty
 In My holy mountain.
 12 I will leave in your midst
^aA meek and humble people,
 And they shall trust in the
 name of the LORD.
 13 ^aThe remnant of Israel ^bshall do
 no unrighteousness
^cAnd speak no lies,
 Nor shall a deceitful tongue be
 found in their mouth;
 For ^athey shall feed *their* flocks
 and lie down,
 And no one shall make *them*
 afraid."

Joy in God's Faithfulness

- 14 ^aSing, O daughter of Zion!
 Shout, O Israel!
 Be glad and rejoice with all
 your heart,
 O daughter of Jerusalem!
 15 The LORD has taken away your
 judgments,
 He has cast out your enemy.
^aThe King of Israel, the LORD,
^bis in your midst;
 You shall ¹see disaster no more.
 16 In that day ^ait shall be said to
 Jerusalem:
^a"Do not fear;
 Zion, ^blet not your hands be
 weak.
 17 The LORD your God ^ain your
 midst,
 The Mighty One, will save;
^bHe will rejoice over you with
 gladness,
 He will quiet *you* with His love,
 He will rejoice over you with
 singing."
 18 "I will gather those who ^asorrow
 over the appointed assembly,
 Who are among you,
 To *whom* its reproach is a
 burden.
 19 Behold, at that time
 I will deal with all who afflict
 you;
 I will save the ^alame,

And gather those who were
driven out;
I will appoint them for praise
and fame
In every land where they were
put to shame.
20 At that time ^aI will bring you
back,

20 ^aIs. 11:12;
Ezek. 28:25;
Amos 9:14
¹Lit. a name

Even at the time I gather you;
For I will give you ¹fame and
praise
Among all the peoples of the
earth,
When I return your captives
before your eyes,”
Says the LORD.

The Book of

HAGGAI

WITH the Babylonian exile in the past, and a newly returned group of Jews back in the land, the work of rebuilding the temple can begin. However, sixteen years after the process is begun, the people have yet to finish the project, for their personal affairs have interfered with God's business. Haggai preaches a fiery series of sermonettes designed to stir up the nation to finish the temple. He calls the builders to renewed courage in the Lord, renewed holiness of life, and renewed faith in God who controls the future.

The etymology and meaning of *Haggai* is uncertain, but it is probably derived from the Hebrew word *hag*, “festival.” It may also be an abbreviated form of *haggiah*, “festival of Yahweh.” Thus, Haggai's name means “Festal” or “Festive,” possibly because he was born on the day of a major feast, such as Tabernacles (Haggai's second message takes place during that feast, 2:1). The title in the Septuagint is *Aggaios* and in the Vulgate it is *Aggaeus*.

The Command to Build God's House

IN ^athe second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by ^bHaggai the prophet to ^cZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to ^dJoshua the son of ^eJehozadak, the high priest, saying,

2 “Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: ‘This people says, “The time has not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.”’ ”

3 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 “*Is it* ^atime for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this ^btemple to lie in ruins?”

5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: ^a“Consider your ways!”

6 “You have ^asown much, and bring in little;
You eat, but do not have enough;
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;
And ^bhe who earns wages,

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aEzra 4:24;
Hag. 2:10;
Zech. 1:1, 7
^bEzra 5:1; 6:14
^c1 Chr. 3:19;
Ezra 2:2; Neh. 7:7; Zech. 4:6;
Matt. 1:12, 13
^dEzra 5:2, 3;
Zech. 6:11
^e1 Chr. 6:15

3 ^aEzra 5:1

4 ^a2 Sam. 7:2
¹Lit. house

5 ^aLam. 3:40

6 ^aDeut. 28:38–40; Hos. 8:7; Hag. 1:9;
10: 2:16, 17
^bZech. 8:10

8 ^aEzra 3:7
¹Lit. house

9 ^aHag. 2:16
^bHag. 2:17

10 ^aLev. 26:19;
Deut. 28:23;
1 Kin. 8:35;
Joel 1:18–20

11 ^a1 Kin. 17:1;
2 Kin. 8:1
^bHag. 2:17

12 ^aEzra 5:2

Earns wages to put into a bag with holes.”

7 Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider your ways!”

8 “Go up to the ^amountains and bring wood and build the ^btemple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,” says the LORD.

9 ^a“You looked for much, but indeed *it came* to little; and when you brought it home, ^bI blew it away. Why?” says the LORD of hosts. “Because of My house that *is in* ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.

10 “Therefore ^athe heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.

11 “For I ^acalled for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on ^ball the labor of your hands.”

The People's Obedience

12 ^aThen Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as

the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD.

13 Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying, "I am with you, says the LORD."

14 So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.

The Coming Glory of God's House

2 In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying:

2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying:

3 "Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?"

4 "Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel," says the LORD; "and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land," says the LORD, "and work; for I am with you," says the LORD of hosts.

5 "According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!"

6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

7 "and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory," says the LORD of hosts.

8 "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine," says the LORD of hosts.

9 "The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former," says the LORD of hosts. "And in this place I will give peace," says the LORD of hosts."

The People Are Defiled

10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Now, ask the priests concerning the law, saying,

13 ^a[Matt. 28:20; Rom. 8:31]

14 ^{a2} Chr. 36:22; Ezra 1:1 ^bHag. 2:21 ^cEzra 5:2, 8; Neh. 4:6

CHAPTER 2

1 ¹Lit. by the hand of

3 ^aEzra 3:12, 13 ^bZech. 4:10 ¹Lit. house

4 ^aDeut. 31:23; 1 Chr. 22:13; 28:20; Zech. 8:9; Eph. 6:10

5 ^aEx. 29:45, 46 ^b[Neh. 9:20]; Is. 63:11, 14

6 ^aHeb. 12:26 ^b[Joel 3:16]

7 ^aGen. 49:10; Mal. 3:1 ^{b1} Kin. 8:11; Is. 60:7; Zech. 2:5 ¹Or desire of all nations ²Lit. house

9 ^a[John 1:14] ^bPs. 85:8, 9; Luke 2:14; [Eph. 2:14] ¹Lit. house

11 ^aLev. 10:10, 11; Deut. 33:10; Mal. 2:7 ¹³ ^aLev. 22:4-6; Num. 19:11, 22

14 ^a[Titus 1:15]

15 ^aHag. 1:5, 7; 2:18

16 ^aHag. 1:6, 9; Zech. 8:10

17 ^aDeut. 28:22; 1 Kin. 8:37; Amos 4:9 ^bHag. 1:11 ^cJer. 5:3; Amos 4:6-11

18 ^aEzra 5:1, 2, 16; Zech. 8:9

19 ^aZech. 8:12 ^bPs. 128:1-6; Jer. 31:12, 14; [Mal. 3:10]

21 ^aEzra 5:2; Hag. 1:1, 14; Zech. 4:6-10 ^bHag. 2:6, 7; [Heb. 12:26, 27]

22 ^a[Dan. 2:44; Rev. 19:11-21] ^bPs. 46:9; Ezek. 39:20; Mic. 5:10; Zech. 9:10

23 ^aSong 8:6; Jer. 22:24 ^bIs. 42:1; 43:10

12 "If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?" "Then the priests answered and said, "No."

13 And Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?" So the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."

14 Then Haggai answered and said, "So is this people, and so is this nation before Me," says the LORD, "and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean."

Promised Blessing

15 'And now, carefully consider from this day forward: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the LORD—

16 'since those days, when one came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were but twenty.

17 "I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not turn to Me," says the LORD.

18 'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid—consider it:

19 "Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you."

Zerubbabel Chosen as a Signet

20 And again the word of the LORD came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying,

21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying:

^bI will shake heaven and earth.

22 ^aI will overthrow the throne of kingdoms;

I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms.

^bI will overthrow the chariots And those who ride in them;

The horses and their riders shall come down,

Every one by the sword of his brother.

23 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, "and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you," says the LORD of hosts."

The Book of ZECHARIAH

FOR a dozen years or more, the task of rebuilding the temple has been half completed. Zechariah is commissioned by God to encourage the people in their unfinished responsibility. Rather than exhorting them to action with strong words of rebuke, Zechariah seeks to encourage them to action by reminding them of the future importance of the temple. The temple must be built, for one day the Messiah's glory will inhabit it. But future blessing is contingent upon present obedience. The people are not merely building a building; they are building the future. With that as their motivation, they can enter into the building project with wholehearted zeal, for their Messiah is coming.

Zekar-yah means "Yahweh Remembers" or "Yahweh Has Remembered." This theme dominates the whole book: Israel will be blessed because Yahweh remembers the covenant He made with the fathers. The Greek and Latin version of his name is *Zacharias*.

A Call to Repentance

IN the eighth month ^aof the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came ^bto Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of ^cIddo the prophet, saying,

2 "The LORD has been very angry with your fathers.

3 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return ^ato Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

4 "Do not be like your fathers, ^ato whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: ^b"Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds." But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the LORD.

5 "Your fathers, where *are* they? And the prophets, do they live forever?

6 Yet surely ^aMy words and My statutes, Which I commanded My servants the prophets, Did they not overtake your fathers?

"So they returned and said:

^bJust as the LORD of hosts determined to do to us, According to our ways and according to our deeds, So He has dealt with us.' " " "

Vision of the Horses

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet:

8 I saw by night, and behold, ^aa man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aZech. 7:1
^bMatt. 23:35
^cNeh. 12:4, 16

3 ^a[Mal. 3:7-10]

4 ^{a2} Chr. 36:15, 16 ^bIs. 31:6

6 ^a[Is. 55:11]
^bLam. 1:18;
2:17

8 ^a[Rev. 6:4]
^b[Zech. 6:2-7]

9 ^aZech. 4:4, 5, 13; 6:4

10 ^a[Heb. 1:14]

11 ^a[Ps. 103:20, 21]
¹Lit. *sitting*
and *quiet*

12 ^aPs. 74:10
^bJer. 25:11, 12;
29:10

13 ^aJer. 29:10

14 ^aZech. 8:2
¹Lit. *Cry out*
²Or *jealous*
³Or *jealousy*

15 ^aIs. 47:6

16 ^a[Zech. 2:10; 8:3]
^bEzra 6:14, 15
^cIs. 44:28
^dZech. 2:1-3

hollow; and behind him *were* ^bhorses: red, sorrel, and white.

9 Then I said, ^a"My lord, what *are* these?" So the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they *are*."

10 And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, ^a"These *are the ones* whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth."

11 ^aSo they answered the Angel of the LORD, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth is ¹resting quietly."

The LORD Will Comfort Zion

12 Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, ^ahow long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry ^bthese seventy years?"

13 And the LORD answered the angel who talked to me, *with* ^agood and comforting words.

14 So the angel who spoke with me said to me, ¹"Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"I am ^azealous² for Jerusalem And for Zion with great ³zeal.

15 I am exceedingly angry with the nations at ease; For ⁴I was a little angry, And they helped—*but* with evil intent."

16 'Therefore thus says the LORD:

^a"I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My ^bhouse ^cshall be built in it," says the LORD of hosts, "And ^da *surveyor's* line shall be stretched over our Jerusalem."

17 "Again proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"My cities shall again ¹spread out through prosperity;
 "The LORD will again comfort Zion,
 And ²will again choose Jerusalem."'"

Vision of the Horns

18 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there *were* four ³horns.
 19 And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" So he answered me, "⁴These are the ¹horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

20 Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.

21 And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These *are* the ⁵horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but ⁶the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that ⁷lifted up *their* horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

Vision of the Measuring Line

2 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, ⁸a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "⁹To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* its width and what *is* its length."

3 And there was the angel who talked with me, going out; and another angel was coming out to meet him.

4 Who said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying: '¹⁰Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it.

5 'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be ¹¹a wall of fire all around her, ¹²and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

Future Joy of Zion and Many Nations

6 "Up, up! Flee ¹³from the land of the north," says the LORD; "for I have ¹⁴spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven," says the LORD.

7 "Up, Zion! ¹⁵Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon."

8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who ¹⁶touches you touches the ¹⁷apple of His eye.

9 "For surely I will ¹⁸shake My hand against them, and they shall become ¹⁹spoils for their servants. Then ²⁰you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

10 "²¹Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and

17 ¹[Is. 40:1, 2; 51:3] ²Zech. 2:12 ³Or *overflow with good*

18 ¹[Lam. 2:17]

19 ¹Ezra 4:1, 4, 7 ²Kingdoms or powers

21 ¹[Ps. 75:10] ²Ps. 75:4, 5 ³Lit. *these*

CHAPTER 2

1 ¹Jer. 31:39

2 ¹Rev. 11:1

4 ¹Jer. 31:27

5 ¹[Is. 26:1] ²[Is. 60:19]

6 ¹Is. 48:20 ²Deut. 28:64

7 ¹Is. 48:20

8 ¹Deut. 32:10 ²Lit. *pupil*

9 ¹Is. 19:16 ²Zech. 4:9 ³booty or plunder

10 ¹Is. 12:6 ²[Lev. 26:12]

11 ¹[Is. 2:2, 3] ²Zech. 3:10 ³Ex. 12:49 ⁴Ezek. 33:33

12 ¹[Deut. 32:9]

13 ¹Hab. 2:20 ²Ps. 68:5

CHAPTER 3

1 ¹Hag. 1:1 ²Ps. 109:6 ³Lit. *the Adversary*

2 ¹[Jude 9] ²[Rom. 8:33] ³Amos 4:11

3 ¹Is. 64:6

4 ¹Is. 61:10

5 ¹Ex. 29:6

7 ¹Lev. 8:35 ²Deut. 17:9, 12 ³Zech. 3:4

8 ¹Ps. 71:7 ²Is. 42:1 ³[Is. 11:1; 53:2; Jer. 23:5] ⁴Lit. *men of a sign or wonder*

9 ¹[Zech. 4:10] ²Ps. 118:22 ³Jer. 31:34; 50:20

10 ¹Zech. 2:11

I ¹will dwell in your midst," says the LORD.

11 ²"Many nations shall be joined to the LORD ³in that day, and they shall become ⁴My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then ⁵you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

12 "And the LORD will ⁶take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

13 ⁷"Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused ⁸from His holy habitation!"

Vision of the High Priest

3 Then he showed me ⁹Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and ¹⁰Satan¹ standing at his right hand to oppose him.

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "¹¹The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who ¹²has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! ¹³Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with ¹⁴filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.

4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, ¹⁵and I will clothe you with rich robes."

5 And I said, "Let them put a clean ¹⁶turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.

The Coming Branch

6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'If you will walk in My ways,
 And if you will ¹⁷keep My command,
 Then you shall also ¹⁸judge My house,
 And likewise have charge of My courts;
 I will give you places to walk
 Among these who ¹⁹stand here.

8 'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you,
 For they are ²⁰a ¹wondrous sign;
 For behold, I am bringing forth
²¹My Servant the ²BRANCH.

9 For behold, the stone
 That I have laid before Joshua:
²²Upon the stone *are* ³seven eyes.
 Behold, I will engrave its inscription,'

Says the LORD of hosts,
 'And ⁴I will remove the iniquity
 of that land in one day.

10 ⁵"In that day," says the LORD of hosts,

^aEveryone will invite his neighbor
^bUnder his vine and under his fig tree.' "

Vision of the Lampstand and Olive Trees

4 Now ^athe angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, ^bas a man who is wakened out of his sleep.

2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there is ^aa lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, ^band on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps.

3 ^a"Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left."

4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?"

5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."

6 So he answered and said to me:

"This is the word of the LORD to ^aZerubbabel:

^bNot by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'

Says the LORD of hosts.

7 'Who are you, ^aO great mountain?

Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!

And he shall bring forth ^bthe capstone

^cWith shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' "

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

9 "The hands of Zerubbabel ^aHave laid the foundation of this temple;

His hands ^bshall also finish it.

Then ^cyou will know

That the ^dLORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

10 For who has despised the day of ^asmall things?

For these seven rejoice to see The ^bplumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

^bThey are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

11 Then I answered and said to him, "What are these ^atwo olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?"

12 And I further answered and said to him, "What are ^athese two olive branches that ^bdrip ^cinto the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?"

13 Then he answered me and said,

10 ^bIs. 36:16

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aZech. 1:9;
2:3 ^bDan. 8:18

2 ^aRev. 1:12
^b[Rev. 4:5]

3 ^aRev. 11:3, 4

6 ^aHag. 1:1
^bHos. 1:7

7 ^aJer. 51:25
^bPs. 118:22
^cEzra 3:10, 11, 13

9 ^aEzra 3:8–10; 5:16
^bEzra 6:14, 15
^cZech. 2:9, 11;
6:15 ^d[Is. 43:16] ¹Lit. house

10 ^aHag. 2:3
^b2 Chr. 16:9
¹Lit. plummet stone

11 ^aZech. 4:3

12 ¹Lit. into the hands of

14 ^aRev. 11:4
^bZech. 3:1–7
¹Lit. sons of fresh oil

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aEzek. 2:9

3 ^aMal. 4:6

4 ^aEx. 20:15
^bLev. 19:12
^cLev. 14:34, 35

6 ¹Heb. *ephah*, a measuring container, and so elsewhere

8 ¹Lit. stone

9 ^aLev. 11:13, 19

10 ^aZech. 5:5

11 ^aJer. 29:5, 28 ^bGen. 10:10
¹Babylon

CHAPTER 6

2 ^aZech. 1:8
^bRev. 6:5

"Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."

14 So he said, ^a"These are the two ^banointed ones, ^bwho stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."

Vision of the Flying Scroll

5 Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying ^ascroll.

2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits."

3 Then he said to me, "This is the ^acurse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: 'Every thief shall be expelled,' according to this side of the scroll; and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,' according to that side of it."

4 "I will send out the curse," says the LORD of hosts;

"It shall enter the house of the ^athief

And the house of ^bthe one who swears falsely by My name.

It shall remain in the midst of his house

And consume it, with its timber and stones."

Vision of the Woman in a Basket

5 Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this is that goes forth."

6 So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a ^bbasket that is going forth." He also said, "This is their resemblance throughout the earth:

7 "Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket";

8 then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead ^ccover over its mouth.

9 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a ^astork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

10 So I said to the ^aangel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?"

11 And he said to me, "To ^abuild a house for it in ^bthe land of ¹Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base."

Vision of the Four Chariots

6 Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze.

2 With the first chariot were ^ared horses, with the second chariot ^bblack horses,

3 with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong *steeds*.

4 Then I answered ^aand said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?”

5 And the angel answered and said to me, ^a“These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from *their* ^bstation before the Lord of all the earth.

6 ^{1a}“The one with the black horses is going to ^athe north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country.”

7 Then the strong *steeds* went out, eager to go, that they might ^awalk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, “Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth.” So they walked to and fro throughout the earth.

8 And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, “See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My ^aSpirit in the north country.”

The Command to Crown Joshua

9 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

10 “Receive *the gift* from the captives—from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon—and go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah.

11 “Take the silver and gold, make ^aan¹ elaborate crown, and set *it* on the head of ^aJoshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

12 “Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, your God:

“Behold, ^athe Man whose name is the ^bBRANCH!

From His place He shall ^{1b}branch out,

^aAnd He shall build the temple of the LORD;

13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD.

He ^ashall bear the glory,

And shall sit and rule on His throne;

So ^bHe shall be a priest on His throne,

And the counsel of peace shall be between ^{1c}them both.”

14 “Now the ^{1a}elaborate crown shall be ^afor a memorial in the temple of the LORD ²for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

15 “Even ^athose from afar shall come and build the temple of the LORD. Then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. And *this* shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.”

4 ^aZech. 5:10

5 ^a[Heb. 1:7, 14] ^bDan. 7:10

6 ^aJer. 1:14
¹The chariot

7 ^aGen. 1:10

8 ^aEcc1. 10:4

11 ^aEx. 29:6
^bHag. 1:1 ¹Lit. crowns

12 ^aJohn 1:45
^bZech. 3:8
^c[Eph. 2:20]
¹Lit. sprout up

13 ^aIs. 22:24
^bPs. 110:4
¹Both offices

14 ^aEx. 12:14
¹Lit. crowns
²So with MT. Tg., Vg., Syr. for Heldai (cf. v. 10): LXX for the patient ones

15 ^aIs. 57:19

CHAPTER 7

2 ¹Lit. they, cf. v. 5 ²Or Sar-Ezer ³Heb. Bethel ⁴Or to entreat the favor of

3 ^aMal. 2:7
^bZech. 8:19
¹Lit. consecrate myself

5 ^a[Is. 58:1–9]
^bJer. 41:1
^cZech. 1:12
^d[Rom. 14:6]

6 ^a1 Chr. 29:22

7 ^aZech. 1:4
^bJer. 17:26
¹Heb. Negev

9 ^aJer. 7:28
¹Or loving-kindness

10 ^aEx. 22:22
^bMic. 2:1

11 ^aNeh. 9:29
^bJer. 17:23
¹Lit. gave a stubborn or rebellious shoulder ²Lit. made their ears heavy

12 ^aEzek. 11:19 ^bNeh. 9:29, 30 ^cDan. 9:11, 12

13 ^aProv. 1:24–28

14 ^aDeut. 4:27; 28:64

Obedience Better than Fasting

7 Now in the fourth year of King Darius it came to pass *that* the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, on the fourth day of the ninth month, Chislew,

2 when ¹the people sent ²Sherezer, with Regem-Melech and his men, to ³the house of God, ⁴to pray before the LORD,

3 and to ^aask the priests who were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and the prophets, saying, “Should I weep in ^bthe fifth month and ¹fast as I have done for so many years?”

4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

5 “Say to all the people of the land, and to the priests: ‘When you ^afasted and mourned in the fifth ^band seventh months ^cduring those seventy years, did you really fast ^dfor Me—for Me?’

6 ^a“When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink *for yourselves*?

7 ‘Should you not have obeyed the words which the LORD proclaimed through the ^aformer prophets when Jerusalem and the cities around it were inhabited and prosperous, and ^bthe ¹South and the Lowland were inhabited?’”

Disobedience Resulted in Captivity

8 Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying,

9 “Thus says the LORD of hosts:

^aExecute true justice,
Show ¹mercy and compassion
Everyone to his brother.

10 ^aDo not oppress the widow or the fatherless,
The alien or the poor.
^bLet none of you plan evil in his heart
Against his brother.’

11 “But they refused to heed, ^ashrugged¹ their shoulders, and ^bstopped² their ears so that they could not hear.

12 “Yes, they made their ^ahearts like flint, ^brefusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. ^cThus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

13 “Therefore it happened, *that* just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so ^athey called out and I would not listen,” says the LORD of hosts.

14 “But ^aI scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate.”

Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future

CHAPTER 8

8 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

^a"I am ¹zealous for Zion with great ²zeal;
With great ³fervor I am zealous for her."

3 "Thus says the LORD:

^a"I will return to Zion,
And ^bdwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth,
^dThe Mountain of the LORD of hosts,
^eThe Holy Mountain."

4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

^a"Old men and old women shall again sit
In the streets of Jerusalem,
Each one with his staff in his hand
Because of ¹great age.
5 The streets of the city
Shall be ^afull of boys and girls
Playing in its streets."

6 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"If it is ¹marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,
^aWill it also be marvelous in My eyes?"
Says the LORD of hosts.

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Behold, ^aI will save My people from the land of the ¹east
And from the land of the ²west;
8 I will ^bbring them back,
And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.

^bThey shall be My people
And I will be their God,
In truth and righteousness."

9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

^a"Let your hands be strong,
You who have been hearing in these days
These words by the mouth of ^bthe prophets,
Who spoke in ^cthe day the foundation was laid
For the house of the LORD of hosts,
That the temple might be built.

10 For before these days
There were no ^awages for man nor any hire for beast;
There was no peace from the enemy for whoever went out or came in;
For I set all men, everyone, against his neighbor.

² ^aJoel 2:18; Nah. 1:2;
Zech. 1:14 ¹Or *jealous* ²Or *jealousy* ³Lit. *heat or rage*

³ ^aZech. 1:16
^bZech. 2:10,
11 ^cIs. 1:21
^d[Is. 2:2, 3]
^e[Jer. 31:23]

⁴ ^a1 Sam. 2:31;
Is. 65:20 ¹Lit. *many days*

⁵ ^aJer. 30:19, 20
⁶ ^a[Gen. 18:14; Luke 1:37]
¹Or *wonderful*

⁷ ^aPs. 107:3; Is. 11:11; Ezek. 37:21
¹Lit. *rising sun* ²Lit. *setting sun*

⁸ ^aZeph. 3:20; Zech. 10:10
^b[Jer. 30:22; 31:1, 33; Zech. 13:9] ^c[Jer. 4:2]

⁹ ^a1 Chr. 22:13; Is. 35:4; Hag. 2:4 ^bEzra 5:1, 2; 6:14; Zech. 4:9
^cHag. 2:18

¹⁰ ^aHag. 1:6, 9

¹¹ ^a[Ps. 103:9]; Is. 12:1; Hag. 2:15-19

¹² ^aJoel 2:22
^bPs. 67:6
^cHag. 1:10
¹Lit. *seed of peace*

¹³ ^aJer. 42:18
^bGen. 12:2; Ruth 4:11, 12; Is. 19:24, 25; Ezek. 34:26; [Zeph. 3:20]

¹⁴ ^aJer. 31:28
^b[2 Chr. 36:16]
¹Lit. *bring calamity to you*

¹⁶ ^aZech. 7:9,
10 ^bPs. 15:2; [Prov. 12:17-19]; Zech. 8:3; [Eph. 4:25]

¹⁷ ^aProv. 3:29; Jer. 4:14; Zech. 7:10
¹Lit. *his*

¹⁹ ^aJer. 52:6
^bJer. 52:12
^c2 Kin. 25:25; Jer. 41:1, 2
^dJer. 52:4
^e[Esth. 8:17; Zech. 8:16; Luke 1:74, 75]

²¹ ^a[Is. 2:2, 3; Mic. 4:1, 2]

11 ^a"But now I will not *treat* the remnant of this people as in the former days," says the LORD of hosts.

12 "For ^athe ¹seed shall be prosperous,
The vine shall give its fruit,
^bThe ground shall give her increase,
And ^cthe heavens shall give their dew—
I will cause the remnant of this people
To possess all these.

13 And it shall come to pass
That just as you were ^aa curse among the nations,
O house of Judah and house of Israel,
So I will save you, and ^byou shall be a blessing.
Do not fear,
Let your hands be strong."

14 "For thus says the LORD of hosts:

^a"Just as I determined to ¹punish you
When your fathers provoked Me to wrath,"

Says the LORD of hosts,

^b"And I would not relent,

15 So again in these days
I am determined to do good
To Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
Do not fear.

16 These *are* the things you shall ^ado:

^bSpeak each man the truth to his neighbor;
Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;

17 "Let none of you think evil in ¹your heart against your neighbor;
And do not love a false oath.
For all these *are things* that I hate,"
Says the LORD."

18 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

19 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

^a"The fast of the fourth *month*,
^bThe fast of the fifth,
^cThe fast of the seventh,
^dAnd the fast of the tenth,
Shall be ^ejoy and gladness and cheerful feasts
For the house of Judah.
^fTherefore love truth and peace."

20 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Peoples shall yet come,
Inhabitants of many cities;
21 The inhabitants of one city
shall go to another, saying,

^a"Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD,

- And seek the LORD of hosts.
I myself will go also.”
- 22 Yes, “many peoples and strong nations
Shall come to seek the LORD of
hosts in Jerusalem,
And to pray before the LORD.”

23 “Thus says the LORD of hosts:
‘In those days ten men ‘from every
language of the nations shall ^bgrasp
the ¹sleeve of a Jewish man, saying,
“Let us go with you, for we have
heard *that* God is with you.”’ ”

Israel Defended Against Enemies

- 9 The ¹burden of the word of the
LORD
Against the land of Hadrach,
And ^aDamascus its resting
place
(For ^bthe eyes of men
And all the tribes of Israel
Are on the LORD);
- 2 Also *against* ^aHamath, which
borders on it,
And *against* ^bTyre and ^cSidon,
though they are very ^awise.
- 3 For Tyre built herself a tower,
Heaped up silver like the dust,
And gold like the mire of the
streets.
- 4 Behold, ^athe Lord will cast her
out;
He will destroy ^bher power in
the sea,
And she will be devoured by
fire.
- 5 Ashkelon shall see *it* and fear;
Gaza also shall be very
sorrowful;
And ^aEkron, for He dried up
her expectation.
The king shall perish from
Gaza,
And Ashkelon shall not be
inhabited.
- 6 “^a1 mixed race shall settle ^ain
Ashdod,
And I will cut off the pride of
the ^bPhilistines.
- 7 I will take away the blood from
his mouth,
And the abominations from
between his teeth.
But he who remains, even he
shall be for our God,
And shall be like a leader in
Judah,
And Ekron like a Jebusite.
- 8 “I will camp around My house
Because of the army,
Because of him who passes by
and him who returns.
No more shall an oppressor
pass through them,
For now I have seen with My
eyes.

22 ^aIs. 60:3;
66:23; [Zech.
14:16–21]

23 ^aIs. 3:6 ^b[Is.
45:14] ^c1 Cor.
14:25 ¹Lit.
wing, corner
of a garment

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aIs. 17:1; Jer.
23:33 ^bAmos
1:3–5 ¹oracle,
prophecy

2 ^aJer. 49:23
^bIs. 23; Jer.
25:22; 47:4;
Ezek. 26;
Amos 1:9, 10
^c1 Kin. 17:9
^aEzek. 28:3

4 ^aIs. 23:1
^bEzek. 26:17

5 ^aZeph. 2:4, 5

6 ^aAmos 1:8;
Zeph. 2:4
^bEzek.
25:15–17 ¹Lit.
*An illegiti-
mate one*

8 ^a[Ps. 34:7]

9 ^aZeph. 3:14;
15; Zech. 2:10
^b[Ps. 110:1; Is.
9:6, 7; Jer.
23:5, 6]; Matt.
21:5; Mark
11:7, 9; Luke
19:38; John
12:15

10 ^aHos. 1:7;
Mic. 5:10 ^bPs.
46:9; Is. 2:4;
Hos. 2:18;
Mic. 4:3 ^cPs.
72:8

11 ^aIs. 42:7

12 ^aIs. 49:9;
Jer. 17:13;
Heb. 6:18–20
^bIs. 61:7

14 ^aPs. 18:14;
Hab. 3:11 ^bIs.
21:1

15 ^aIs. 37:35;
Zech. 12:8
¹Sacrificial
basins

16 ^aJer. 31:10,
11 ^bIs. 62:3;
Mal. 3:17 ^cIs.
11:12 ¹Lit.
stones

17 ^a[Ps. 31:19]
^b[Ps. 45:1–16]
^cJoel 3:18 ¹Or
His ²See pre-
ceding note

The Coming King

- 9 “Rejoice ^agreatly, O daughter of
Zion!
Shout, O daughter of
Jerusalem!
Behold, ^byour King is coming to
you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.
- 10 I ^awill cut off the chariot from
Ephraim
And the horse from Jerusalem;
The ^bbattle bow shall be cut off.
He shall speak peace to the
nations;
His dominion *shall be* ^cfrom
sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends
of the earth.’

God Will Save His People

- 11 “As for you also,
Because of the blood of your
covenant,
I will set your ^aprisoners free
from the waterless pit.
- 12 Return to the stronghold,
^aYou prisoners of hope.
Even today I declare
That I will restore ^bdouble to
you.
- 13 For I have bent Judah, My
bow,
Fitted the bow with Ephraim,
And raised up your sons,
O Zion,
Against your sons, O Greece,
And made you like the sword
of a mighty man.”
- 14 Then the LORD will be seen
over them,
And ^aHis arrow will go forth
like lightning.
The Lord GOD will blow the
trumpet,
And go ^bwith whirlwinds from
the south.
- 15 The LORD of hosts will ^adefend
them;
They shall devour and subdue
with slingstones.
They shall drink *and* roar as if
with wine;
They shall be filled *with blood*
like ¹basins,
Like the corners of the altar.
- 16 The LORD their God will ^asave
them in that day,
As the flock of His people.
For ^bthey *shall be* like the
¹jewels of a crown,
^cLifted like a banner over His
land—
- 17 For ^ahow great is ¹its goodness
And how great its ^bbeauty!
^cGrain shall make the young
men thrive,
And new wine the young
women.

Restoration of Judah and Israel

- 10 Ask ^athe LORD for ^brain
In ^cthe time of the ¹latter
rain.
The LORD will make ²flashing
clouds;
He will give them showers of
rain,
Grass in the field for everyone.
- 2 For the ^aidols¹ speak delusion;
The diviners envision ^blies,
And tell false dreams;
They ^ccomfort in vain.
Therefore *the people* wend
their way like ^asheep;
They are ²in trouble ^abecause
there is no shepherd.
- 3 “My anger is kindled against the
^ashepherds,
^bAnd I will punish the
¹goatherds.
For the LORD of hosts ^cwill visit
His flock,
The house of Judah,
And ^awill make them as His
royal horse in the battle.
- 4 From him comes ^athe
cornerstone,
From him ^bthe tent peg,
From him the battle bow,
From him every ¹ruler together.
- 5 They shall be like mighty men,
Who ^atread down *their
enemies*
In the mire of the streets in the
battle.
They shall fight because the
LORD is with them,
And the riders on horses shall
be put to shame.
- 6 “I will strengthen the house of
Judah,
And I will save the house of
Joseph.
^aI will bring them back,
Because I ^bhave mercy on them.
They shall be as though I had
not cast them aside;
For I ^aam the LORD their God,
And I ^cwill hear them.
- 7 *Those of Ephraim shall be like
a mighty man,*
And their ^aheart shall rejoice as
if with wine.
Yes, their children shall see *it*
and be glad;
Their heart shall rejoice in the
LORD.
- 8 I will ^awhistle for them and
gather them.
For I will redeem them;
^bAnd they shall increase as they
once increased.
- 9 “I^a will ¹sow them among the
peoples,
And they shall ^bremember Me
in far countries;
They shall live,

CHAPTER 10

- 1 ^a[Jer. 14:22]
^b[Deut. 11:13,
14] ^c[Joel
2:23] ¹Spring
rain ²Or *light-
ning flashes*
- 2 ^aJer. 10:8
^bJer. 27:9;
[Ezek. 13]
^cJob 13:4 ^aJer.
50:6, 17
^aEzek. 34:5–8;
Matt. 9:36;
Mark 6:34
¹Heb.
teraphim
²afflicted
- 3 ^aJer.
25:34–36;
Ezek. 34:2;
Zech. 11:17
^bEzek. 34:17
^cLuke 1:68
^aSong 1:9
¹Leaders
- 4 ^aIs. 28:16 ^bIs.
22:23 ¹Or *des-
pot*
- 5 ^aPs. 18:42
- 6 ^aJer. 3:18;
Ezek. 37:21
^bHos. 1:7;
Zech. 1:16
^cZech. 13:9
- 7 ^aPs. 104:15
- 8 ^aIs. 5:26 ^bIs.
49:19; Ezek.
36:37; Zech.
2:4
- 9 ^aHos. 2:23
^bDeut. 30:1
¹Or *scatter*
- 10 ^aIs. 11:11;
Hos. 11:11 ^bIs.
49:19, 20
- 11 ^aIs. 11:15
^bIs. 14:25;
Zeph. 2:13
^cEzek. 30:13
¹The Nile
- 12 ^aMic. 4:5

CHAPTER 11

- 1 ^aZech. 10:10
- 2 ^aEzek. 31:3
^bIs. 32:19
- 3 ^aJer.
25:34–36 ¹Or
*floodplain,
thicket*
- 5 ^a[Jer. 2:3];
50:7 ^bDeut.
29:19; Hos.
12:8; 1 Tim.
6:9 ^cEzek.
34:2, 3
- 6 ¹Lit. *strike*
- 7 ^aJer. 39:10;
Zeph. 3:12;
Matt. 11:5 ¹So
with MT, Tg.,
Vg.; LXX *for
the Canaan-
ites* ²Or *Grace*
³Or *Unity*
- 8 ^aHos. 5:7 ¹Or
destroyed, lit.
cut off
- 9 ^aJer. 15:2

together with their children,
And they shall return.

- 10 “I will also bring them back
from the land of Egypt,
And gather them from Assyria.
I will bring them into the land
of Gilead and Lebanon.
^bUntil no more room is found
for them.
- 11 “He shall pass through the sea
with affliction,
And strike the waves of the sea:
All the depths of ¹the River
shall dry up.
Then ^bthe pride of Assyria shall
be brought down,
And ^athe scepter of Egypt shall
depart.
- 12 “So I will strengthen them in the
LORD,
And ^athey shall walk up and
down in His name,”
Says the LORD.

Desolation of Israel

- 11 Open ^ayour doors,
O Lebanon,
That fire may devour your
cedars.
- 2 Wail, O cypress, for the ^acedar
has fallen,
Because the mighty *trees* are
ruined.
Wail, O oaks of Bashan,
^bFor the thick forest has come
down.
- 3 *There is the sound of wailing*
^ashepherds!
For their glory is in ruins.
There is the sound of roaring
lions!
For the ¹pride of the Jordan is
in ruins.

Prophecy of the Shepherds

- 4 Thus says the LORD my God,
“Feed the flock for slaughter,
5 “whose owners slaughter them
and ^afeel no guilt; those who sell
them ^bsay, ‘Blessed be the LORD, for
I am rich’; and their shepherds do
^cnot pity them.
- 6 “For I will no longer pity the in-
habitants of the land,” says the
LORD. “But indeed I will give every-
one into his neighbor’s hand and
into the hand of his king. They shall
¹attack the land, and I will not de-
liver *them* from their hand.”
- 7 So I fed the flock for slaughter,
¹in particular ^athe poor of the flock.
I took for myself two staffs: the one
I called ²Beauty, and the other I
called ³Bonds; and I fed the flock.
- 8 I dismissed the three shepherds
^ain one month. My soul loathed
them, and their soul also abhorred
me.
- 9 Then I said, “I will not feed you.
^aLet what is dying die, and what is

perishing perish. Let those that are left eat each other's flesh."

10 And I took my staff, ¹Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples.

11 So it was broken on that day. Thus ²the¹ poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the LORD.

12 Then I said to them, "If it is ¹agreeable to you, give *me* my wages; and if not, refrain." So they ²weighed out for my wages thirty *pieces* of silver.

13 And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the ³potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.

14 Then I cut in two my other staff, ¹Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the LORD said to me, ²"Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd.

16 "For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who* will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in ³pieces.

17 "Woe^a to the worthless shepherd,
Who leaves the flock!
A sword *shall* be against his arm
And against his right eye;
His arm shall completely wither,
And his right eye shall be totally blinded."

The Coming Deliverance of Judah

12 The ¹burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, ²"who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and ³forms the spirit of man within him:

2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem ⁴a cup of ⁵drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

3 ⁶"And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem ⁷a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

4 "In that day," says the LORD, ⁸"I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

5 "And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem *are* my strength in the LORD of hosts, their God.'

10 ¹Or *Grace*

11 ^aZeph. 3:12
¹So with MT.
Tg., Vg.: LXX
the Canaan-
ites

12 ^aEx. 21:32
¹good in your
sight

13 ^aMatt.
27:3-10

14 ¹Or *Unity*

15 ^aIs. 56:11

16 ^aEzek.
34:1-10

17 ^aJer. 23:1

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aIs. 42:5;
44:24 ^bIs.
57:16] *oracle,
prophecy*

2 ^aIs. 51:17
¹Lit. *reeling*

3 ^aZech. 12:4,
6, 8; 13:1
^bMatt. 21:44

4 ^aEzek. 38:4

6 ^aObad. 18

9 ^aHag. 2:22

10 ^a[Joel 2:28,
29] ^bJohn
19:34, 37;
20:27 ^cJer.
6:26

11 ^a[Rev. 1:7]
^b2 Kin. 23:29
¹Heb. *Megid-
don*

12 ^a[Matt.
24:30] ^bLuke
3:31

CHAPTER 13

1 ^a[Rev. 21:6,
7] ^b[Heb. 9:14]
^cEzek. 36:25

2 ^aEx. 23:13
^bJer. 23:14, 15

3 ^aDeut. 18:20
^bDeut. 13:6-11

4 ^a[Mic. 3:6, 7]

6 "In that day I will make the governors of Judah ¹like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.

7 "The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah.

8 "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David *shall be* like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.

9 "It shall be in that day *that* I will seek to ²destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Mourning for the Pierced One

10 ³"And I will pour out the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will ⁴look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him ⁵as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

11 "In that day there shall be a great ⁶mourning in Jerusalem, ⁷like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of ⁸Megiddo.

12 ⁹"And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of ¹⁰Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13 "the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 "all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

Idolatry Cut Off

13 "In that ¹day ²a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for ³uncleanness.

2 "It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, ⁴"that I will ⁵cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause ⁶the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.

3 "It shall come to pass *that* if any one still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, 'You shall ⁷not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.' And his father and mother who begot him ⁸shall thrust him through when he prophesies.

4 "And it shall be in that day *that* ⁹every prophet will be ashamed of

his vision when he prophesies; they will not wear ^arobe of coarse hair to deceive.

5 ^a"But he will say, 'I *am* no prophet, I *am* a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.'

6 "And *one* will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your ¹arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

The Shepherd Savior

7 "Awake, O sword, against ^aMy Shepherd,
Against the Man ^bwho is My Companion,"

Says the LORD of hosts.

^c"Strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep will be scattered;

Then I will turn My hand
against ^dthe little ones.

8 And it shall come to pass in all the land,"

Says the LORD,
"That ^atwo-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die,

^bBut *one-third* shall be left in it:

9 I will bring the *one-third*
^athrough the fire,
Will ^brefine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested.
^cThey will call on My name,
And I will answer them.

^dI will say, 'This is My people';
And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "

The Day of the LORD

14 Behold, ^athe day of the LORD is coming,
And your ¹spoils will be divided in your midst.

2 For ^dI will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;
The city shall be taken,
The houses ¹rifled,
And the women ravished.
Half of the city shall go into captivity,
But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go forth
And fight against those nations,
As He fights in the day of battle.

4 And in that day His feet will stand ^aon the Mount of Olives,
Which faces Jerusalem on the east.

And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,
From east to west,

^b*Making* a very large valley;
Half of the mountain shall move toward the north
And half of it toward the south.

4 ^{b2} Kin. 1:8

5 ^aAmos 7:14

6 ¹Or *hands*

7 ^aIs. 40:11
^bJohn 10:30
^cMatt. 26:31,
56, 67 ^dLuke 12:32

8 ^aEzek. 5:2, 4,
12 ^bRom. 11:5

9 ^aIs. 48:10
^{b1} Pet. 1:6 ^cPs. 50:15 ^dHos. 2:23

CHAPTER 14

1 ^a[Is. 13:6, 9]
¹*plunder* or *booty*

2 ^aZech. 12:2,
3 ¹Or *plundered*

4 ^aEzek. 11:23
^bJoel 3:12

5 ^aAmos 1:1
^bMatt. 24:30,
31; 25:31 ^cJoel 3:11 ^dOr *you*;
LXX, Tg., Vg. *Him*

6 ¹Lit. *glorious ones*

7 ^aMatt. 24:36
^bIs. 30:26

8 ^aEzek. 47:1-12 ¹The Dead Sea
²The Mediterranean Sea

9 ^a[Rev. 11:15]
^bDeut. 6:4

10 ^aZech. 12:6
^bJer. 31:38
¹Lit. *She*

11 ^aJer. 31:40
^bJer. 23:6

12 ¹Lit. *decay*

13 ^{a1} Sam. 14:15, 20
^bJudg. 7:22

5 Then you shall flee *through* My mountain valley,
For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.

Yes, you shall flee
As you fled from the ^aearthquake
In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.

^bThus the LORD my God will come,
And ^call the saints with ¹You.

6 It shall come to pass in that day
That there will be no light;
The ¹lights will diminish.

7 It shall be one day
^aWhich is known to the LORD—
Neither day nor night.
But at ^bevening time it shall happen
That it will be light.

8 And in that day it shall be
That living ^awaters shall flow from Jerusalem,
Half of them toward ¹the eastern sea
And half of them toward ²the western sea;
In both summer and winter it shall occur.

9 And the LORD shall be ^aKing over all the earth.
In that day it shall be—
^b"The LORD is one,"
And His name one.

10 All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. ¹Jerusalem shall be raised up and ^ainhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, ^band from the Tower of Hananel to the king's vinepresses.

11 *The people* shall dwell in it;
And ^ano longer shall there be utter destruction,
^bBut Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem:

Their flesh shall ¹dissolve while they stand on their feet,
Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets,
And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

13 It shall come to pass in that day
That ^aa great panic from the LORD will be among them.
Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor,
And raise ^bhis hand against his neighbor's hand;

14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem.

^aAnd the wealth of all the surrounding nations Shall be gathered together: Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance.

15 ^aSuch also shall be the plague On the horse *and* the mule, On the camel and the donkey, And on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So *shall* this plague be.

The Nations Worship the King

16 And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall ^ago up from year to year to ^bworship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep ^cthe Feast of Tabernacles.

17 ^aAnd it shall be *that* whichever of the families of the earth do not

14 ^aEzek. 39:10, 17

15 ^aZech. 14:12

16 ^a[Is. 2:2, 3; 60:6-9; 66:18-21] ^bIs. 27:13

^cLev. 23:34-44

17 ^aIs. 60:12

18 ^aIs. 19:21
^bDeut. 11:10

19 ¹Lit. *sin*

20 ^aIs. 23:18
^bEzek. 46:20

21 ^aIs. 35:8

^b[Eph. 2:19-22] ¹Or on every pot . . . shall be engraved "HOLINESS TO THE LORD OF HOSTS"

come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

18 If the family of ^aEgypt will not come up and enter in, ^bthey *shall have no rain*; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

19 This shall be the ^bpunishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

20 In that day ^a"HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be *engraved* on the bells of the horses. The ^bpots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yes, ¹every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a ^aCanaanite ^bin the house of the LORD of hosts.

The Book of

MALACHI

MALACHI, a prophet in the days of Nehemiah, directs his message of judgment to a people plagued with corrupt priests, wicked practices, and a false sense of security in their privileged relationship with God. Using the question-and-answer method, Malachi probes deeply into their problems of hypocrisy, infidelity, mixed marriages, divorce, false worship, and arrogance. So sinful has the nation become that God's words to the people no longer have any impact. For four hundred years after Malachi's ringing condemnations, God remains silent. Only with the coming of John the Baptist (prophesied in 3:1) does God again communicate to His people through a prophet's voice.

The meaning of the name *Mal'aki* ("My Messenger") is probably a shortened form of *Mal'akya*, "Messenger of Yahweh," and it is appropriate to the book which speaks of the coming of the "messenger of the covenant" ("messenger" is mentioned three times in 2:7; 3:1). The Septuagint used the title *Malachias* even though it also translated it "by the hand of his messenger." The Latin title is *Maleachi*.

THE ¹burden of the word of the LORD to Israel ²by Malachi.

Israel Beloved of God

2 "I^a have loved you," says the LORD.

"Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the LORD.

"Yet ^bJacob I have loved;

CHAPTER 1

1 ¹oracle, prophecy ²Lit. by the hand of

2 ^aDeut. 4:37; 7:8; 23:5
^bRom. 9:13

3 ^aJer. 49:18

3 But Esau I have hated, And ^alaid waste his mountains and his heritage For the jackals of the wilderness."

4 Even though Edom has said, "We have been impoverished, But we will return and build the desolate places,"

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

- "They may build, but I will
 "throw down;
 They shall be called the
 Territory of Wickedness,
 And the people against whom
 the LORD will have
 indignation forever.
 5 Your eyes shall see,
 And you shall say,
 "The LORD is magnified beyond
 the border of Israel."

Polluted Offerings

- 6 "A son "honors *his* father,
 And a servant *his* master.
^bIf then I am the Father,
 Where is My honor?
 And if I *am* a Master,
 Where is My reverence?
 Says the LORD of hosts
 To you priests who despise My
 name.
 "Yet you say, 'In what way have
 we despised Your name?'"
- 7 "You offer "defiled food on My
 altar,
 But say,
 'In what way have we defiled
 You?'
 By saying,
^b"The table of the LORD is
 "contemptible."
- 8 And "when you offer the blind
 as a sacrifice,
Is it not evil?
 And when you offer the lame
 and sick,
Is it not evil?
 Offer it then to your governor!
 Would he be pleased with you?
 Would he ^baccept¹ you
 favorably?"
 Says the LORD of hosts.
- 9 "But now entreat God's favor,
 That He may be gracious to us.
 "While this is being *done* by
 your hands,
 Will He accept you favorably?"
 Says the LORD of hosts.
- 10 "Who *is there* even among you
 who would shut the doors,
 "So that you would not kindle
 fire on My altar in vain?
 I have no pleasure in you,"
 Says the LORD of hosts,
^b"Nor will I accept an offering
 from your hands.
- 11 For "from the rising of the sun,
 even to its going down,
 My name *shall be great* "among
 the Gentiles;
 "In every place "incense *shall be*
 offered to My name,
 And a pure offering;
 "For My name shall be great
 among the nations,"
 Says the LORD of hosts.
- 12 "But you profane it,
 In that you say,

4 ^aJer.
 49:16-18

5 ^aPs. 35:27;
 Mic. 5:4

6 [Ex. 20:12];
 Prov. 30:11,
 17; [Matt.
 15:4-8; Eph.
 6:2, 3] ^b[Is.
 63:16; 64:8];
 Jer. 31:9; Luke
 6:46 ^cMal.
 2:14

7 ^aDeut. 15:21
^bEzek. 41:22
¹Or *to be de-
 spised*

8 ^aLev. 22:22;
 Deut.
 15:19-23 ^b[Job
 42:8] ¹Lit. *lift
 up your face*

9 ^aHos. 13:9

10 ^a1 Cor. 9:13
^bIs. 1:11

11 ^aIs. 59:19
^bIs. 60:3, 5
^c1 Tim. 2:8
^dRev. 8:3 ^eIs.
 66:18, 19

12 ^aMal. 1:7
¹So with Bg.;
 MT *Lord*

13 ^aIs. 43:22
^bLev. 22:20

14 ^aMal. 1:8
^bLev. 22:18-20
^bPs. 47:2

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aMal. 1:6

2 ^a[Lev. 26:14,
 15; Deut.
 28:15] ^bMal.
 3:9

3 ^aEx. 29:14
^b1 Kin. 14:10
¹Lit. *to it*

5 ^aNum. 25:12;
 Ezek. 34:25
^bDeut. 33:9

6 ^aDeut. 33:10
^bJer. 23:22;
 [James 5:20]
¹Or *True in-
 struction* ²Or
*unrighteous-
 ness*

7 ^aNum. 27:21;
 Deut. 17:8-11;
 Jer. 18:18

^a"The table of the ¹LORD is
 defiled;
 And its fruit, its food, is
 contemptible."

- 13 You also say,
 Oh, what a "weariness!"
 And you sneer at it,"
 Says the LORD of hosts.
 "And you bring the stolen, the
 lame, and the sick;
 Thus you bring an offering!
^bShould I accept this from your
 hand?"
 Says the LORD.
- 14 "But cursed *be* "the deceiver
 Who has in his flock a male,
 And takes a vow,
 But sacrifices to the Lord ^bwhat
 is blemished—
 For "I *am* a great King,"
 Says the LORD of hosts,
 "And My name is *to be* feared
 among the nations.

Corrupt Priests

- 2 "And now, O "priests,
 this commandment is for you.
 2 "If you will not hear,
 And if you will not take *it* to
 heart,
 To give glory to My name,"
 Says the LORD of hosts,
 "I will send a curse upon you,
 And I will curse your
 blessings.
 Yes, I have cursed them
^balready,
 Because you do not take *it* to
 heart.
- 3 "Behold, I will rebuke your
 descendants
 And spread "refuse on your
 faces,
 The refuse of your solemn
 feasts;
 And *one* will ^btake you away
¹with it.
- 4 Then you shall know that I
 have sent this commandment
 to you,
 That My covenant with Levi
 may continue,"
 Says the LORD of hosts.
- 5 "My^a covenant was with him,
one of life and peace,
 And I gave them to him ^b*that
 he might fear Me*;
 So he feared Me
 And was reverent before My
 name.
- 6 "The¹ law of truth was in his
 mouth,
 And ²injustice was not found
 on his lips.
 He walked with Me in peace
 and equity,
 And ^bturned many away from
 iniquity.
- 7 "For^a the lips of a priest should
 keep knowledge,

- And *people* should seek the law from his mouth;
^bFor he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.
 8 But you have departed from the way;
 You ^ahave caused many to stumble at the law.
^bYou have corrupted the covenant of Levi.
 Says the LORD of hosts.
 9 “Therefore ^aI also have made you contemptible and base Before all the people,
 Because you have not kept My ways
 But have shown ^bpartiality in the law.”

Treachery of Infidelity

- 10 ^aHave we not all one Father?
^bHas not one God created us?
 Why do we deal treacherously with one another
 By profaning the covenant of the fathers?
 11 Judah has dealt treacherously,
 And an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem,
 For Judah has ^aprofaned The LORD's holy *institution* which He loves;
 He has married the daughter of a foreign god.
 12 May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob
 The man who does this, being ¹awake and aware,
 Yet ^awho brings an offering to the LORD of hosts!
 13 And this is the second thing you do:
 You cover the altar of the LORD with tears,
 With weeping and crying;
 So He does not regard the offering anymore,
 Nor receive *it* with goodwill from your hands.
 14 Yet you say, “For what reason?”
 Because the LORD has been witness
 Between you and ^athe wife of your youth,
 With whom you have dealt treacherously;
^bYet she is your companion
 And your wife by covenant.
 15 But ^a“did He not make *them* one,
 Having a remnant of the Spirit?
 And why one?
 He seeks ^bgodly offspring.
 Therefore take heed to your spirit,
 And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.
 16 “For ^athe LORD God of Israel

7 ^b[Gal. 4:14]
 8 ^aJer. 18:15
^bNum. 25:12,
 13; Neh.
 13:29; Ezek.
 44:10

9 ^a1 Sam. 2:30
^bDeut. 1:17;
 Mic. 3:11;
 1 Tim. 5:21

10 ^aJer. 31:9;
 1 Cor. 8:6;
 [Eph. 4:6]
^bJob 31:15

11 ^aEzra 9:1, 2;
 Neh. 13:23

12 ^aNeh. 13:29
¹Talmud.Vg.
teacher and student

14 ^aProv. 5:18;
 Jer. 9:2; Mal.
 3:5 ^bProv. 2:17

15 ^aGen. 2:24;
 Matt. 19:4, 5
^bEzra 9:2;
 [1 Cor. 7:14]

16 ^aDeut. 24:1;
 [Matt. 5:31;
 19:6-8]

17 ^aIs. 43:22,
 24 ^bIs. 5:20;
 Zeph. 1:12

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aMatt. 11:10;
 Mark 1:2;
 Luke 1:76;
 7:27; John
 1:23; 2:14, 15
^b[Is. 40:3] ^cIs.
 63:9 ^dHag. 2:7

2 ^aJer. 10:10;
 Joel 2:11;
 Nah. 1:6;
 [Mal. 4:1] ^bIs.
 33:14; Ezek.
 22:14; Rev.
 6:17 ^cIs. 4:4;
 Zech. 13:9;

[Matt.
 3:10-12;
 1 Cor.
 3:13-15]

3 ^aIs. 1:25;
 Dan. 12:10;
 Zech. 13:9
^b[1 Pet. 2:5]
¹Or *refine*

4 ^aMal. 1:11
¹pleasing

5 ^aLev. 19:12;
 Zech. 5:4;
 [James 5:12]
^bLev. 19:13;
 James 5:4
^cEx. 22:22

6 ^a[Num.
 23:19; Rom.
 11:29; James
 1:17] ^b[Lam.
 3:22]

That He hates divorce,
 For it covers one's garment with violence.”
 Says the LORD of hosts.
 “Therefore take heed to your spirit,
 That you do not deal treacherously.”

- 17 ^aYou have wearied the LORD with your words;
 Yet you say,
 “In what way have we wearied Him?”
 In that you say,
^b“Everyone who does evil
 Is good in the sight of the LORD,
 And He delights in them.”
 Or, “Where is the God of justice?”

The Coming Messenger

- 3 “Behold, ^aI send My messenger,
 And he will ^bprepare the way before Me.
 And the Lord, whom you seek,
 Will suddenly come to His temple,
^cEven the Messenger of the covenant,
 In whom you delight.
 Behold, “He is coming,”
 Says the LORD of hosts.
 2 “But who can endure ^athe day of His coming?
 And ^bwho can stand when He appears?
 For ^cHe is like a refiner's fire
 And like launderers' soap.
 3 ^aHe will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver;
 He will purify the sons of Levi,
 And ¹purge them as gold and silver,
 That they may ^boffer to the LORD
 An offering in righteousness.
 4 “Then ^athe offering of Judah and Jerusalem
 Will be ¹pleasant to the LORD,
 As in the days of old,
 As in former years.
 5 And I will come near you for judgment;
 I will be a swift witness
 Against sorcerers,
 Against adulterers,
^aAgainst perjurers,
 Against those who ^bexploit wage earners and ^cwidows and orphans,
 And against those who turn away an alien—
 Because they do not fear Me,”
 Says the LORD of hosts.
 6 “For I *am* the LORD, ^aI do not change;
^bTherefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

- 7 Yet from the days of ^ayour fathers
You have gone away from My ordinances
And have not kept *them*.
^bReturn to Me, and I will return to you.”
Says the LORD of hosts.
^c“But you said,
‘In what way shall we return?’

Do Not Rob God

- 8 “Will a man rob God?
Yet you have robbed Me!
But you say,
‘In what way have we robbed You?’
^aIn tithes and offerings.
9 You are cursed with a curse,
For you have robbed Me,
Even this whole nation.
10 ^aBring all the tithes into the ^bstorehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,”
Says the LORD of hosts,
“If I will not open for you the ^cwindows of heaven
And ^dpour out for you *such* blessing
That *there will not be room*
enough to receive it.
11 “And I will rebuke ^athe devourer
for your sakes,
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,”
Says the LORD of hosts;
12 “And all nations will call you blessed,
For you will be ^aa delightful land,”
Says the LORD of hosts.

The People Complain Harshly

- 13 “Your^a words have been ¹harsh against Me,”
Says the LORD,
“Yet you say,
‘What have we spoken against You?’
14 ^aYou have said,
‘It is useless to serve God;
What profit is *it* that we have kept His ordinance,
And that we have walked as mourners
Before the LORD of hosts?
15 So now ^awe call the proud blessed,
For those who do wickedness are ¹raised up;
They even ^btempt God and go free.’ ”

7 ^aActs 7:51
^bZech. 1:3
^cMal. 1:6

8 ^aNeh. 13:10–12

10 ^aProv. 3:9,
10 ^b1 Chr. 26:20
^cGen. 7:11 ^d2 Chr. 31:10

11 ^aAmos 4:9

12 ^aDan. 8:9

13 ^aMal. 2:17
¹Lit. *strong*

14 ^aJob 21:14

15 ^aPs. 73:12
^bPs. 95:9 ¹Lit. *built*

16 ^aPs. 66:16
^bHeb. 3:13
^cPs. 56:8 ¹Or *esteem*

17 ^aEx. 19:5;
Deut. 7:6; Is. 43:21; [1 Pet. 2:9] ^bIs. 62:3
^cPs. 103:13
¹Lit. *special treasure*

18 ^a[Ps. 58:11]

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aPs. 21:9;
[Nah. 1:5, 6;
Mal. 3:2, 3;
2 Pet. 3:7]
^bMal. 3:18 ^cIs. 5:24; Obad. 18
^dAmos 2:9

2 ^aMal. 3:16
^bMatt. 4:16;
Luke 1:78;
Acts 10:43;
2 Cor. 4:6;
Eph. 5:14

3 ^aMic. 7:10

4 ^aEx. 20:3
^bDeut. 4:10

5 ^a[Matt. 11:14;
17:10–13;
Mark 9:11–13;
Luke 1:17;
John 1:21
^bJoel 2:31

6 ^aZech. 14:12
^bZech. 5:3

A Book of Remembrance

- 16 Then those ^awho feared the LORD ^bspoke to one another,
And the LORD listened and heard *them*;
So ^aa book of remembrance was written before Him
For those who fear the LORD
And who ¹meditate on His name.

- 17 “They^a shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts,
“On the day that I make them My ^bjewels.¹
And ^cI will spare them
As a man spares his own son who serves him.”
18 ^aThen you shall again discern
Between the righteous and the wicked,
Between one who serves God
And one who does not serve Him.

The Great Day of God

- 4 “For behold, ^athe day is coming,
Burning like an oven,
And all ^bthe proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be ^cstubble.
And the day which is coming shall burn them up,”
Says the LORD of hosts,
“That will ^dleave them neither root nor branch.
2 But to you who ^afear My name
The ^bSun of Righteousness shall arise
With healing in His wings;
And you shall go out
And grow fat like stall-fed calves.
3 ^aYou shall trample the wicked,
For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet
On the day that I do *this*,”
Says the LORD of hosts.
4 “Remember the ^aLaw of Moses,
My servant,
Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel,
With ^bthe statutes and judgments.
5 Behold, I will send you ^aElijah the prophet
^bBefore the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
6 And he will turn
The hearts of the fathers to the children,
And the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and ^astrike the earth with ^ba curse.”

The New Testament

Words of Christ
In Red

MATTHEW

MATTHEW is the gospel written by a Jew to Jews about a Jew. Matthew is the writer, his countrymen are the readers, and Jesus Christ is the subject. Matthew's design is to present Jesus as the King of the Jews, the long-awaited Messiah. Through a carefully selected series of Old Testament quotations, Matthew documents Jesus Christ's claim to be the Messiah. His genealogy, baptism, messages, and miracles all point to the same inescapable conclusion: Christ is King. Even in His death, seeming defeat is turned to victory by the Resurrection, and the message again echoes forth: the King of the Jews lives.

At an early date this gospel was given the title *Kata Matthaion*, "According to Matthew." As this title suggests, other gospel accounts were known at that time (the word "Gospel" was added later). Matthew ("Gift of the Lord") was also surnamed Levi (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27).

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

THE book of the ^agenealogy¹ of Jesus Christ, ^bthe Son of David, ^cthe Son of Abraham:

2 ^aAbraham begot Isaac, ^bIsaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot ^cJudah and his brothers.

3 ^aJudah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, ^bPerez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

4 Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.

5 Salmon begot ^aBoaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse.

6 and ^aJesse begot David the king. ^bDavid the king begot Solomon by her ¹who had been the wife of Uriah.

7 ^aSolomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot ^bAbijah, and Abijah begot ¹Asa.

8 Asa begot ^aJehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot ^bUzziah.

9 Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot ^aAhaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

10 ^aHezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot ¹Amon, and Amon begot ^bJosiah.

11 ^aJosiah begot ¹Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were ^bcarried away to Babylon.

12 And after they were brought to Babylon, ^aJeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot ^bZerubbabel.

13 Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

14 Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.

15 Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of ^aMary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aLuke 3:23

^bJohn 7:42

^cGen. 12:3;

22:18 ¹Lit. ^ageneration

2 ^aGen. 21:2.

12 ^bGen.

25:26; 28:14

^cGen. 29:35

3 ^aGen. 38:27;

49:10 ^bRuth

4:18-22

5 ^aRuth 2:1;

4:1-13

6 ^{a1} Sam. 16:1

^{b2} Sam. 7:12;

12:24 ¹Words

in italic type

have been

added for clar-

ity. They are

not found in

the original

Greek.

7 ^{a1} Chr. 3:10

^{b2} Chr. 11:20

¹NU *Asaph*

8 ^{a1} Chr. 3:10

^{b2} Kin. 15:13

9 ^{a2} Kin. 15:38

10 ^{a2} Kin.

20:21 ^{b1} Kin.

13:2 ¹NU

Amos

11 ^{a1} Chr.

3:15, 16

^{b2} Kin.

24:14-16

¹Or *Coniah* or

Jehoiachin

12 ^{a1} Chr. 3:17

^bEzra 3:2

16 ^aMatt. 13:55

18 ^aLuke 1:27

^bLuke 1:35

19 ^aDeut. 24:1

¹an upright

20 ^aLuke 1:35

¹Lit. *begotten*

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

Christ Born of Mary

18 Now the ^abirth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child ^bof the Holy Spirit.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being ¹a just man, and not wanting ^ato make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, ^afor that which is ¹conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 ^a"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name ¹JESUS, ^bfor He will save His people from their sins."

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

23 ^a"Behold, ¹the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife.

25 and ¹did not know her till she had brought forth ^aher² firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

21 ^aLuke 1:31; 2:21 ^bJohn 1:29 ¹Lit. *Savior*

23 ^aIs. 7:14 ¹Words in oblique type in the New Testament are quoted from the Old Testament. 25 ^aLuke 2:7, 21 ¹Kept her a virgin ²NU a Son

Wise Men from the East

2 Now after ^aJesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, ¹wise men ^bfrom the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, ^a"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen ^bHis star in the East and have come to worship Him."

3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all ^athe chief priests and ^bscribes of the people together, ^che inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 *'But^a you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler^b Who will shepherd My people Israel.'*"

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the ¹wise men, determined from them what time the ^astar appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, ^athey presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 Then, being divinely warned ^ain a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

The Flight into Egypt

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,

15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled

CHAPTER 2

¹ Mic. 5:2;
Luke 2:4-7
^b Gen. 25:6;
¹ Kin. 4:30
¹ Gr. *magoi*

² Luke 2:11
^b [Num. 24:17;
Is. 60:3]

⁴ ^a2 Chr. 36:14
^b2 Chr. 34:13
^cMal. 2:7

⁶ ^a Mic. 5:2;
John 7:42
^b Gen. 49:10;
[Rev. 2:27]

⁷ ^a Num. 24:17
¹ Gr. *magoi*

¹¹ ^a Ps. 72:10;
Is. 60:6

¹² ^a [Job 33:15;
16]; Matt. 1:20

¹⁵ ^a Num. 24:8;
Hos. 11:1

¹⁸ ^a Jer. 31:15

²⁰ ^a Luke 2:39
^b Matt. 2:16

²² ^a Matt. 2:12;
13, 19 ^b Matt.
3:13; Luke
2:39

²³ ^a Luke 1:26;
2:39; John
1:45, 46 ^b Judg.
13:5

CHAPTER 3

¹ ^a Matt.
3:1-12; Mark
3:1-8; Luke
3:2-17; John
1:6-8, 19-28
^b Josh. 14:10

² ^a Dan. 2:44;
Mal. 4:6; Matt.
4:17; Mark
1:15; Luke
1:17; 10:9;
11:20; 21:31

³ ^a Is. 40:3;
Luke 3:4;
John 1:23
^b Luke 1:76

⁴ ^a2 Kin. 1:8;
Zech. 13:4;
Matt. 11:8;
Mark 1:6
^b Lev. 11:22
^c1 Sam. 14:25,
26

⁵ ^a Mark 1:5

⁶ ^a Acts 19:4,
18

which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ^a"*Out of Egypt I called My Son.*"

Massacre of the Innocents

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

18 *"A^a voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."*

The Home in Nazareth

19 Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 ^asaying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who ^bsought the young Child's life are dead."

21 Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a ^adream, he turned aside ^binto the region of Galilee.

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called ^aNazareth, that it might be fulfilled ^bwhich was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 In those days ^aJohn the Baptist came preaching ^bin the wilderness of Judea,

2 and saying, "Repent, for ^athe kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

^a"*The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

^b*'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'*"

4 Now ^aJohn himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was ^blocusts and ^cwild honey.

5 ^aThen Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him.

6 ^aand were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the

Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from ^bthe wrath to come?"

8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

9 "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

10 "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. "Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. ^bHe will baptize you with the Holy Spirit ¹and fire.

12 "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will ^bburn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

John Baptizes Jesus

13 "Then Jesus came ^bfrom Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

14 And John *tried* to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "**Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then He allowed Him.

16 "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and ¹He saw ^bthe Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 "And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ^b"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Satan Tempts Jesus

4 Then "Jesus was led up by ^bthe Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4 But He answered and said, "**It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'**"

5 Then the devil took Him up "into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

7 ^aMatt. 12:34
^b[1 Thess. 1:10]

9 ^aJohn 8:33

10 ^aMatt. 7:19

11 ^aLuke 3:16
^b[Acts 2:3, 4]
¹M omits and fire

12 ^aMal. 3:3
^bMatt. 13:30

13 ^aMark 1:9-11 ^bMatt. 2:22

16 ^aMark 1:10
^bJohn 1:32
¹Or he

17 ^aJohn 12:28
^bPs. 2:7

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aMark 1:12
^bEzek. 3:14

4 ^aDeut. 8:3

5 ^aNeh. 11:1, 18

6 ^aPs. 91:11
^bPs. 91:12

7 ^aDeut. 6:16
¹test

8 ^a[1 John 2:15-17]

10 ^aDeut. 6:13;
10:20 ¹M Get behind Me

11 ^a[James 4:7] ¹[Heb. 1:14]

12 ^aJohn 4:43

15 ^aIs. 9:1, 2

16 ^aLuke 2:32

17 ^aMark 1:14,
15 ^bMatt. 3:2;
10:7 ^bhas drawn near

18 ^aMark 1:16-20 ^bJohn 1:40-42

19 ^aLuke 5:10

20 ^aMark 10:28

21 ^aMark 1:19

^a"He shall give His angels charge over you,"

and,

^b"In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus said to him, "**It is written again, 'You shall not ¹tempt the LORD your God.'**"

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and "showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, **"Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"**

11 Then the devil "left Him, and behold, ^bangels came and ministered to Him.

Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry

12 "Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 "**The ^aland of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,**

Galilee of the Gentiles:

16 **"The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death
Light has dawned."**

17 "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven ¹is at hand."**

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

18 "And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon ^bcalled Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, **"Follow Me, and ¹I will make you fishers of men."**

20 "They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

21 "Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son of* Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Jesus Heals a Great Multitude

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

25 Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

The Beatitudes

5 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Believers Are Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

14 "You are the light of the world.

23 ^aMatt. 9:35
^b[Matt. 24:14]
^cMark 1:34

24 ^aLuke 4:40
¹Lit. the report of Him

25 ^aMark 3:7,
⁸ ¹Lit. Ten Cities

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aMark 3:13

2 ^a[Matt. 7:29]

3 ^aLuke 6:20-23

4 ^aRev. 21:4

5 ^aPs. 37:11
^b[Rom. 4:13]
¹Or land

6 ^aLuke 1:53
^b[Is. 55:1;
65:13]

7 ^aPs. 41:1

8 ^aPs. 15:2;
24:4 ^b1 Cor. 13:12

10 ^a1 Pet. 3:14

11 ^aLuke 6:22
^b1 Pet. 4:14

12 ^a1 Pet. 4:13,
14 ^bActs 7:52

13 ^aLuke 14:34

14 ^a[John 8:12]

15 ^aLuke 8:16

16 ^a1 Pet. 2:12
^b[John 15:8]

17 ^aRom. 10:4

18 ^aLuke 16:17
¹Gr. *iota*, Heb. *yod*, the smallest letter
²The smallest stroke in a Heb. letter

19 ^a[James 2:10]

20 ^a[Rom. 10:3]

21 ^aEx. 20:13;
Deut. 5:17 ¹in ancient times

22 ^a[1 John 3:15] ^b[James 2:20; 3:6] ¹NU omits without a cause ²Lit., in Aram., Empty head
³Gr. More ⁴Gr. Gehenna

23 ^aMatt. 8:4

24 ^a[Job 42:8]

25 ^aLuke 12:58, 59 ^b[Is. 55:6]

27 ^aEx. 20:14;
Deut. 5:18
¹NU, M omit to those of old

28 ^aProv. 6:25

29 ^aMark 9:43
^b[Col. 3:5]

¹Lit. stumble or offend

A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Christ Fulfills the Law

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

19 "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Murder Begins in the Heart

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, *'You shall not murder*, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'

22 "But I say to you that 'whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, *'Raca!'* shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, *'You fool!'* shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

25 "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

26 "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

Adultery in the Heart

27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, *'You shall not commit adultery.'*

28 "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from

you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

30 "And if your right hand causes you to ¹sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

Marriage Is Sacred and Binding

31 "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

32 "But I say to you that 'whoever divorces his wife for any reason except ¹sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

Jesus Forbids Oaths

33 "Again you have heard that 'it was said to those of ¹old, ²You shall not swear falsely, but ³shall perform your oaths to the Lord.'

34 "But I say to you, 'do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is ¹God's throne;

35 "nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of 'the great King.

36 "Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 "But let ¹your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Go the Second Mile

38 "You have heard that it was said, '¹An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

39 "But I tell you not to resist an evil person. ²But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

40 "If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.

41 "And whoever 'compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 "Give to him who asks you, and 'from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Love Your Enemies

43 "You have heard that it was said, '¹You shall love your neighbor ²and hate your enemy.'

44 "But I say to you, 'love your enemies, bless those who curse you, ³do good to those who hate you, and pray ⁴for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for 'He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 "For if you love those who love

30 ¹Lit. *stumble or offend*

31 ^aDeut. 24:1

32 ^aLuke 16:18 ¹Or *fornication*

33 ^aMatt. 23:16

^bLev. 19:12

^cDeut. 23:23

¹ancient times

34 ^aJames 5:12

^bIs. 66:1

35 ^aPs. 48:2

37 ^a[Col. 4:6]

¹Lit. *your word be yes yes*

38 ^aEx. 21:24;

Lev. 24:20;

Deut. 19:21

39 ^aLuke 6:29

^bIs. 50:6

41 ^aMatt. 27:32

42 ^aLuke 6:30-34

43 ^aLev. 19:18

^bDeut. 23:3-6

44 ^aLuke 6:27

^b[Rom. 12:20]

^cActs 7:60

¹NU But I say

to you, love

your enemies

and pray for

those who

persecute you

45 ^aJob 25:3

46 ^aLuke 6:32

47 ¹M friends

²NU Gentiles

48 ^a[Col. 1:28;

4:12] ^bEph. 5:1

CHAPTER 6

2 ^aRom. 12:8

4 ^aLuke 14:12-14

¹NU omits *openly*

5 ¹pretenders

6 ^a2 Kin. 4:33

¹NU omits

openly

7 ^aEcc. 5:2

^b1 Kin. 18:26

8 ^a[Rom. 8:26,

27]

9 ^aLuke 11:2-4

^b[Matt. 5:9,

16] ^cMal. 1:11

10 ^aMatt. 26:42

^bPs. 103:20

11 ^aProv. 30:8

12 ^a[Matt. 18:21, 22]

13 ^a[2 Pet. 2:9]

^bJohn 17:15

¹NU omits the

rest of v. 13.

you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 "And if you greet your ¹brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the ²tax collectors do so?

48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, just ³as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Do Good to Please God

6 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 "Therefore, 'when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

3 "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4 "that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret 'will Himself reward you ¹openly.

The Model Prayer

5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the ¹hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

6 "But you, when you pray, 'go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you ¹openly.

7 "And when you pray, 'do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. ²For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father 'knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

9 "In this 'manner, therefore, pray:

^bOur Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your 'name.

10 Your kingdom come.
'Your will be done

On earth ³as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our 'daily bread.

12 And 'forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.

13 'And do not lead us into temptation,
But 'deliver us from the evil one.

¹For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

14 ^a“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 ^a“But ^aif you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Fasting to Be Seen Only by God

16 ^a“Moreover, ^awhen you fast, do not be like the ¹hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

17 ^a“But you, when you fast, ^aanoint your head and wash your face,

18 ^a“so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you ¹openly.

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

19 ^a“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 ^a“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 ^a“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Lamp of the Body

22 ^a“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is ¹good, your whole body will be full of light.

23 ^a“But if your eye is ¹bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

You Cannot Serve God and Riches

24 ^a“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. ^bYou cannot serve God and ¹mammon.

Do Not Worry

25 ^a“Therefore I say to you, ^ado not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

26 ^a“Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 ^a“Which of you by worrying can add one ¹cubit to his ²stature?

28 ^a“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

29 ^a“and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not ¹arrayed like one of these.

14 ^aMark 11:25

15 ^aMatt. 18:35

16 ^aIs. 58:3-7 ¹pretenders

17 ^aRuth 3:3

18 ¹NU, M omit *openly*

19 ^aProv. 23:4

20 ^aMatt. 19:21

22 ^aLuke 11:34, 35 ¹Clear, or healthy

23 ¹Evil, or unhealthy

24 ^aLuke 16:9, 11, 13 ^b[Gal. 1:10] ¹Lit., in Aram., *riches*

25 ^aLuke 12:22

26 ^aLuke 12:24

27 ¹About 18 inches ²height

29 ¹dressed

33 ^a[1 Tim. 4:8]

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aRom. 14:3 ¹Condemn

2 ^aLuke 6:38 ¹Condemnation

3 ^aLuke 6:41

6 ^aProv. 9:7, 8

7 ^a[Mark 11:24]

8 ^aProv. 8:17

9 ^aLuke 11:11

11 ^aGen. 6:5; 8:21

12 ^aLuke 6:31 ^bGal. 5:14

13 ^aLuke 13:24

14 ¹NU, M *How narrow . . . !*

30 ^a“Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*

31 ^a“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 ^a“For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 ^a“But ^aseek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

34 ^a“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Do Not Judge

7 ^a“Judge! ^anot, that you be not judged.

2 ^a“For with what ¹judgment you judge, you will be judged; ^aand with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

3 ^a“And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?

4 ^a“Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye?

5 ^a“Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

6 ^a“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

7 ^a“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 ^a“For ^aeveryone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

9 ^a“Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 ^a“Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 ^a“If you then, ^abeing evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

12 ^a“Therefore, ^awhatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for ^bthis is the Law and the Prophets.

The Narrow Way

13 ^a“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

14 ¹“Because narrow is the gate and

²difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

You Will Know Them by Their Fruits

15 ^a“Beware of false prophets, ^bwho come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

16 ^a“You will know them by their fruits. ^bDo men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

17 “Even so, ^aevery good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

18 “A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit.

19 ^a“Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 “Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

I Never Knew You

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who ^bdoes the will of My Father in heaven.

22 “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we ^anot prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’

23 “And ^athen I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; ^bdepart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

Build on the Rock

24 “Therefore ^awhoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

25 “and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

27 “and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that ^athe people were astonished at His teaching.

29 ^afor He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

8 When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

2 ^aAnd behold, a leper came and ^bworshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, “**I am willing; be cleansed.**” Immediately his leprosy ^awas cleansed.

4 And Jesus said to him, ^a“**See that**

14 ²confined

15 ^aJer. 23:16
^bMic. 3:5

16 ^aMatt. 7:20;
12:33 ^bLuke
6:43

17 ^aMatt. 12:33

19 ^a[John 15:2,
6]

21 ^aLuke 6:46
^bRom. 2:13

22 ^aNum. 24:4

23 ^a[2 Tim.
2:19] ^bPs. 5:5;
6:8

24 ^aLuke
6:47–49

28 ^aMatt. 13:54

29 ^a[John 7:46]

CHAPTER 8

2 ^aMark
1:40–45 ^bJohn
9:38

3 ^aLuke 4:27

4 ^aMark 5:43
^bLuke 5:14
^cDeut. 24:8

5 ^aLuke 7:1–3
^bMatt. 27:54

8 ^aLuke 15:19,
21 ^bPs. 107:20

11 ^aIs. 2:2, 3;
Mal. 1:11

12 ^a[Matt.
21:43] ^bLuke
13:28

14 ^aMark
1:29–31
^b1 Cor. 9:5

15 ¹NU, M
Him

16 ^aLuke 4:40,
41

17 ^aIs. 53:4

19 ^aLuke 9:57,
58

you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that ^bMoses ^ccommanded, as a testimony to them.”

Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant

5 ^aNow when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a ^bcenturion came to Him, pleading with Him,

6 saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”

7 And Jesus said to him, “**I will come and heal him.**”

8 The centurion answered and said, “Lord, ^aI am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only ^bspeak a word, and my servant will be healed.

9 “For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “**Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!**”

11 “And I say to you that ^amany will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

12 “But ^athe sons of the kingdom ^bwill be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

Peter’s Mother-in-Law Healed

14 ^aNow when Jesus had come into Peter’s house, He saw ^bhis wife’s mother lying sick with a fever.

15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served ¹them.

Many Healed in the Evening

16 ^aWhen evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

^a“**He Himself took our infirmities
And bore our sicknesses.**”

The Cost of Discipleship

18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

19 ^aThen a certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.”

20 And Jesus said to him, "**Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.**"

21 "Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

22 But Jesus said to him, "**Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.**"

Wind and Wave Obey Jesus

23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

24 "And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

26 But He said to them, "**Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?**" Then "He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Two Demon-Possessed Men Healed

28 "When He had come to the other side, to the country of the ¹Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men*, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.

29 And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

30 Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."

32 And He said to them, "**Go.**" So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

33 Then those who kept *them* fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men*.

34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

9 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

2 "Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. "When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "**Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.**"

21 ^aLuke 9:59; 60 ^{b1}Kin. 19:20

24 ^aMark 4:37; Luke 8:23-25

26 ^aPs. 65:7; 89:9; 107:29

27 ¹Lit. *What sort of man is this*

28 ^aMark 5:1-4; Luke 8:26-33 ¹NU *Gadarenes*

31 ¹NU *send us into*

34 ^aDeut. 5:25; 1 Kin. 17:18; Amos 7:12; Luke 5:8; Acts 16:39

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aMatt. 4:13; 11:23; Mark 5:21

2 ^aMark 2:3-12; Luke 5:18-26 ^bMatt. 8:10

4 ^aPs. 139:2; Matt. 12:25; Mark 12:15; Luke 5:22; 6:8; 9:47; 11:17

8 ^aMatt. 8:27; John 7:15 ¹NU *were afraid*

9 ^aMark 2:14; Luke 5:27

10 ^aMark 2:15; Luke 5:29

11 ^aMatt. 11:19; Mark 2:16; Luke 5:30; 15:2 ^b[Gal. 2:15]

13 ^aHos. 6:6; [Mic. 6:6-8]; Matt. 12:7 ^bMark 2:17; Luke 5:32; 1 Tim. 1:15 ¹NU *omits to repentance*

14 ^aMark 2:18; Luke 5:33-35; 18:12 ¹NU *brackets often as disputed*

15 ^aJohn 3:29 ^bActs 13:2, 3; 14:23 ¹Lit. *sons of the bridechamber*

16 ¹Lit. *that which is put on*

17 ¹burst

18 ^aMark 5:22-43; Luke 8:41-56

3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

4 But Jesus, "knowing their thoughts, said, "**Why do you think evil in your hearts?**"

5 "**For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk?'**"

6 "**But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins**"—then He said to the paralytic, "**Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**"

7 And he arose and departed to his house.

8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they "marveled¹ and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Matthew the Tax Collector

9 "As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "**Follow Me.**" So he arose and followed Him.

10 "Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, "**Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.**"

13 "**But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'**" For I did not come to call the righteous, ^abut sinners, ^bto repentance."

Jesus Is Questioned About Fasting

14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "^aWhy do we and the Pharisees fast ^boften, but Your disciples do not fast?"

15 And Jesus said to them, "**Can ^athe friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and ^bthen they will fast.**"

16 "**No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.**"

17 "**Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.**"

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

18 "While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter

has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.”

19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* His ^adisciples.

20 ^aAnd suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and ^btouched the hem of His garment.

21 For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.”

22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “**Be of good cheer, daughter; ^ayour faith has made you well.**” And the woman was made well from that hour.

23 ^aWhen Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw ^bthe flute players and the noisy crowd wailing,

24 He said to them, “**Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.**” And they ridiculed Him.

25 But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and ^atook her by the hand, and the girl arose.

26 And the ^areport of this went out into all that land.

Two Blind Men Healed

27 When Jesus departed from there, ^atwo blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, ^b“Son of David, have mercy on us!”

28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “**According to your faith let it be to you.**”

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “**See that no one knows it.**”

31 ^aBut when they had departed, they ^bspread the news about Him in all that ^ccountry.

A Mute Man Speaks

32 ^aAs they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!”

34 But the Pharisees said, “^aHe casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.”

The Compassion of Jesus

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, ^ateaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease ^bamong the people.

36 ^aBut when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were ^bweary and scattered, ^clike sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then He said to His disciples,

19 ^aMatt. 10:2-4

20 ^aLuke 8:43
^bMatt. 14:36;
23:5

22 ^aLuke 7:50;
8:48; 17:19;
18:42

23 ^aMark 5:38
^{b2} Chr. 35:25

24 ^aActs 20:10

25 ^aMark 1:31

26 ^aMatt. 4:24

27 ^aMatt.

20:29-34

^bLuke 18:38,

39

30 ^aMatt. 8:4

31 ^aMark 7:36

¹Lit. *made*

Him known

²Lit. *land*

32 ^aMatt.

12:22, 24

34 ^aLuke 11:15

35 ^aMatt. 4:23

¹NU omits

among the

people

36 ^aMark 6:34

^bNum. 27:17

¹NU, *M ha-*

ressed

37 ^aLuke 10:2

38 ^{a2} Thess.

3:1

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aLuke 6:13

2 ^aJohn 1:42

3 ¹NU omits

Lebbaeus,

whose sur-

name was

4 ^aActs 1:13

^bJohn 13:2, 26

¹NU

Cananaean

5 ^aMatt. 4:15

^bJohn 4:9

6 ^aMatt. 15:24

^bJer. 50:6

7 ^aLuke 9:2

^bMatt. 3:2 ¹*has*

drawn near

8 ^a[Acts 8:18]

¹NU *raise the*

dead, cleanse

the lepers ²M

omits raise

the dead

9 ^{a1} Sam. 9:7

^bMark 6:8

10 ^{a1} Tim. 5:18

11 ^aLuke 10:8

13 ^aLuke 10:5

^bPs. 35:13

14 ^aMark 6:11

^bActs 13:51

15 ^aMatt.

11:22, 24

16 ^aLuke 10:3

^bEph. 5:15

^c[Phil. 2:14-16]

¹*innocent*

17 ^aMark 13:9

^bActs 5:40;

22:19; 26:11

18 ^{a2} Tim. 4:16

^a“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38 ^a“Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

The Twelve Apostles

10 And ^awhen He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, ^awho is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and ¹Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4 ^aSimon the ¹Cananite, and Judas ^bIscariot, who also betrayed Him.

Sending Out the Twelve

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “**Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of ^bthe Samaritans.**

6 ^a“But go rather to the ^blost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 ^a“And as you go, preach, saying, ^b“The kingdom of heaven ^cis at hand.”

8 “Heal the sick, ¹cleanse the lepers, ²raise the dead, cast out demons. ^aFreely you have received, freely give.

9 ^aProvide neither gold nor silver nor ^bcopper in your money belts,

10 “nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; ^afor a worker is worthy of his food.

11 ^a“Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.

12 “And when you go into a household, greet it.

13 ^a“If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. ^bBut if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 ^a“And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, ^bshake off the dust from your feet.

15 “Assuredly, I say to you, ^ait will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Persecutions Are Coming

16 ^a“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. ^bTherefore be wise as serpents and ^charmless¹ as doves.

17 “But beware of men, for ^athey will deliver you up to councils and ^bscourge you in their synagogues.

18 ^a“You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as

a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

19 ^a“But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For ^bit will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;

20 ^a“for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21 ^a“Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

22 “And ^ayou will be hated by all for My name’s sake. ^bBut he who endures to the end will be saved.

23 ^a“When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have ^bgone through the cities of Israel ^cbefore the Son of Man comes.

24 ^a“A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master.

25 “It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If ^athey have called the master of the house *Beelzebub*, how much more *will they call* those of his household!

26 “Therefore do not fear them. ^aFor there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Jesus Teaches the Fear of God

27 “Whatever I tell you in the dark, ^aspeak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the house-tops.

28 ^a“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather ^afear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in ^ahell.

29 “Are not two ^asparrows sold for a ¹copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.

30 ^a“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 “Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Confess Christ Before Men

32 ^a“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, ^bhim I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

33 ^a“But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Christ Brings Division

34 ^a“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

35 “For I have come to ^a‘*set*’ a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’;

19 ^aLuke 12:11, 12; 21:14, 15 ^bEx. 4:12

20 ^{a2} Sam. 23:2

21 ^aMic. 7:6

22 ^aLuke 21:17 ^bMark 13:13

23 ^aActs 8:1 ^b[Mark 13:10] ^cMatt. 16:28

24 ^aJohn 15:20

25 ^aJohn 8:48, 52 ¹NU, M *Beelzebub*; a Philistine deity, 2 Kin. 1:2, 3

26 ^aMark 4:22

27 ^aActs 5:20

28 ^aLuke 12:4 ^bLuke 12:5 ¹Gr. *Gehenna*

29 ^aLuke 12:6, 7 ¹Gr. *assar-ion*, a coin worth about ¹/₁₆ of a denarius

30 ^aLuke 21:18

32 ^aLuke 12:8 ^b[Rev. 3:5]

33 ^{a2} Tim. 2:12

34 ^a[Luke 12:49]

35 ^aMic. 7:6 ¹*alienate a man from*

36 ^aJohn 13:18

37 ^aLuke 14:26

38 ^a[Mark 8:34]

39 ^aJohn 12:25

40 ^aLuke 9:48

41 ^{a1} Kin. 17:10

42 ^aMark 9:41

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aLuke 23:5

2 ^aLuke 7:18–35 ^bMatt. 4:12; 14:3 ¹NU *sent by his*

3 ^aJohn 6:14

5 ^aIs. 29:18; 35:4–6 ^bPs. 22:26; Is. 61:1

6 ^a[Rom. 9:32]

7 ^aLuke 7:24 ^b[Eph. 4:14]

9 ^aLuke 1:76; 20:6

10 ^aMal. 3:1

36 “and ^aa man’s enemies will be *those of his own household.*’

37 “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

A Cup of Cold Water

40 “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 “He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.

42 “And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

John the Baptist Sends Messengers to Jesus

11 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to ^ateach and to preach in their cities.

2 “And when John had heard ^bin prison about the works of Christ, he ¹sent two of his disciples

3 and said to Him, “Are You ^athe Coming One, or do we look for another?”

4 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:

5 “*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

6 “And blessed is he who is not ^aoffended because of Me.”

7 “As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? ^bA reed shaken by the wind?”

8 “But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ houses.

9 “But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, ^aand more than a prophet.

10 “For this is he of whom it is written:

“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”

11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not

risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 ^a"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 ^a"For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 "And if you are willing to receive it, he is ^aElijah who is to come.

15 ^a"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

16 ^a"But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions,

17 "and saying:

'We played the flute for you,
And you did not dance;
We mourned to you,
And you did not lament.'

18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

19 "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a ¹winebibber, ^aa friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ^bBut wisdom is justified by her ²children."

Woe to the Impenitent Cities

20 ^aThen He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:

21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago ^ain sackcloth and ashes.

22 "But I say to you, ^ait will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

23 "And you, Capernaum, ^awho¹ are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24 "But I say to you ^athat it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

Jesus Gives True Rest

25 ^aAt that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that ^bYou have hidden these things from the wise and prudent ^aand have revealed them to babes.

26 "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

27 ^a"All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. ^bNor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

12 ^aLuke 16:16

13 ^aMal. 4:4-6

14 ^aLuke 1:17

15 ^aLuke 8:8

16 ^aLuke 7:31

17 ¹Lit. *beat your breast*

19 ^aMatt. 9:10

^bLuke 7:35

¹wine drinker

²NU works

20 ^aLuke 10:13-15, 18

21 ^aJon. 3:6-8

22 ^aMatt. 10:15; 11:24

23 ^aIs. 14:13

¹NU will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be

24 ^aMatt. 10:15

25 ^aLuke 10:21, 22 ^bPs. 8:2 ^cMatt. 16:17

27 ^aMatt. 28:18

^bJohn 1:18;

6:46; 10:15

28 ^a[John 6:35-37]

29 ^a[Phil. 2:5]

^bZech. 9:9

^cJer. 6:16

¹meek

30 ^a[1 John 5:3]

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aLuke 6:1-5

^bDeut. 23:25

3 ^a1 Sam. 21:6

4 ^aLev. 24:5

^bEx. 29:32

5 ^aNum. 28:9

¹desecrate

6 ^a[Is. 66:1, 2]

7 ^a[Hos. 6:6]

8 ¹NU, M omit even

9 ^aMark 3:1-6

10 ^aJohn 9:16

14 ^aMark 3:6

15 ^aMark 3:7

^bMatt. 19:2

¹NU brackets multitudes as disputed.

28 "Come to ^aMe, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 "Take My yoke upon you ^aand learn from Me, for I am ¹gentle and ²lowly in heart, ^aand you will find rest for your souls.

30 ^a"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

12 At that time ^aJesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to ^bpluck heads of grain and to eat.

2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"

3 But He said to them, "Have you not read ^awhat David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

4 "how he entered the house of God and ate ^athe showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, ^bbut only for the priests?"

5 "Or have you not read in the ^alaw that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple ¹profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?"

6 "Yet I say to you that in this place there is ^aOne greater than the temple.

7 "But if you had known what *this* means, ^a*'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,'* you would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 "For the Son of Man is Lord ^aeven of the Sabbath."

Healing on the Sabbath

9 ^aNow when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "^aIs it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—that they might accuse Him.

11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?"

12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

13 Then He said to the man, "^aStretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

14 Then ^athe Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Behold, My Servant

15 But when Jesus knew it, ^aHe withdrew from there. ^bAnd great ¹multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

16 Yet He ^awarned them not to make Him known,
17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

- 18 *"Behold!^a My Servant whom I have chosen,
My Beloved^b in whom My soul is well pleased!
I will put My Spirit upon Him,
And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.
19 He will not quarrel nor cry out,
Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.
20 A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench,
Till He sends forth justice to victory;
21 And in His name Gentiles will trust."*

A House Divided Cannot Stand

- 22 ^aThen one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the ¹blind and mute man both spoke and saw.
23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the ^aSon of David?"
24 ^aNow when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by ¹Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."
25 But Jesus ^aknew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.
26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
27 "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.
28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, ^asurely the kingdom of God has come upon you.
29 ^a"Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.
30 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

The Unpardonable Sin

- 31 "Therefore I say to you, ^aevery sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, ^bbut the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men.
32 "Anyone who ^aspeaks a word against the Son of Man, ^bit will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

16 ^aMatt. 8:4; 9:30; 17:9

18 ^aIs. 42:1-4; 49:3 ^bMatt. 3:17; 17:5

22 ^aLuke 11:14, 15 ¹NU omits *blind and*

23 ^aMatt. 9:27; 21:9

24 ^aMatt. 9:34 ¹NU, M Beelzebub, a Philistine deity

25 ^aMatt. 9:4

28 ^a[Dan. 2:44; 7:14]

29 ^aIs. 49:24

31 ^aMark 3:28-30 ^bActs 7:51

32 ^aJohn 7:12, 52 ^b1 Tim. 1:13

33 ^aMatt. 7:16-18

34 ^aMatt. 3:7; 23:33 ^bLuke 6:45 ¹Offspring

35 ¹NU, M omit *of his heart*

38 ^aMark 8:11

39 ^aMatt. 16:4

40 ^aJon. 1:17

41 ^aLuke 11:32 ^bJer. 3:11 ^cJon. 3:5

42 ^a1 Kin. 10:1-13

43 ^aLuke 11:24-26 ^b[1 Pet. 5:8]

45 ^a[2 Pet. 2:20-22]

46 ^aLuke 8:19-21

A Tree Known by Its Fruit

- 33 "Either make the tree good and ^aits fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.
34 ^a"Brood¹ of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? ^bFor out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
35 "A good man out of the good treasure ¹of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.
36 "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.
37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

The Scribes and Pharisees Ask for a Sign

- 38 ^aThen some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."
39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and ^aadulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.
40 ^a"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
41 ^a"The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and ^bcondemn it, ^cbecause they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.
42 ^a"The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

An Unclean Spirit Returns

- 43 ^a"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, ^bhe goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.
44 "Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.
45 "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; ^aand the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers Send for Him

- 46 While He was still talking to the multitudes, ^abehold, His mother and

^bbrothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him.

47 Then one said to Him, "Look, ^aYour mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "**Who is My mother and who are My brothers?**"

49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "**Here are My mother and My ^abrothers!**"

50 "For ^awhoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

The Parable of the Sower

13 On the same day Jesus went out of the house ^aand sat by the sea.

2 ^aAnd great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that ^bHe got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: ^a"Behold, a sower went out to sow.

4 "And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

5 "Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

6 "But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

7 "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

8 "But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some ^aa hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 ^a"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

The Purpose of Parables

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 He answered and said to them, "Because ^ait has been given to you to know the ^bmysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

12 ^a"For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 "And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

^a*"Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,
And seeing you will see and not ^bperceive;*

15 *For the hearts of this people have grown dull.*

46 ^bJohn 2:12; 7:3, 5

47 ^aMatt. 13:55, 56

49 ^aJohn 20:17

50 ^aJohn 15:14

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1 ^aMark 4:1-12

2 ^aLuke 8:4
^bLuke 5:3

3 ^aLuke 8:5

8 ^aGen. 26:12

9 ^aMatt. 11:15

11 ^aMark 4:10,
11 ^bsecret or hidden truths

12 ^aMatt. 25:29

14 ^aIs. 6:9, 10
^b[John 3:36]

15 ^aHeb. 5:11
^bLuke 19:42
^cActs 28:26,
27 ¹NU, M would

16 ^aLuke 10:23, 24

17 ^aHeb. 11:13

18 ^aMark 4:13-20

19 ^aMatt. 4:23

20 ^aIs. 58:2

21 ^a[Acts 14:22] ^bMatt. 11:6

22 ^a1 Tim. 6:9
^bJer. 4:3

23 ^aCol. 1:6

*Their ears ^aare hard of hearing,
And their eyes they have*

*^bclosed,
Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears,
Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I ^cshould ^cheal them.'*

16 "But ^ablessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;
17 "for assuredly, I say to you ^athat many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

18 ^a"Therefore hear the parable of the sower:

19 "When anyone hears the word ^aof the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

20 "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately ^areceives it with joy;

21 "yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when ^atribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately ^bhe stumbles.

22 "Now ^ahe who received seed ^bamong the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

23 "But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears ^afruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

25 "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

26 "But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

27 "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

29 "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

30 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I

will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but ^agather the wheat into my barn."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: ^a"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 "which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a ^atree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

The Parable of the Leaven

33 ^a"Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three ¹measures of meal till ^bit was all leavened."

Prophecy and the Parables

34 ^aAll these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

^a"I will open My mouth in parables;

^bI will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

The Parable of the Tares Explained

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

38 ^a"The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are ^bthe sons of the wicked one.

39 "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, ^athe harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

40 "Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.

41 "The Son of Man will send out His angels, ^aand they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 ^aand will cast them into the furnace of fire. ^bThere will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 ^a"Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. ^bHe who has ears to hear, let him hear!

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,

30 ^aMatt. 3:12

31 ^aLuke 13:18, 19

32 ^aEzek. 17:22-24; 31:3-9

33 ^aLuke 13:20, 21
^b[1 Cor. 5:6]
¹Gr. *sata*, same as a Heb. *seah*; approximately 2 pecks in all

34 ^aPs 78:2; Mark 4:33, 34

35 ^aPs. 78:2
^bEph. 3:9

38 ^aRom. 10:18
^bJohn 8:44

39 ^aRev. 14:15

41 ^aMatt. 18:7

42 ^aRev. 19:20; 20:10
^bMatt. 8:12; 13:50

43 ^a[Dan. 12:3]
^bMatt. 13:9

44 ^aPhil. 3:7, 8
^b[Is. 55:1]

46 ^aProv. 2:4; 3:14, 15; 8:10, 19

47 ^aMatt. 22:9, 10

49 ^aMatt. 25:32

51 ¹NU omits Jesus said to them ²NU omits Lord

52 ^aSong 7:13
¹A scholar of the Old Testament ²Or for

54 ^aLuke 4:16

55 ^aJohn 6:42
^bMatt. 12:46
^cMark 15:40
¹NU Joseph

57 ^aMatt. 11:6
^bLuke 4:24

58 ^aMark 6:5, 6

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1 ^aMark 6:14-29

3 ^aLuke 3:19, 20

which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and ^asells all that he has and ^bbuys that field.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

46 "who, when he had found ^aone pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Dragnet

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and ^agathered some of every kind,

48 "which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.

49 "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, ^aseparate the wicked from among the just,

50 "and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

51 Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, ²Lord."

52 Then He said to them, "Therefore every ¹scribe instructed ²concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure ^athings new and old."

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

53 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.

54 ^aWhen He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and ^athese mighty works?

55 ^a"Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And ^bHis brothers ^cJames, ¹Joses, Simon, and Judas?

56 "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

57 So they ^awere offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, ^b"A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

58 Now ^aHe did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

John the Baptist Beheaded

14 At that time ^aHerod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus

2 and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."

3 ^aFor Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in

prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

4 Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

5 And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.

7 Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

8 So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."

9 And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her.

10 So he sent and had John beheaded in prison.

11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.

12 Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

Feeding the Five Thousand

13 "When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

15 "When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

16 But Jesus said to them, "**They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.**"

17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

18 He said, "**Bring them here to Me.**"

19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, "He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Sea

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

4 ^aLev. 18:16; 20:21

5 ^aLuke 20:6

13 ^aJohn 6:1, 2

14 ^aMark 6:34

15 ^aLuke 9:12

19 ^aMatt. 15:36; 26:26

22 ¹invited, strongly urged

23 ^aMark 6:46
^bJohn 6:16

24 ¹NU many furlongs away from the land

26 ^aJob 9:8

27 ^aActs 23:11; 27:22, 25, 36
¹Take courage
²Lit. I am

30 ¹NU brackets that and boisterous as disputed.

31 ^aMatt. 6:30; 8:26

33 ^aPs. 2:7
¹NU omits came and

34 ^aMark 6:53
¹NU to land at

36 ^a[Mark 5:24-34]
^b[Luke 6:19]

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1 ^aMark 7:1

2 ^aMark 7:5

4 ^a[Deut. 5:16]
^bEx. 21:17

5 ^aMark 7:11, 12

23 "And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. ^bNow when evening came, He was alone there.

24 But the boat was now ¹in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw Him "walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**¹Be of good cheer! ²It is I; do not be afraid.**"

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 So He said, "**Come.**" And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw ¹that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "**¹O you of little faith, why did you doubt?**"

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly "You are the Son of God."

Many Touch Him and Are Made Well

34 "When they had crossed over, they came ¹to the land of Genesaret.

35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick,

36 and begged Him that they might only "touch the hem of His garment. And ^bas many as touched it were made perfectly well.

Defilement Comes from Within

15 Then "the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,

2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

4 "For God commanded, saying, **^a'Honor your father and your mother'; and, ^b'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'**

5 "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, **^a'Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God'**—

6 **¹then he need not honor his**

father ¹or mother.' Thus you have made the ²commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.

7 "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

8 *'These^a people ¹draw near to Me with their mouth,*

And honor Me with their lips,

9 *But their heart is far from Me.*

And in vain they worship Me, ^aTeaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"

10 "When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, **"Hear and understand:**

11 **"Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."**

12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

13 But He answered and said, **"Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.**

14 **"Let them alone. 'They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.'"**

15 "Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us."

16 So Jesus said, **"Are you also still without understanding?"**

17 **"Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?"**

18 **"But 'those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.**

19 **"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.**

20 **"These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."**

A Gentile Shows Her Faith

21 "Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, 'Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.'"

23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

24 But He answered and said, **"I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."**

25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26 But He answered and said, **"It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little 'dogs.'"**

27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet

6 ¹NU omits or mother
²NU word

7 ^aMark 7:6

8 ^aPs. 78:36; Is. 29:13 ¹NU omits draw near to Me with their mouth, And

9 ^a[Col. 2:18-22]

10 ^aMark 7:14

11 ^a[Acts 10:15]

13 ^a[John 15:2]

14 ^aLuke 6:39

15 ^aMark 7:17

16 ^aMatt. 16:9

17 ^a[1 Cor. 6:13]

18 ^a[James 3:6]

19 ^aProv. 6:14

21 ^aMark 7:24-30

22 ^aMatt. 1:1; 22:41, 42

24 ^aMatt. 10:5, 6

26 ^aMatt. 7:6

28 ^aLuke 7:9

29 ^aMark 7:31-37 ^bMatt. 4:18

30 ^aIs. 35:5, 6
^bLuke 7:38; 8:41; 10:39
¹crippled

31 ^aLuke 5:25, 26; 19:37, 38
¹crippled

32 ^aMark 8:1-10

33 ^{a2} Kin. 4:43

36 ^aMatt. 14:19; 26:27
^bLuke 22:19

39 ^aMark 8:10
¹NU Magadan

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1 ^aMark 8:11

3 ¹NU omits Hypocrites

4 ^aMatt. 12:39

even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, **"O woman, 'great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.'"** And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Jesus Heals Great Multitudes

29 "Jesus departed from there, ^bskirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there.

30 "Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, ¹maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' ^bfeet, and He healed them.

31 So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the ¹maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they ^aglorified the God of Israel.

Feeding the Four Thousand

32 "Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, **"I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."**

33 "Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"

34 Jesus said to them, **"How many loaves do you have?"** And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish."

35 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

36 And "He took the seven loaves and the fish and ^bgave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude.

37 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.

38 Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

39 "And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of ¹Magdala.

The Pharisees and Sadducees Seek a Sign

16 Then the "Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered and said to them, **"When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red';**

3 **"and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' 'Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.**

4 **"A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no**

sign shall be given to it except the sign of ¹the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

5 Now ^awhen His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

6 Then Jesus said to them, ^a"Take heed and beware of the ¹leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."

8 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you ¹have brought no bread?"

9 ^a"Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?"

10 ^a"Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up?"

11 "How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—¹but to beware of the ¹leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the ¹doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, ^a"Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

14 So they said, ^a"Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or ¹one of the prophets."

15 He said to them, "But who do ^ayou say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered and said, ^a"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, ^afor flesh and blood has not revealed ¹this to you, but ¹My Father who is in heaven."

18 "And I also say to you that ^ayou are Peter, and ¹on this rock I will build My church, and ¹the gates of Hades shall not ¹prevail against it."

19 ^a"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth ¹will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth ¹will be loosed in heaven."

20 "Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

21 From that time Jesus began ^ato show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief

4 ¹NU omits the prophet

5 ^aMark 8:14

6 ^aLuke 12:1 ¹yeast

8 ¹NU have no bread

9 ^aMatt. 14:15–21

10 ^aMatt. 15:32–38

11 ¹yeast

12 ¹teaching

13 ^aLuke 9:18

14 ^aMatt. 14:2 ^bMatt. 21:11

15 ^aJohn 6:67

16 ^aActs 8:37; 9:20

17 ^a[Eph. 2:8] ^bGal. 1:16

18 ^aJohn 1:42 ^b[Eph. 2:20] ^cIs. 38:10 ¹be victorious

19 ^aMatt. 18:18 ¹Or will have been bound ... will have been loosed

20 ^aLuke 9:21

21 ^aLuke 9:22; 18:31; 24:46

22 ¹Lit. Merciful to You, (May God be merciful)

23 ^aMatt. 4:10 ^b[Rom. 8:7] ¹a stumbling block

24 ^a2 Tim. 3:12 ^b1 Pet. 2:21

25 ^aJohn 12:25

26 ^aLuke 12:20, 21 ^bPs. 49:7, 8

27 ^aMark 8:38 ^b[Dan. 7:10] ^cRom. 2:6

28 ^aLuke 9:27

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1 ^aMark 9:2–8

4 ¹NU I will make

5 ^a2 Pet. 1:17 ^bMark 1:11 ^cIs. 42:1; Matt. 3:17; 12:18

^d[Deut. 18:15, 19]

6 ^a2 Pet. 1:18

7 ^aDan. 8:18

10 ^aMal. 4:5

priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ¹"Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, ^aSatan! ^bYou are ¹an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

24 "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and ¹follow Me."

25 "For ^awhoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

26 "For what ^aprofit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or ^bwhat will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

27 "For ^athe Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father ^bwith His angels, ^cand then He will reward each according to his works."

28 "Assuredly, I say to you, ^athere are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Jesus Transfigured on the Mount

17 Now ^aafter six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, ¹let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 "While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ^b"This is My beloved Son, ^cin whom I am well pleased." "Hear Him!"

6 "And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid."

7 But Jesus came and ^atouching them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

10 And His disciples asked Him, saying, ^a"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

11 Jesus answered and said to

them. "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.

12 "But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands."

13 "Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

A Boy Is Healed

14 "And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

16 "So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."

18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, 'if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

21 "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection

22 "Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,

23 "and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Peter and His Master Pay Their Taxes

24 "When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?"

25 He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"

26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free.

27 "Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first.

11 ^a[Mal. 4:6]
¹NU omits first

12 ^aMark 9:12,
13 ^bMatt. 14:3,
10 ^cMatt.
16:21

13 ^aMatt. 11:14

14 ^aMark
9:14-28

15 ¹Lit. moon-struck

17 ^aPhil. 2:15
¹unbelieving

18 ^aLuke 4:41

20 ^aLuke 17:6
¹NU little faith

21 ¹NU omits v. 21.

22 ^aMark 8:31
¹NU gathering together

23 ^aJohn 16:6;
19:30;
Acts 10:40

24 ^aMark 9:33
¹NU Capernaum, here and elsewhere
²Lit. double drachma

25 ^a[Is.
60:10-17]

27 ¹Gr. stater, the exact temple tax for two

CHAPTER 18

1 ^aLuke
9:46-48;
22:24-27

2 ^aMatt. 19:14

3 ^aLuke 18:16

4 ^a[Matt.
20:27; 23:11]

5 ^a[Matt.
10:42]

6 ^aMark 9:42

7 ^a[1 Cor.
11:19] ^bMatt.
26:24; 27:4, 5
^centicements to sin

8 ^aMatt. 5:29,
30

9 ¹Gr.
Gehenna

10 ^a[Heb. 1:14]
^bLuke 1:19

11 ^aLuke 9:56
¹NU omits v. 11.

12 ^aLuke
15:4-7

14 ^a[1 Tim. 2:4]

15 ^aLev. 19:17

And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

Who Is the Greatest?

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

Jesus Warns of Offenses

6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

8 "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire.

9 "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

11 "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?

13 "And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.

14 "Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Dealing with a Sinning Brother

15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he

hears you, ^byou have gained your brother.

16 "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ^a'*by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*'

17 "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a ^a'heathen and a tax collector.'

18 "Assuredly, I say to you, ^a'whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

19 ^a'Again! I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, ^bit will be done for them by My Father in heaven.'

20 "For where two or three are gathered ^a'together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? ^a'Up to seven times?'"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, ^a'up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.'

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

24 "And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 "But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded ^a'that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.'

26 "The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

27 "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

29 "So his fellow servant fell down ^a'at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you ^a'all.'

30 "And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

31 "So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

32 "Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked

15 ^b[James 5:20]

16 ^aDeut. 17:6; 19:15

17 ^a[2 Thess. 3:6, 14]

18 ^a[John 20:22, 23]

19 ^a[1 Cor. 1:10] ^b[1 John 3:22; 5:14] ¹NU, M *Again, assuredly, I say*

20 ^aActs 20:7

21 ^aLuke 17:4

22 ^aCol. 3:13

25 ^a2 Kin. 4:1

29 ¹NU omits *at his feet* ²NU, M omit *all*

32 ^aLuke 7:41-43

35 ^aJames 2:13 ¹NU omits *his trespasses*

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1 ^aMark 10:1-12

2 ^aMatt. 12:15

4 ^aGen. 1:27; 5:2 ¹NU *created*

5 ^aGen. 2:24 ^b[1 Cor. 6:16; 7:2]

7 ^aDeut. 24:1-4

8 ^aHeb. 3:15 ^bMal. 2:16

9 ^a[Matt. 5:32] ¹Or *fornication*

10 ^a[Prov. 21:19]

11 ^a[1 Cor. 7:2, 9, 17]

12 ^a[1 Cor. 7:32] ¹Emasculated men

13 ^aLuke 18:15

servant! I forgave you ^a'all that debt because you begged me.

33 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

34 "And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

35 ^a'So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother ^a'his trespasses.'

Marriage and Divorce

19 Now it came to pass, ^a'when Jesus had finished these sayings, *that* He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

2 "And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just any reason*?"

4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He ^a'made them at the beginning ^a'*made them male and female,*'

5 "and said, ^a'*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and ^b'the two shall become one flesh*?'"

6 "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

7 They said to Him, ^a'"Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?"

8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the ^a'hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your ^b'wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

9 ^a'And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for ¹sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

10 His disciples said to Him, ^a'"If such is the case of the man with *his* wife, it is better not to marry."

Jesus Teaches on Celibacy

11 But He said to them, ^a'"All cannot accept this saying, but only *those* to whom it has been given:

12 "For there are ¹eunuchs who were born thus from *their* mother's womb, and ^a'there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it."

Jesus Blesses Little Children

13 ^a'Then little children were brought to Him that He might put

His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, **"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."**

15 And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

16 ^aNow behold, one came and said to Him, ^b"Good! Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

17 So He said to him, ¹"Why do you call Me good? ²No one is 'good' but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, ^bkeep the commandments."

18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, ^a"*You shall not murder; 'You shall not commit adultery; 'You shall not steal; 'You shall not bear false witness;'*

19 ^a"Honor your father and your mother; and, ^b*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have ^akept ¹from my youth. What do I still lack?"

21 Jesus said to him, **"If you want to be perfect, ^ago, sell what you have and give to the poor; and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."**

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

With God All Things Are Possible

23 Then Jesus said to His disciples, **"Assuredly, I say to you that ^ait is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven."**

24 **"And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."**

25 When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, **"Who then can be saved?"**

26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, **"With men this is impossible, but ^awith God all things are possible."**

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, **"See, ^awe have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"**

28 So Jesus said to them, **"Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, ^ayou who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."**

29 ^a"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother ¹or wife or children or ²lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

14 ^aMatt. 18:3, 4

16 ^aMark 10:17-30
^bLuke 10:25
¹NU omits
Good

17 ^aNah. 1:7
^bLev. 18:5
¹NU *Why do you ask Me about what is good?* ²NU *There is One who is good. But*

18 ^aEx. 20:13-16

19 ^aEx. 20:12-16;
Deut. 5:16-20
^bLev. 19:18

20 ^a[Phil. 3:6;
7] ¹NU omits
from my youth

21 ^aActs 2:45;
4:34, 35

23 ^a[1 Tim. 6:9]

26 ^aJer. 32:17

27 ^aDeut. 33:9

28 ^aLuke 22:28-30

29 ^aMark 10:29, 30 ¹NU omits *or wife*
²Lit. *fields*

30 ^aLuke 13:30

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6 ¹NU omits
idle

7 ¹NU omits
the rest of
v. 7.

11 ¹grumbled

15 ^a[Rom. 9:20, 21]
^bDeut. 15:9

16 ^aMatt. 19:30
^bMatt. 22:14
¹NU omits the
rest of v. 16.

17 ^aMark 10:32-34

18 ^aMatt. 16:21;
26:47-57

30 ^a"But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

20 **"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.**

2 **"Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.**

3 **"And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,**

4 **"and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.**

5 **"Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.**

6 **"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing 'idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'**

7 **"They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'**

8 **"So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to the first.'**

9 **"And when those came who *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.**

10 **"But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.**

11 **"And when they had received it, they ¹complained against the landowner,**

12 **"saying, 'These last *men* have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'**

13 **"But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'**

14 **"Take *what is* yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man *the same* as to you.**

15 **"Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or ^bis your eye evil because I am good?'**

16 **"So the last will be first, and the first last. ^bFor¹ many are called, but few chosen."**

Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection

17 **"Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them,**

18 **"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,**

19 ^a“and deliver Him to the Gentiles to ^bmock and to ^cscourge and to ^dcrucify. And the third day He will ^erise again.”

Greatness Is Serving

20 ^aThen the mother of ^bZebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

21 And He said to her, **“What do you wish?”** She said to Him, “Grant that these two sons of mine ^amay sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.”

22 But Jesus answered and said, **“You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink ^athe cup that I am about to drink, ^band be baptized with ^cthe baptism that I am baptized with?”** They said to Him, “We are able.”

23 So He said to them, **“You will indeed drink My cup, ^aand be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.”**

24 ^aAnd when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

25 But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, **“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.**

26 **“Yet ^ait shall not be so among you; but ^bwhoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.**

27 **“And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—**

28 **“just as the ^bSon of Man did not come to be served, ^cbut to serve, and ^dto give His life a ransom ^efor many.”**

Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight

29 ^aNow as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

30 And behold, ^atwo blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, ^bSon of David!”

31 Then the multitude ^awarned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!”

32 So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, **“What do you want Me to do for you?”**

33 They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.”

34 So Jesus had ^acompassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

The Triumphal Entry

21 Now ^awhen they drew near Jerusalem, and came to

19 ^aMatt. 27:2

^bMatt. 26:67;

68; 27:29, 41

^cMatt. 27:26

^dActs 3:13–15

^eMatt. 28:5, 6

20 ^aMark

10:35–45

^bMatt. 4:21;

10:2

21 ^a[Matt.

19:28]

22 ^aLuke 22:42

^bLuke 12:50

¹NU omits

and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with

23 ^a[Acts 12:2]

¹NU omits

and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with

24 ^aMark

10:41

26 ^a[1 Pet. 5:3]

^bMatt. 23:11

27 ^a[Matt.

18:4]

28 ^aJohn 13:4

^b[Phil. 2:6, 7]

^cLuke 22:27

^d[Is. 53:10, 11]

^e[Rom. 5:15, 19]

29 ^aMark

10:46–52

30 ^aMatt. 9:27

^b[Ezek.

37:21–25]

31 ^aMatt. 19:13

34 ^aMatt. 9:36;

14:14; 15:32;

18:27

CHAPTER 21

1 ^aLuke

19:29–38

^b[Zech. 14:4]

¹M Beth-

sphage

4 ¹NU omits

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5 ^aIs. 62:11;

Zech. 9:9

6 ^aMark 11:4

7 ^{a2} Kin. 9:13

¹NU and He

sat

8 ^aLev. 23:40

9 ^aPs. 118:26;

Matt. 23:39

10 ^aJohn 2:13,

15

11 ^aJohn 6:14;

7:40; 9:17

12 ^aMark

11:15–18

^bDeut. 14:25

¹NU omits of

God

13 ^aIs. 56:7

^bJer. 7:11

15 ^aJohn 7:42

¹angry

16 ^aPs. 8:2

¹Bethphage, at ^bthe Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, **“Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.**

3 **“And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”**

4 ¹All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 **“Tell^a the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’”**

6 ^aSo the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt, ^alaid their clothes on them, ^aand set Him on them.

8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; ^aothers cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

**“Hosanna to the Son of David!
^a‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’
Hosanna in the highest!”**

10 ^aAnd when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”

11 So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, ^athe prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

12 ^aThen Jesus went into the temple ¹of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the ^bmoney changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

13 And He said to them, **“It is written, ^a‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ^bden of thieves.”**

14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the ^aSon of David!” they were ¹indignant

16 and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, **“Yes. Have you never read,**

**^a‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have perfected praise?’”**

17 Then He left them and ^awent out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

The Fig Tree Withered

18 ^aNow in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. 19 ^aAnd seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree

20 ^aAnd when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" 21 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, ^aif you have faith and ^bdo not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, ^cbut also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. 22 "And ^awhatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Jesus' Authority Questioned

23 ^aNow when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and ^bsaid, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?" 24 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: 25 "The ^bbaptism of ^bJohn—where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we ^afear the multitude, ^bfor all count John as a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my ^avineyard.' 29 "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. 30 "Then he came to the second and said likewise, And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. 31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "^aAssuredly, I say to you that tax collec-

17 ^aJohn 11:1, 18; 12:1

18 ^aMark 11:12-14, 20-24

19 ^aMark 11:13

20 ^aMark 11:20

21 ^aMatt. 17:20
^bJames 1:6
^c1 Cor. 13:2

22 ^aMatt. 7:7-11

23 ^aLuke 20:1-8 ^bEx. 2:14

25 ^a[John 1:29-34]
^bJohn 1:15-28

26 ^aMatt. 14:5;
21:46 ^bMark 6:20

28 ^aMatt. 20:1; 21:33

31 ^aLuke 7:29, 37-50

32 ^aLuke 3:1-12; 7:29
^bLuke 3:12, 13
^cregret it

33 ^aLuke 20:9-19 ^bMatt. 25:14

35 ^a[1 Thess. 2:15]

37 ^a[John 3:16]

38 ^a[Heb. 1:2]
^bJohn 11:53

39 ^a[Acts 2:23]

41 ^aLuke 20:16
^b[Luke 21:24]
^c[Acts 13:46]
^dgive

42 ^aPs. 118:22, 23; Is. 28:16;
[Rom. 9:33];
Eph. 2:20;
[1 Pet. 2:6, 7]

43 ^a[Matt. 8:12]

44 ^aIs. 8:14, 15;
[Rom. 9:33];
1 Pet. 2:6-8
^bIs. 60:12;
[Dan. 2:44]

45 ^aknew

46 ^aMatt. 21:26
^bMatt. 21:11

tors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.

32 "For ^aJohn came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; ^bbut tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward ^crelent and believe him.

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner ^awho planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and ^bwent into a far country.

34 "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

35 ^a"And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

36 "Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

37 "Then last of all he sent his ^ason to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, '^aThis is the heir. ^bCome, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

39 ^a"So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

41 ^aThey said to Him, ^b"He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will ^crender to him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

*"The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief
cornerstone.
This was the Lord's doing,
And it is marvelous in our
eyes?"*

43 "Therefore I say to you, 'the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

44 "And ^awhoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomsoever it falls, ^bit will grind him to powder."

45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they ^aperceived that He was speaking of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they ^afear the multitudes, because ^bthey took Him for a prophet.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

22 And Jesus answered ^aand spoke to them again by parables and said:

2 ^a"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

3 ^a"and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

4 ^a"Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'"

5 ^a"But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

6 ^a"And the rest seized his servants, treated ¹them ¹spitefully, and killed them.

7 ^a"But when the king heard ^aabout it, he was furious. And he sent out ^ahis armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 ^a"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not ^aworthy.

9 ^a"Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

10 ^a"So those servants went out into the highways and ^agathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 ^a"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there ^awho did not have on a wedding garment.

12 ^a"So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was ^aspeechless.

13 ^a"Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, ¹take him away, and cast ¹him ¹into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 ^a"For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar?

15 ^aThen the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.

16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the ^aHerodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not ¹regard the person of men.

17 "Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

18 But Jesus ¹perceived their wickedness, and said, ^a"Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?

CHAPTER 22

1 ^aLuke 14:16; [Rev. 19:7-9]

4 ^aProv. 9:2

6 ¹insolently

7 ^a[Dan. 9:26]

8 ^aMatt. 10:11

10 ^aMatt. 13:38, 47, 48; [Acts 28:28]

11 ^a[2 Cor. 5:3; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10, 12; Rev. 3:4; 16:15; 19:8]

12 ^a[Rom. 3:19]

13 ^aMatt. 8:12; 25:30; Luke 13:28 ¹NU omits take him away, and

14 ^aMatt. 20:16

15 ^aMark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26

16 ^aMark 3:6; 8:15; 12:13

¹Lit. look at the face of

18 ¹knew

21 ^aMatt. 17:25

^b[Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-15]

^c[1 Cor. 3:23; 6:19, 20; 12:27] ¹Pay

23 ^aMark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40 ^bActs 23:8

24 ^aDeut. 25:5

29 ^aJohn 20:9 ¹deceived

30 ^a[1 John 3:2] ¹NU omits of God

32 ^aGen. 17:7; 26:24; 28:21; Ex. 3:6, 15; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 7:32; [Heb. 11:16]

33 ^aMatt. 7:28

34 ^aMark 12:28-31; Luke 10:25-37

35 ^aLuke 7:30; 10:25; 11:45; 46, 52; 14:3; Titus 3:13

37 ^aDeut. 6:5; 10:12; 30:6

39 ^aLev. 19:18; Matt. 19:19; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; [Rom. 13:9; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8]

40 ^a[Matt. 7:12; Rom. 13:10; 1 Tim. 1:5]

19 ^a"Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius.

20 And He said to them, ^a"Whose image and inscription is this?"

21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, ^a"Render¹ therefore to Caesar the things that are ^bCaesar's, and to God the things that are ^cGod's."

22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection?

23 ^aThe same day the Sadducees, ^bwho say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,

24 saying: "Teacher, ^aMoses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

25 "Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother.

26 "Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh.

27 "Last of all the woman died also.

28 "Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are ¹mistaken, ^anot knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but ^aare like angels ¹of God in heaven.

31 "But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,

32 ^a"*I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*"? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

33 And when the multitudes heard this, ^athey were astonished at His teaching.

The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?

34 ^aBut when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

35 Then one of them, ^aa lawyer, asked Him ^aa question, testing Him, and saying,

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

37 Jesus said to him, ^a"*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*'

38 "This is the first and great commandment.

39 "And the second is like it: ^a"*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*'

40 ^a"On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?

41 ^aWhile the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The ^aSon of David.” 43 He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying:

44 *“The^a LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’”*?

45 “If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” 46 ^aAnd no one was able to answer Him a word, ^bnor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, 2 saying: ^a“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.

3 “Therefore whatever they tell you ¹to observe, *that* observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for ²they say, and do not do.

4 ^a“For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay *them* on men’s shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 “But all their works they do to ^abe seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

6 ^a“They love the ¹best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,

7 “greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’

8 ^a“But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your ¹Teacher, ²the Christ, and you are all brethren.

9 “Do not call anyone on earth your father; ^afor One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

10 “And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.

11 “But ^ahe who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12 ^a“And whoever exalts himself will be ¹humbled, and he who humbles himself will be ²exalted.

13 “But ^awoe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in *yourselves*, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

14 ¹“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^aFor you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

41 ^aLuke 20:41–44

42 ^aMatt. 1:1; 21:9

44 ^aPs. 110:1; Acts 2:32–35; Eph. 1:19–23

46 ^aLuke 14:6 ^bMark 12:34

CHAPTER 23

2 ^aNeh. 8:4, 8

3 ^a[Rom. 2:19] ¹NU omits *to observe*

4 ^aLuke 11:46

5 ^a[Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18]

6 ^aLuke 11:43; 20:46 ¹Or *place of honor*

8 ^a[James 3:1] ¹Leader ²NU omits *the Christ*

9 ^a[Mal. 1:6]

11 ^aMatt. 20:26, 27

12 ^aLuke 14:11; 18:14 ¹put down ²lifted up

13 ^aLuke 11:52

14 ^aMark 12:40 ¹NU omits v. 14.

15 ¹Gr. *Gehenna*

16 ^aMatt. 15:14; 23:24 ^b[Matt. 5:33, 34]

17 ^aEx. 30:29 ¹NU sanctified

19 ^aEx. 29:37

20 ¹Swears an oath

21 ^a1 Kin. 8:13 ¹M dwelt

22 ^aMatt. 5:34

23 ^aLuke 11:42; 18:12 ^b[Hos. 6:6]

25 ^aLuke 11:39 ¹M unrighteousness

27 ^aActs 23:3

29 ^aLuke 11:47, 48 ¹decorate

31 ^a[Acts 7:51, 52]

32 ^a[1 Thess. 2:16]

33 ^aMatt. 3:7; 12:34 ¹offspring

15 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of ¹hell as yourselves.

16 “Woe to you, ^ablind guides, who say, ^b“Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to *perform it*.”

17 “Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold ^aor the temple that ¹sanctifies the gold?

18 “And, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to *perform it*.’

19 “Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift ^aor the altar that sanctifies the gift?

20 “Therefore he who ¹swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it.

21 “He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by ^aHim who ¹dwells in it.

22 “And he who swears by heaven, swears by ^athe throne of God and by Him who sits on it.

23 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^aFor you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and ^bhave neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

24 “Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^aFor you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and ¹self-indulgence.

26 “Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^aFor you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men’s* bones and all uncleanness.

28 “Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 ^a“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and ¹adorn the monuments of the righteous,

30 “and say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’

31 “Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that ^ayou are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32 ^a“Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers’ *guilt*.

33 “Serpents, ^abrood¹ of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?

34 ^a"Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: ^b*some* of them you will kill and crucify, and ^c*some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,
35 ^a"that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, ^bfrom the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.
36 "Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Jesus Laments over Jerusalem

37 ^a"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets ^band stones those who are sent to her! How often ^cI wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks ^dunder *her* wings, but you were not willing!
38 "See! Your house is left to you desolate;
39 "for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ^a*"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"*

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

24 Then ^aJesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.
2 And Jesus said to them, ^a*"Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, ^bnot one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."*

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, ^athe disciples came to Him privately, saying, ^b"Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"
4 And Jesus answered and said to them: ^a*"Take heed that no one deceives you.*
5 ^a"For ^amany will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' ^band will deceive many.
6 ^a"And you will hear of ^awars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for ^aall *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
7 ^a"For ^anation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be ^bfamines, ^cpestilences, and earthquakes in various places.
8 ^a"All *these are* the beginning of sorrows.
9 ^a"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.
10 "And then many will be of-

34 ^aLuke 11:49
^bActs 7:54-60;
22:19 ^c2 Cor.
11:24, 25

35 ^aRev. 18:24
^bGen. 4:8
^c2 Chr. 24:20,
21

37 ^aLuke
13:34, 35
^b2 Chr. 24:20,
21; 36:15, 16
^cDeut. 32:11,
12 ^dPs. 17:8;
91:4

39 ^aPs. 118:26

CHAPTER 24

1 ^aMark 13:1

2 ^aLuke 19:44

3 ^aMark 13:3
^b[1 Thess.
5:1-3]

4 ^a[Col. 2:8,
18]

5 ^aJohn 5:43
^bMatt. 24:11

6 ^a[Rev. 6:2-4]
¹NU omits *all*

7 ^aHag. 2:22
^bRev. 6:5, 6
¹NU omits
pestilences

9 ^aMatt. 10:17

11 ^a2 Pet. 2:1
^b[1 Tim. 4:1]

12 ^a[2 Thess.
2:3]

13 ^aMatt. 10:22

14 ^aMatt. 4:23
^bRom. 10:18

15 ^aMark
13:14 ^bDan.
9:27; 11:31;
12:11 ^cDan.
9:23

19 ^aLuke 23:29

21 ^aDan. 9:26

22 ^aIs. 65:8, 9
¹*chosen ones*

23 ^aLuke 17:23

24 ^a[2 Thess.
2:9] ^b[2 Tim.
2:19]

27 ^aLuke 17:24

28 ^aLuke 17:37

29 ^a[Dan. 7:11]
^bEzek. 32:7

30 ^a[Dan. 7:13,
14] ^bZech.
12:12

fended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

11 "Then ^amany false prophets will rise up and ^bdeceive many.

12 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow ^acold.

13 ^a"But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

14 "And this ^agospel of the kingdom ^bwill be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The Great Tribulation

15 ^a"Therefore when you see the ^b*abomination of desolation*, ^cspoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" ^c(whoever reads, let him understand),

16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

18 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

19 "But ^awoe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 "For ^athen there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; ^abut for the ^celect's sake those days will be shortened.

23 ^a"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.

24 "For ^afalse christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, ^bif possible, even the elect.

25 "See, I have told you beforehand.

26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.

27 ^a"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

28 ^a"For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

The Coming of the Son of Man

29 ^a"Immediately after the tribulation of those days ^bthe sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give it light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 ^a"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, ^band then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of

Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 ^a“And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His ¹elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

32 ^a“Now learn ^athis parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

33 ^a“So you also, when you see all these things, know ^athat ¹it is near—at the doors!

34 ^a“Assuredly, I say to you, ^athis generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

35 ^a“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

36 ^a“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of ¹heaven, ^bbut My Father only.

37 ^a“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

38 ^a“For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

39 ^a“and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

40 ^a“Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

41 ^a“Two *women* will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

42 ^a“Watch therefore, for you do not know what ¹hour your Lord is coming.

43 ^a“But know this, that if the master of the house had known what ¹hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 ^a“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

45 ^a“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food ¹in due season?

46 ^a“Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

47 ^a“Assuredly, I say to you that ^ahe will make him ruler over all his goods.

48 ^a“But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master ^ais delaying ¹his coming,’

49 ^a“and begins to beat *his* fellow

31 ^a[1 Cor. 15:52] ¹chosen ones

32 ^a[Luke 21:29]

33 ^a[James 5:9] ¹Or He

34 ^a[Matt. 10:23; 16:28; 23:36]

35 ^a[Luke 21:33]

36 ^aActs 1:7
^bZech. 14:7
¹NU adds *nor the Son*

38 ^a[Gen. 6:3–5]

40 ^a[Luke 17:34]

42 ^a[Matt. 25:13]
¹NU day

43 ^a[Luke 12:39]
¹Lit. *watch of the night*

44 ^a[1 Thess. 5:6]

45 ^a[Luke 12:42–46] ¹at the right time

46 ^a[Rev. 16:15]

47 ^a[Matt. 25:21, 23]

48 ^a[2 Pet. 3:4–9] ¹NU omits *his coming*

50 ^a[Mark 13:32]

51 ^a[Matt. 8:12; 25:30]

CHAPTER 25

1 ^a[Eph. 5:29, 30]

2 ^a[Matt. 13:47; 22:10]

5 ^a1 Thess. 5:6

6 ^a[1 Thess. 4:16] ¹NU omits *is coming*

7 ^a[Luke 12:35]

10 ^a[Luke 13:25]

11 ^a[Matt. 7:21–23]

12 ^a[Hab. 1:13]

13 ^a[Mark 13:35] ^b[Matt. 24:36, 42] ¹NU omits *the rest of v. 13.*

14 ^a[Luke 19:12–27]
^b[Matt. 21:33]

15 ^a[Rom. 12:6]

servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards.

50 ^a“the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is ^anot aware of,

51 ^a“and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. ^aThere shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

25 ^a“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet ^athe bridegroom.

2 ^a“Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 ^a“Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

4 ^a“but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 ^a“But while the bridegroom was delayed, ^athey all slumbered and slept.

6 ^a“And at midnight ^aa cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom ¹is coming; go out to meet him!’

7 ^a“Then all those virgins arose and ^atrimmed their lamps.

8 ^a“And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

9 ^a“But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

10 ^a“And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and ^athe door was shut.

11 ^a“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ^a“Lord, Lord, open to us!’

12 ^a“But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, ^aI do not know you.’

13 ^a“Watch therefore, for you ^bknow neither the day nor the hour ¹in which the Son of Man is coming.

The Parable of the Talents

14 ^a“For the kingdom of heaven is ^blike a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

15 ^a“And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, ^ato each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

16 ^a“Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

17 ^a“And likewise he who *had* received two gained two more also.

18 ^a“But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money.

19 ^a“After a long time the lord of

those servants came and settled accounts with them.

20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, ^bI will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

23 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into ^bthe joy of your lord.'

24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.'

25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.'

27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.'

28 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.'

29 "For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.'

30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. ^bThere will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations

31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and ^bHe will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

33 "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom ^bprepared for you from the foundation of the world:

21 ^a[1 Cor. 4:2]
^b[Luke 12:44;
22:29, 30]
^c[Heb. 12:2]

23 ^aMatt.
24:45, 47;
25:21 ^b[Ps.
16:11]

26 ^aMatt. 18:32

29 ^aMatt. 13:12

30 ^aMatt. 8:12;
22:13 ^bMatt.
7:23; 8:12;
24:51 ^c[Ps.
112:10]

31 ^a[1 Thess.
4:16] ¹NU
omits *holy*

32 ^a[2 Cor.
5:10] ^bEzek.
20:38

33 ^a[John
10:11, 27, 28]

34 ^a[Rom.
8:17] ^bMark
10:40

35 ^a[Is. 58:7
^b[Heb. 13:2]

36 ^a[James
2:15, 16]
^b2 Tim. 1:16

40 ^aMark 9:41

41 ^aMatt. 7:23
^bMatt. 13:40,
42 ^c[2 Pet. 2:4]

44 ¹NU, M
omit *Him*

45 ^aProv. 14:31

46 ^a[Dan. 12:2]

CHAPTER 26

2 ^aLuke
22:1, 2

3 ^aJohn 11:47
¹NU omits *the
scribes*

4 ^aActs
4:25-28 ¹de-
ception

5 ^aMatt. 21:26

6 ^aMark
14:3-9

8 ^aJohn 12:4

35 "for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; ^bI was a stranger and you took Me in;

36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; ^bI was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?'

38 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?'

39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

43 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Plot to Kill Jesus

26 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,

2 "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

3 "Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

5 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

The Anointing at Bethany

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

8 But when His disciples saw it,

they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"

9 "For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me.

11 "For you have the poor with you always, but ^bMe you do not have always.

12 "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My ^aburial.

13 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

14 ^aThen one of the twelve, called ^bJudas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

15 and said, ^a"What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Jesus Celebrates Passover with His Disciples

17 ^aNow on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

18 And He said, "**Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples."**' "

19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

20 ^aWhen evening had come, He sat down with the twelve.

21 Now as they were eating, He said, "**Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will ^abetray Me.**"

22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?"

23 He answered and said, "**He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.**"

24 "The Son of Man indeed goes just ^aas it is written of Him, but ^bwoe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! ^cIt would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "**You have said it.**"

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

26 ^aAnd as they were eating, ^bJesus took bread, ^{blessed} and broke it,

11 ^a[Deut. 15:11] ^b[John 13:33; 14:19; 16:5, 28; 17:11]

12 ^aJohn 19:38-42

14 ^aPs. 41:9; Mark 14:10, 11; Luke 22:3-6 ^bMatt. 10:4

15 ^aZech. 11:12

17 ^aEx. 12:6, 18-20

18 ^aLuke 9:51

20 ^aMark 14:17-21

21 ^aJohn 6:70, 71; 13:21

23 ^aPs. 41:9

24 ^a1 Cor. 15:3 ^bLuke 17:1 ^cJohn 17:12

26 ^aMark 14:22-25

^b1 Cor. 11:23-25

^c1 Pet. 2:24] ^d1M gave thanks for

27 ^aMark 14:23

28 ^a[Ex. 24:8] ^bJer. 31:31

^cMatt. 20:28 ^dNU omits new ^e2forgiveness

29 ^aMark 14:25 ^bActs 10:41

30 ^aMark 14:26-31

31 ^aMatt. 26:56; Mark 14:50; John 16:32 ^b[Matt. 11:6] ^cZech. 13:7 ^dcaused to take offense at Me

32 ^aMatt. 28:7, 10, 16

33 ^dcaused to take offense at You

34 ^aJohn 13:38

36 ^aMark 14:32-35

37 ^aMatt. 4:21; 17:1

38 ^aJohn 12:27

39 ^a[Heb. 5:7-9] ^bJohn 12:27 ^cMatt. 20:22 ^dJohn 5:30; 6:38

41 ^aLuke 22:40, 46

^b[Gal. 5:17]

42 ^dNU if this may not pass away unless

and gave it to the disciples and said, "**Take, eat; this is My body.**"

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ^a"Drink from it, all of you.

28 "For ^athis is My blood ^bof the ^cnew covenant, which is shed ^dfor many for the ^eremission of sins.

29 "But ^aI say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on ^buntil that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 ^aAnd when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

31 Then Jesus said to them, ^a"All of you will ^bbe ^cmade to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

^c'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32 "But after I have been raised, ^aI will go before you to Galilee."

33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are ^cmade to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

34 Jesus said to him, ^a"Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

The Prayer in the Garden

36 ^aThen Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "**Sit here while I go and pray over there.**"

37 And He took with Him Peter and ^athe two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

38 Then He said to them, ^a"My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and ^aprayed, saying, ^b"O My Father, if it is possible, ^clet this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, ^dnot as I will, but as You will."

40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "**What? Could you not watch with Me one hour?**"

41 ^a"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. ^bThe spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "**O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.**"

43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, **"Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners."**

46 **"Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."**

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."

49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

50 But Jesus said to him, **"Friend, why have you come?"** Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

51 And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

52 But Jesus said to him, **"Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."**

53 **"Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?"**

54 **"How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"**

55 In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, **"Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me."**

56 **"But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."** Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death,

60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward

61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I

45 ^aMatt. 17:22, 23; 20:18, 19 ¹has drawn near

47 ^aActs 1:16

49 ^a2 Sam. 20:9

50 ^aPs. 41:9; 55:13

51 ^aJohn 18:10

52 ^aRev. 13:10 ¹M die

53 ^aDan. 7:10

54 ^aIs. 50:6; 53:2-11

56 ^aLam. 4:20 ^bJohn 18:15

57 ^aJohn 18:12, 19-24

58 ^aJohn 18:15, 16

59 ^aPs. 35:11 ¹NU omits the elders

60 ^aMark 14:55 ^bDeut. 19:15 ¹NU but found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. ²NU omits false witnesses

61 ^aJohn 2:19

62 ^aMark 14:60

63 ^aIs. 53:7 ^bLev. 5:1

64 ^aDan. 7:13 ^b[Acts 7:55]

65 ^a2 Kin. 18:37 ^bJohn 10:30-36

66 ^aLev. 24:16

67 ^aIs. 50:6; 53:3 ^bLuke 22:63-65 ¹Or rods,

68 ^aMark 14:65

69 ^aJohn 18:16-18, 25-27

73 ^aLuke 22:59

74 ^aMark 14:71 ¹call down curses ²Swear oaths

75 ^aMatt. 26:34

CHAPTER 27

1 ^aJohn 18:28

2 ^aActs 3:13 ¹NU omits Pontius

3 ^aMatt. 26:14

am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' "

62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, ^b"I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

64 Jesus said to him, **"It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."**

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!"

66 "What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,

68 saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"

Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps Bitterly

69 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee."

70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying."

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!"

73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you."

74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, **"Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."** So he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.

2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Judas Hangs Himself

3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned,

was remorseful and brought back the thirty ²pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is *that* to us? You see to it!"

5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and ²departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood."

7 And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Therefore that field has been called "the Field of Blood to this day."

9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, *"And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced,*

10 *"and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me."*

Jesus Faces Pilate

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. "And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, *"It is as you say."*

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, "He answered nothing."

13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

14 "But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

Taking the Place of Barabbas

15 "Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished.

16 And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called ¹Barabbas.

17 Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

18 For he knew that they had handed Him over because of ²envy.

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

20 "But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!"

22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called

3 ¹Matt. 26:15

5 ²Acts 1:18

8 ²Acts 1:19

9 ²Zech. 11:12

10 ²Jer. 32:6-9; Zech. 11:12, 13

11 ²Mark 15:2-5 ²John 18:37

12 ²John 19:9

13 ²Matt. 26:62

14 ²Is. 53:7

15 ²Luke 23:17-25

16 ¹NU Jesus Barabbas

18 ²Matt. 21:38

20 ²Acts 3:14

21 ²Acts 3:14

23 ²Acts 3:13

24 ²Deut. 21:6-8 ¹an uproar ²NU omits just

25 ²Josh. 2:19

26 ²[Is. 50:6; 53:5] ¹flogged with a Roman scourge

27 ²Mark 15:16-20 ¹The governor's headquarters ²cohort

28 ²John 19:2 ²Luke 23:11

29 ²Is. 53:3 ¹Lit. woven

30 ²Is. 50:6; 53:5; Matt. 26:67

31 ²Is. 53:7

32 ²Heb. 13:12 ²Mark 15:21

33 ²John 19:17

34 ²Ps. 69:21 ¹NU omits sour

35 ²Luke 23:34 ²Ps. 22:18 ¹NU, M omit the rest of v. 35.

36 ²Matt. 27:54

37 ²John 19:19

38 ²Is. 53:9, 12

Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"

23 Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he ²took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this ²just Person. You see to it."

25 And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when ²he had ¹scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

27 "Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the ¹Praetorium and gathered the whole ²garrison around Him.

28 And they ²stripped Him and ²put a scarlet robe on Him.

29 "When they had ¹twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

30 Then ²they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, ²and led Him away to be crucified.

The King on a Cross

32 "Now as they came out, ²they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

33 "And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,

34 ²they gave Him ¹sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted *it*, He would not drink.

35 "Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, ¹that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

*^b"They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots."*

36 "Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

37 And they ²put up over His head the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING
OF THE JEWS.

38 "Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads
40 and saying, “You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! ^bIf You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the ¹scribes and elders, said,

42 “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. ¹If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe ²Him.

43 “He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

44 “Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Jesus Dies on the Cross

45 “Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

46 And about the ninth hour ^aJesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, ^b“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!”

48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

49 The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

54 “So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, ^b“Truly this was the Son of God!”

55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,

56 among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and ¹Joses, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

Jesus Buried in Joseph’s Tomb

57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

58 This man went to Pilate and

39 ^aMark 15:29

40 ^aJohn 2:19
^bMatt. 26:63

41 ¹M scribes, the Pharisees, and the elders

42 ^a[John 3:14, 15] ¹NU omits
If ²NU, M in Him

43 ^aPs. 22:8

44 ^aLuke 23:39–43

45 ^aMark 15:33–41

46 ^a[Heb. 5:7] ^bPs. 22:1

48 ^aPs. 69:21

50 ^aLuke 23:46
^b[John 10:18]

51 ^aEx. 26:31

54 ^aMark 15:39 ^bMatt. 14:33

55 ^aLuke 8:2, 3

56 ^aMark 15:40, 47; 16:9
¹NU Joseph

57 ^aIs. 53:9; John 19:38–42

60 ^aIs. 53:9

61 ¹in front of

63 ^aMark 8:31; 10:34

64 ¹NU omits
by night

66 ^aDan. 6:17

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1 ^aLuke 24:1–10 ^bMatt. 27:56, 61

2 ^aMark 16:5
¹NU omits
from the door

3 ^aDan. 7:9; 10:6

4 ^aRev. 1:17

6 ^aMatt. 12:40; 16:21; 17:23; 20:19

7 ^aMark 16:7

9 ^aJohn 20:14
¹NU omits as they went to tell His disciples

asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting ¹opposite the tomb.

Pilate Sets a Guard

62 On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,

63 saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, *“After three days I will rise.”*

64 “Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come ¹by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.”

65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how.”

66 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

He Is Risen

28 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene ^aand the other Mary came to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone ¹from the door, and sat on it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6 “He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 “And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed ^aHe is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

The Women Worship the Risen Lord

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, ^aJesus met them, saying, *“Rejoice!”* So they came and

held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, **“Do not be afraid. Go and tell ^aMy brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”**

The Soldiers Are Bribed

11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

12 When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

13 saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.’”

14 “And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.”

10 ^aJohn 20:17

16 ^aMatt. 26:32; 28:7, 10

17 ^aJohn 20:24–29

18 ^a[Dan. 7:13, 14]

19 ^aMark 16:15 ^bLuke 24:47 ¹M omits *therefore*

20 ^a[Acts 2:42] ^b[Acts 4:31; 18:10; 23:11] ¹NU omits *Amen*.

15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

The Great Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain ^awhich Jesus had appointed for them.

17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some ^adoubted.

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **“^aAll authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

19 **“^aGo ¹therefore and ^bmake disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

20 **“^ateaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am ^bwith you always, *even to the end of the age.*” ¹Amen.**

The Gospel According to

MARK

THE message of Mark’s gospel is captured in a single verse: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (10:45). Chapter by chapter, the book unfolds the dual focus of Christ’s life: service and sacrifice.

Mark portrays Jesus as a Servant on the move, instantly responsive to the will of the Father. By preaching, teaching, and healing, He ministers to the needs of others even to the point of death. After the Resurrection, He commissions His followers to continue His work in His power—servants following in the steps of the perfect Servant.

The ancient title for this gospel was *Kata Markon*, “According to Mark.” The author is best known by his Latin name *Marcus*, but in Jewish circles he was called by his Hebrew name *John*. Acts 12:12, 25 refer to him as “John whose surname was Mark.”

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

THE ^abeginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, ^bthe Son of God.

2 As it is written in ¹the Prophets:

^a*“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.”*

3 *“The^a voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make His paths straight.’”*

4 ^aJohn came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of

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1 ^aLuke 3:22 ^bMatt. 14:33

2 ^aMal. 3:1 ¹NU *Isaiah the prophet*

3 ^aIs. 40:3

4 ^aMal. 4:5, 6; Matt. 3:1 ¹Or *because of forgiveness*

5 ^aMatt. 3:5

6 ^aMatt. 3:4

7 ^aJohn 1:27

8 ^aActs 1:5; 11:16

repentance ¹for the remission of sins.

5 ^aThen all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

6 Now John was ^aclothed with camel’s hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7 And he preached, saying, ^a“There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

8 ^a“I indeed baptized you with wa-

ter, but He will baptize you ^bwith the Holy Spirit."

John Baptizes Jesus

9 ^a"It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 ^aAnd immediately, coming up ¹from the water, He saw the heavens ²parting and the Spirit ^bdescending upon Him like a dove.

11 Then a voice came from heaven, ^a"You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Satan Tempts Jesus

12 ^aImmediately the Spirit ¹drove Him into the wilderness.

13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; ^aand the angels ministered to Him.

Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry

14 ^aNow after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, ^bpreaching the gospel ¹of the kingdom of God,

15 and saying, ^a"**The time is fulfilled, and ^bthe kingdom of God ¹is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.**"

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

16 ^aAnd as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 Then Jesus said to them, ^a"**Follow Me, and I will make you become ^bfishers of men.**"

18 ^aThey immediately left their nets and followed Him.

19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets.

20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit

21 ^aThen they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the ^bsynagogue and taught.

22 ^aAnd they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an ^aunclean spirit. And he cried out,

24 saying, "Let us alone! ^aWhat have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I ^bknow who You are—the ^cHoly One of God!"

25 But Jesus ^arebuked him, saying, ¹"**Be quiet, and come out of him!**"

8 ^bIs. 44:3

9 ^aMatt. 3:13-17

10 ^aMatt. 3:16

^bActs 10:38

¹NU out of

²torn open

11 ^aMatt. 3:17;

12:18

12 ^aMatt.

4:1-11 ¹sent

Him out

13 ^aMatt. 4:10,

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14 ^aMatt. 4:12

^bMatt. 4:23

¹NU omits of

the kingdom

15 ^a[Gal. 4:4]

^bMatt. 3:2;

4:17 ¹has

drawn near

16 ^aLuke

5:2-11

17 ^aMatt.

13:47, 48

18 ^a[Luke

14:26]

21 ^aLuke

4:31-37 ^bMatt.

4:23

22 ^aMatt. 7:28,

29; 13:54

23 ^a[Matt.

12:43]

24 ^aMatt. 8:28,

29 ^bJames

2:19 ^cPs. 16:10

25 ^a[Luke

4:39] ¹Lit. Be

muzzled

26 ^aMark 9:20

27 ¹NU What

is this? A new

doctrine with

authority! He

²teaching

28 ^aMatt. 4:24;

9:31

29 ^aLuke 4:38,

39

32 ^aMatt. 8:16,

17

34 ^aLuke 13:32

^bActs 16:17,

18

35 ^aLuke 4:42,

43 ^bLuke 5:16;

6:12; 9:28, 29

¹deserted

37 ^aJohn 3:26;

12:19 ^b[Heb.

11:6]

38 ^aLuke 4:43

^b[Is. 61:1, 2]

39 ^aMatt. 4:23;

9:35 ^bMark

5:8, 13; 7:29,

30

40 ^aLuke

5:12-14

41 ^aLuke 7:13

42 ^aMatt. 15:28

26 And when the unclean spirit ^ahad convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, ¹"What is this? What new ²doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

28 And immediately His ^afame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed

29 ^aNow as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once.

31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

Many Healed After Sabbath Sunset

32 ^aAt evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed.

33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and ^acast out many demons; and He ^bdid not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

Preaching in Galilee

35 Now ^ain the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a ^asolitary place; and there He ^bprayed.

36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.

37 When they found Him, they said to Him, ^a"Everyone ^bis looking for You."

38 But He said to them, ^a"**Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because ^bfor this purpose I have come forth.**"

39 ^aAnd He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and ^bcasting out demons.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

40 ^aNow a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

41 Then Jesus, moved with ^acompassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, ^a"**I am willing; be cleansed.**"

42 As soon as He had spoken, ^aimmediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once.

44 and said to him, ^a"**See that you**

say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things ^awhich Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

45 ^aHowever, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; ^band they came to Him from every direction.

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

2 And again ^aHe entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 ¹Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

3 Then they came to Him, bringing a ^aparalytic who was carried by four men.

4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "**Son, your sins are forgiven you.**"

6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? ^aWho can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "**Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?**"

9 "**Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk?'**"

10 "**But that you may know that the Son of Man has ¹power on earth to forgive sins**"—He said to the paralytic,

11 "**I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**"

12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and ^aglorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Matthew the Tax Collector

13 ^aThen He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them.

14 ^aAs He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, ^b"**Follow Me.**" So he arose and ^cfollowed Him.

15 ^aNow it happened, as He was dining in Levi's house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat to-

44 ^aLev. 14:1-32

45 ^aLuke 5:15
^bMark 2:2, 13; 3:7

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1 ^aMatt. 9:1

2 ¹NU omits Immediately

3 ^aMatt. 4:24; 8:6

7 ^aIs. 43:25

9 ^aMatt. 9:5

10 ¹authority

12 ^a[Phil. 2:11]

13 ^aMatt. 9:9

14 ^aLuke 5:27-32 ^bJohn 1:43; 12:26; 21:22 ^cLuke 18:28

15 ^aMatt. 9:10

16 ¹NU of the

17 ^aMatt. 9:12, 13; 18:11 ¹NU omits to repentance

18 ^aLuke 5:33-38

19 ¹Lit. sons of the bride-chamber

20 ^aActs 1:9; 13:2, 3; 14:23

23 ^aLuke 6:1-5
^bDeut. 23:25

24 ^aEx. 20:10; 31:15

25 ^a1 Sam. 21:1-6

26 ^aLev. 24:5-9

27 ^aDeut. 5:14

28 ^aMatt. 12:8

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aLuke 6:6-11

2 ^aLuke 14:1; 20:20 ^bLuke 13:14

gether with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him.

16 And when the scribes ¹and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?"

17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, ^a"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, ¹to repentance."

Jesus Is Questioned About Fasting

18 ^aThe disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

19 And Jesus said to them, "**Can the ¹friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.**"

20 "**But the days will come when the bridegroom will be ^ataken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.**"

21 "**No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.**"

22 "**And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.**"

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

23 ^aNow it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began ^bto pluck the heads of grain.

24 And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is ^anot lawful on the Sabbath?"

25 But He said to them, "**Have you never read ^awhat David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him:**"

26 "**how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, ^awhich is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?**"

27 And He said to them, "**The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the ^aSabbath.**"

28 "**Therefore ^athe Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.**"

Healing on the Sabbath

3 And ^aHe entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

2 So they ^awatched Him closely, whether He would ^bheal him on the

Sabbath, so that they might ¹accuse Him.

3 And He said to the man who had the withered hand, **^{1a}"Step forward."**

4 Then He said to them, **^{1b}"Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?"** But they kept silent.

5 And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the ^a"hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, **^{1c}"Stretch out your hand."** And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored ^{1d}as whole as the other.

6 ^a"Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with ^bthe Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

A Great Multitude Follows Jesus

7 But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, ^a"and from Judea

8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how ^a"many things He was doing, came to Him.

9 So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him.

10 For He healed ^a"many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to ^btouch Him.

11 ^a"And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, ^b"You are the Son of God."

12 But ^a"He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.

The Twelve Apostles

13 ^a"And He went up on the mountain and called to ^bHim those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

14 Then He appointed twelve, ¹that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.

15 and to have ¹power ²to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

16 ¹Simon, ^ato whom He gave the name Peter;

17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder";

18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite;

19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.

A House Divided Cannot Stand

20 Then the multitude came together again, ^aso that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 But when His ^aown people heard about this, they went out to lay hold

² ¹bring charges against

³ ¹Lit. Arise into the midst

⁵ ^aZech. 7:12
¹NU omits as whole as the other

⁶ ^aPs. 2:2;
Mark 12:13
^bMatt. 22:16

⁷ ^aLuke 6:17

⁸ ^aMark 5:19

¹⁰ ^aLuke 7:21
^bMatt. 9:21;
14:36

¹¹ ^aLuke 4:41
^bMatt. 8:29;
14:33

¹² ^aMark 1:25,
34

¹³ ^aLuke 9:1

¹⁴ ¹NU adds whom He also named apostles

¹⁵ ¹authority
²NU omits to heal sicknesses and

¹⁶ ^aJohn 1:42
¹NU and He appointed the twelve: Simon . . .

²⁰ ^aMark 6:31

²¹ ^aMark 6:3
^bJohn 7:5;
10:20

²² ^aMatt. 9:34;
10:25 ^bJohn 12:31; 14:30;
16:11]

²³ ^aMatt.
12:25-29

²⁷ ^a[Is. 49:24,
25]

²⁸ ^aLuke 12:10

³⁰ ^aMatt. 9:34

³¹ ^aMatt.
12:46-50

³² ¹NU, M add and Your sisters

³⁵ ^aEph. 6:6

CHAPTER 4

¹ ^aLuke 8:4-10

² ^aMark 12:38

⁴ ¹NU, M omit of the air

of Him, ^bfor they said, "He is out of His mind."

22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ^a"He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ^bruled of the demons He casts out demons."

23 ^a"So He called them to ^bHimself and said to them in parables: **¹"How can Satan cast out Satan?"**

24 **²"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.**

25 **³"And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.**

26 **⁴"And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end.**

27 **⁵"No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.**

The Unpardonable Sin

28 ^a"Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter;

29 ^b"but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"—

30 because they ^asaid, "He has an unclean spirit."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers Send for Him

31 ^a"Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him.

32 And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers ^aare outside seeking You."

33 But He answered them, saying, **¹"Who is My mother, or My brothers?"**

34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, **²"Here are My mother and My brothers!"**

35 **³"For whoever does the ^awill of God is My brother and My sister and mother."**

The Parable of the Sower

4 And ^aagain He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea.

2 Then He taught them many things by parables, ^aand said to them in His teaching:

3 **¹"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.**

4 **²"And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds ¹of the air came and devoured it.**

5 **³"Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth;**

and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth.

6 "But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.

7 "And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

8 "But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

9 And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

The Purpose of Parables

10 "But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable.

11 And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, 12 "so that

*"Seeing they may see and not perceive,
And hearing they may hear and not understand;
Lest they should turn,
And their sins be forgiven them."*

The Parable of the Sower Explained

13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?

14 "The sower sows the word.

15 "And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 "These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 "and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.

18 "Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word,

19 "and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

20 "But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

Light Under a Basket

21 "Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or

7 ¹Lit. fruit

9 ¹NU, M omit to them

10 ^aLuke 8:9

11 ^a[1 Cor. 2:10-16] ^b[Col. 4:5] ¹secret or hidden truths

12 ^a[Is. 6:9, 10; 43:8]

14 ^aMatt. 13:18-23

19 ^aLuke 21:34 ^b1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17

20 ^a[Rom. 7:4] ¹receive

21 ^aMatt. 5:15

22 ^aMatt. 10:26, 27

23 ^aMatt. 11:15; 13:9, 43

24 ^aMatt. 7:2

25 ^aLuke 8:18; 19:26

26 ^a[Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43] ¹sow

27 ^a[2 Pet. 3:18]

28 ^a[John 12:24]

29 ^aRev. 14:15

30 ^aMatt. 13:31, 32

33 ^aMatt. 13:34, 35

34 ^aLuke 24:27, 45

35 ^aLuke 8:22, 25

38 ^a[Matt. 23:8-10] ^bPs. 44:23

39 ^aLuke 4:39 ^bPs. 65:7; 89:9; 93:4; 104:6, 7 ¹Lit. Be quiet

under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?

22 "For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.

23 "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

24 Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.

25 "For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

The Parable of the Growing Seed

26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground,

27 "and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

28 "For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

29 "But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it?

31 "It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth;

32 "but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

Jesus' Use of Parables

33 "And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it.

34 But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

Wind and Wave Obey Jesus

35 "On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."

36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, I

be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

40 But He said to them, "**Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?**"

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

A Demon-Possessed Man Healed

5 Then "they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the ¹Gadarenes.

2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an "unclean spirit,

3 who had *his dwelling* among the tombs; and no one could bind ¹him, not even with chains,

4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.

7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I ¹implore! You by God that You do not torment me."

8 For He said to him, "**Come out of the man, unclean spirit!**"

9 Then He asked him, "**What is your name?**" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

11 Now a large herd of "swine was feeding there near the mountains.

12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."

13 And ¹at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told *it* in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened.

15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* "demon-possessed and had the legion, ^bsitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

16 And those who saw it told them how it happened to him *who had been* demon-possessed, and about the swine.

17 Then "they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

40 ^aMatt. 14:31, 32; Luke 8:25
¹NU Have you still no faith?

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aMatt. 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-37 ¹NU Gerasenes

2 ^aMark 1:23; 7:25; [Rev. 16:13, 14]

3 ¹NU adds anymore

7 ^aMatt. 26:63; Mark 1:24; Acts 19:13 ¹adjure

8 ^aMark 1:25; 9:25; [Acts 16:18]

11 ^aLev. 11:7; 8; Deut. 14:8; Luke 15:15, 16

13 ¹NU He gave

15 ^aMatt. 4:24; 8:16; Mark 1:32 ^bLuke 10:39 ^c[Is. 61:10]

17 ^aMatt. 8:34; Acts 16:39

18 ^aLuke 8:38, 39

20 ^aEx. 15:2; Ps. 66:16
^bMatt. 9:8, 33; John 5:20; 7:21; Acts 3:12; 4:13 ¹Lit. Ten Cities

21 ^aMatt. 9:1; Luke 8:40

22 ^aMatt. 9:18-26; Luke 8:41-56; Acts 13:15

23 ^aMatt. 8:15; Mark 6:5; 7:32; 8:23, 25; 16:18; Luke 4:40; Acts 9:17; 28:8

25 ^aLev. 15:19, 25; Matt. 9:20

27 ^aMatt. 14:35, 36; Mark 3:10; 6:56

29 ¹suffering

30 ^aLuke 6:19; 8:46

33 ^a[Ps. 89:7]

34 ^aMatt. 9:22; Mark 10:52; Acts 14:9

^b1 Sam. 1:17; 20:42; 2 Kin. 5:19; Luke 7:50; 8:48; Acts 16:36; [James 2:16]

35 ^aLuke 8:49

18 And when He got into the boat, "he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.

19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "**Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.**"

20 And he departed and began to "proclaim in ¹Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all ^bmarveled.

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

21 "Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.

22 "And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet

23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

25 Now a certain woman "had a flow of blood for twelve years,

26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and "touched His garment.

28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the ¹affliction.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that "power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "**Who touched My clothes?**"

31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, '**Who touched Me?**'"

32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

33 But the woman, "fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

34 And He said to her, "**Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.**"

35 "While He was still speaking, *some* came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word

that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, **"Do not be afraid; only believe."**

37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw ^aa tumult and those who ^awept and wailed loudly.

39 When He came in, He said to them, **"Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."**

40 And they ridiculed Him. ^aBut when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those *who were* with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, **"Talitha, cumi,"** which is translated, **"Little girl, I say to you, arise."**

42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were ^aovercome with great amazement.

43 But ^aHe commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that *something* should be given her to eat.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

6 Then ^aHe went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were ^aastonished, saying, **"Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"**

3 **"Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and ^abrother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?"** So they ^bwere offended at Him.

4 But Jesus said to them, **"*A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.*"**

5 ^aNow He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

6 And ^aHe marveled because of their unbelief. ^bThen He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Sending Out the Twelve

7 ^aAnd He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out ^atwo by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts—

9 ^abut ^ato wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

36 ^a[John 11:40]

38 ^aActs 9:39
¹*an uproar*

39 ^aJohn 11:4, 11

40 ^aActs 9:40

42 ^aMark 1:27; 7:37

43 ^a[Matt. 8:4; 12:16–19; 17:9]

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aMatt. 13:54

2 ^aMatt. 7:28
^bJohn 6:42

3 ^aMatt. 12:46
^b[Matt. 11:6]

4 ^aJohn 4:44

5 ^aGen. 19:22; 32:25

6 ^aIs. 59:16
^bMatt. 9:35

7 ^aMark 3:13, 14
^b[Eccl. 4:9, 10]

9 ^a[Eph. 6:15]

10 ^aMatt. 10:11

11 ^aMatt. 10:14
^bActs 13:51; 18:6 ¹NU *whatever place* ²NU *omits the rest of v. 11.*

13 ^a[James 5:14]

14 ^aLuke 9:7–9
^bLuke 19:37

15 ^aMark 8:28
^bMatt. 21:11
¹NU, M *a prophet, like one*

16 ^aLuke 3:19

18 ^aLev. 18:16; 20:21

19 ¹*held a grudge*

20 ^aMatt. 14:5; 21:26 ¹NU *was very perplexed, yet*

21 ^aMatt. 14:6
^bGen. 40:20

23 ^aEsth. 5:3, 6; 7:2

26 ^aMatt. 14:9

10 ^aAlso He said to them, **"In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place."**

11 ^aAnd ¹whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, ^bshake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. ²Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

12 So they went out and preached that *people* should repent.

13 And they cast out many demons, ^aand anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

John the Baptist Beheaded

14 ^aNow King Herod heard of *Him*, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore ^bthese powers are at work in him."

15 ^aOthers said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is ¹the Prophet, ²or like one of the prophets."

16 ^aBut when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!"

17 For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.

18 Because John had said to Herod, ^a"It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19 Therefore Herodias ¹held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not;

20 for Herod ^afeared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he ¹did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 ^aThen an opportune day came when Herod ^bon his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief *men* of Galilee.

22 And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you."

23 He also swore to her, ^a"Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

24 So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

25 Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 ^aAnd the king was exceedingly sorry; *yet*, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.

27 Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head

to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison.
28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.
29 When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

Feeding the Five Thousand

30 Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

31 And He said to them, **"Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."** For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

32 So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

33 But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him.

34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

35 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late.

36 "Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."

37 But He answered and said to them, **"You give them something to eat."** And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

38 But He said to them, **"How many loaves do you have? Go and see."** And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.

40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.

41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all.

42 So they all ate and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish.

44 Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

Jesus Walks on the Sea

45 Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away.

29 ^a1 Kin. 13:29, 30

30 ^aLuke 9:10

31 ^aMatt. 14:13
^bMark 3:20

32 ^aMatt. 14:13-21

33 ^a[Col. 1:6]
¹NU, M *they*

34 ^aMatt. 9:36;
14:14 ^bNum. 27:17 ^cLuke 9:11

35 ^aMatt. 14:15

36 ¹NU *something to eat* and omits the rest of v. 36.

37 ^a2 Kin. 4:43

38 ^aJohn 6:9

39 ^aMatt. 15:35

41 ^aJohn 11:41, 42
^bMatt. 15:36;
26:26

44 ¹NU, M omit *about*

45 ^aJohn 6:15-21
¹invited, strongly urged

46 ^aLuke 5:16

48 ^aLuke 24:28

49 ^aMatt. 14:26

50 ^aMatt. 9:2
^bIs. 41:10
¹Take courage

51 ^aPs. 107:29
^bMark 1:27;
2:12; 5:42;
7:37

52 ^aMark 8:17,
18 ^bMark 3:5;
16:14

53 ^aMatt. 14:34-36

54 ¹Lit. *they*

56 ^aMatt. 9:20
^bNum. 15:38,
39

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aMatt. 15:1-20

2 ^aMatt. 15:20
¹NU omits *when* ²NU omits *they found fault*

3 ^aGal. 1:14
¹Lit. *with the fist*

5 ^aMatt. 15:2

46 And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray.

47 Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land.

48 Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.

49 And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out;

50 for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, **"Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."**

51 Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.

52 For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was touched.

Many Touch Him and Are Made Well

53 When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there.

54 And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him.

55 ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was.

56 Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

Defilement Comes from Within

7 Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem.

2 Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault.

3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"

6 He answered and said to them,

"Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

*^b'This people honors Me with their lips,
But their heart is far from Me.
And in vain they worship Me,
Teaching as doctrines the
commandments of men.'*

8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

9 He said to them, "All too well you ¹reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

10 "For Moses said, '*Honor your father and your mother*'; and, ^b'*He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death*.'

11 "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, *"Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"*—' (that is, a gift to God),

12 "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, 13 "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

14 "When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand:

15 "There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that *"defile a man*."

16 "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"

17 "When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable.

18 So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him,

19 "because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, ¹*thus purifying all foods*?"

20 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, ^bproceed evil thoughts, ^cadulteries, ^dfornications, murders, 22 "thefts, ^ccovetousness, wickedness, ^bdeceit, ^clewdness, an evil eye, ^bblasphemy, ^cpride, foolishness.

23 "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

A Gentile Shows Her Faith

24 "From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre ¹and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be ^bhidden.

25 For a woman whose young

6 ^aMatt. 23:13–29 ^bIs. 29:13

8 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 8.

9 ^aProv. 1:25 ¹set aside

10 ^aEx. 20:12; Deut. 5:16 ^bEx. 21:17

11 ^aMatt. 15:5; 23:18

14 ^aMatt. 15:10 ^bMatt. 16:9, 11, 12

15 ^aIs. 59:3

16 ^aMatt. 11:15 ¹NU omits v. 16.

17 ^aMatt. 15:15

18 ^aHeb. 5:11–14]

19 ¹NU sets off the final phrase as Mark's comment that Jesus has declared all foods clean.

20 ^aPs. 39:1

21 ^aGen. 6:5; 8:21 ^b[Gal. 5:19–21]

^c2 Pet. 2:14

^d1 Thess. 4:3

22 ^aLuke 12:15

^bRom. 1:28, 29

^c1 Pet. 4:3

^dRev. 2:9

^e1 John 2:16

24 ^aMatt. 15:21

^bMark 2:1, 2

¹NU omits and Sidon

25 ^aJohn 11:32

26 ¹Gentile ²A

Syrian of Phoenicia

³begging

31 ^aMatt. 15:29

32 ^aLuke 11:14

33 ^aMark 8:23

34 ^aMark 6:41

^bJohn 11:33,

38

35 ^aIs. 35:5, 6

¹Lit. bond

36 ^aMark 5:43

37 ^aMark 6:51;

10:26 ^bMatt.

12:22

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1 ^aMatt.

15:32–39

2 ^aMark 1:41;

6:34

5 ^aMark 6:38

daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and ^afell at His feet.

26 The woman was a ¹Greek, a ²Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept ³asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27 But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

Jesus Heals a Deaf-Mute

31 "Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

32 Then ^athey brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.

33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and ^aHe spat and touched his tongue.

34 Then, ^alooking up to heaven, ^bHe sighed, and said to him, "*Ephphatha*," that is, "*Be opened*."

35 "Immediately his ears were opened, and the ¹impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

36 Then ^aHe commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it.

37 And they were ^aastonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He ^bmakes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Feeding the Four Thousand

8 In those days, ^athe multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them,

2 "I have ^acompassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat.

3 "And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar."

4 Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?"

5 "He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

6 So He commanded the multitude

to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them* to His disciples to set before *them*; and they set *them* before the multitude.

7 They also had a few small fish; and ^ahaving blessed them, He said to set them also before *them*.

8 So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments.

9 Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away.

10 ^aimmediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

The Pharisees Seek a Sign

11 ^aThen the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him.

12 But He ^asighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "**Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, ^ano sign shall be given to this generation.**"

Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod

13 And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side.

14 ^aNow ¹the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat.

15 ^aThen He charged them, saying, "**Take heed, beware of the ¹leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.**"

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "*It is because we have no bread.*"

17 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "**Why do you reason because you have no bread? ^aDo you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart ¹still hardened?**"

18 **"Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?"**

19 ^a"When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" They said to Him, "Twelve."

20 **"Also, ^awhen I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?" And they said, "Seven."**

21 So He said to them, "**How is it ^ayou do not understand?**"

A Blind Man Healed at Bethsaida

22 Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a ^ablind man to Him, and begged Him to ^atouch him.

23 So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when ^aHe had spit on his eyes

7 ^aMatt. 14:19

10 ^aMatt. 15:39

11 ^aMatt. 12:38; 16:1

12 ^aMark 7:34
^bMatt. 12:39

14 ^aMatt. 16:5
¹NU, M *they*

15 ^aLuke 12:1
¹yeast

17 ^aMark 6:52;
16:14 ¹NU
omits *still*

19 ^aMatt. 14:20

20 ^aMatt. 15:37

21 ^a[Mark 6:52]

22 ^aJohn 9:1
^bLuke 18:15

23 ^aMark 7:33

26 ^aMark 5:43;
7:36 ¹NU "*Do not even go into the town.*"

27 ^aLuke 9:18-20

28 ^aMatt. 14:2
^bLuke 9:7, 8

29 ^aJohn 1:41;
4:42; 6:69;
11:27

30 ^aMatt. 8:4;
16:20

31 ^aMatt. 16:21; 20:19
^bMark 10:33
^cMark 9:31;
10:34

33 ^a[Rev. 3:19]
¹setting your mind on

34 ^aLuke 14:27

35 ^aJohn 12:25

38 ^aMatt. 10:33
^{b2} Tim. 1:8, 9;
2:12

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1 ^aLuke 9:27

and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

24 And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

25 Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw every-one clearly.

26 Then He sent him away to his house, saying, **"Neither go into the town, ^anor tell anyone in the town."**

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

27 ^aNow Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "**Who do men say that I am?**"

28 So they answered, ^a"John the Baptist; but some say, ^bElijah; and others, one of the prophets."

29 He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" Peter answered and said to Him, ^a"You are the Christ."

30 ^aThen He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

31 And ^aHe began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be ^arejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be ^akilled, and after three days rise again.

32 He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He ^arebuked Peter, saying, "**Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not ¹mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.**"

Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

34 When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, ^a"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

35 ^a"For ^awhoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

36 ^a"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

37 ^a"Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 ^a"For whoever ^bis ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Jesus Transfigured on the Mount

9 And He said to them, ^a"Assuredly I say to you that there are

some standing here who will not taste death till they see ^athe kingdom of God ^bpresent with power.”

2 ^aNow after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.

3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly ^awhite, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

4 And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

5 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—

6 because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

7 And a ^acloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is ^bMy beloved Son. ^cHear Him!”

8 Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

9 ^aNow as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

10 So they kept this word to themselves, questioning ^awhat the rising from the dead meant.

11 And they asked Him, saying, “Why do the scribes say ^athat Elijah must come first?”

12 Then He answered and told them, “**Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And ^ahow is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and ^bbe treated with contempt?**

13 **“But I say to you that ^aElijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him.”**

A Boy Is Healed

14 ^aAnd when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them.

15 Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him.

16 And He asked the scribes, “**What are you discussing with them?**”

17 Then ^aone of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

18 “And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

19 He answered him and said, “O

1 ^b[Matt. 24:30] ¹having come

2 ^aMatt. 17:1-8

3 ^aDan. 7:9

7 ^aEx. 40:34
^bPs. 2:7; [Is. 42:1; Mark 1:11] ^cActs 3:22

9 ^aMatt. 17:9-13

10 ^aJohn 2:19-22

11 ^aMal. 4:5

12 ^aPs. 22:6; Is. 53:3; Dan. 9:26; Mal. 4:5, 6 ^bLuke 23:11; Phil. 2:7

13 ^aLuke 1:17

14 ^aMatt. 17:14-19

17 ^aLuke 9:38

19 ^aJohn 4:48
¹unbelieving
²put up with

20 ^aMark 1:26

23 ^aJohn 11:40
¹NU “If You can!” All things

24 ^aLuke 17:5

25 ^aMark 1:25

28 ^aMatt. 17:19

29 ^aJames 5:16] ¹NU omits and fasting

31 ^aLuke 9:44
^bMatt. 16:21; 27:50 ^c1 Cor. 15:4

32 ^aLuke 2:50; 18:34

33 ^aMatt. 18:1-5
¹discussed

34 ^a[Prov. 13:10] ^bLuke 22:24; 23:46; 24:46

35 ^aLuke 22:26, 27

36 ^aMark 10:13-16

^afaithless¹ generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I ²bear with you? Bring him to Me.”

20 Then they brought him to Him. And ^awhen he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

21 So He asked his father, “**How long has this been happening to him?**” And he said, “From childhood.

22 “And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

23 Jesus said to him, “**“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”**

24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; ^ahelp my unbelief!”

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He ^arebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “**Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!**”

26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.”

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

28 ^aAnd when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

29 So He said to them, “**This kind can come out by nothing but ^aprayer ¹and fasting.**”

Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection

30 Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it.

31 ^aFor He taught His disciples and said to them, “**The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will ^bkill Him. And after He is killed, He will ^crise the third day.**”

32 But they ^adid not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

Who Is the Greatest?

33 ^aThen He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “**What was it you ¹disputed among yourselves on the road?**”

34 But they kept silent, for on the road they had ^adisputed among themselves who would be the ^bgreatest.

35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “**“If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”**

36 Then ^aHe took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And

when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them,

37 *“Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and ‘whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.’”*

Jesus Forbids Sectarianism

38 *“Now John answered Him, saying, ‘Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us.’”*

39 But Jesus said, *“Do not forbid him, ‘for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.’”*

40 *“For ‘he who is not against ¹us is on ²our side.’”*

41 *“For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”*

Jesus Warns of Offenses

42 *“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me ¹to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.”*

43 *“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life ¹maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to ²hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—*
44 *“where*

*“Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.”*

45 *“And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into ¹hell, ²into the fire that shall never be quenched—*
46 *“where*

*“Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.”*

47 *“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into ¹hell fire—*
48 *“where*

*“Their worm does not die
And the ^bfire is not quenched.”*

Tasteless Salt Is Worthless

49 *“For everyone will be ‘seasoned with fire,’ and ¹every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.”*

50 *“Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? ^bHave salt in yourselves, and ‘have peace with one another.’”*

37 ^aMatt. 10:40

38 ^aNum. 11:27–29

39 ^a1 Cor. 12:3

40 ^a[Matt. 12:30] ¹M you ²M your

41 ^aMatt. 10:42

42 ^aLuke 17:1, ² ¹To fall into sin

43 ^aMatt. 5:29, 30; 18:8, 9 ¹crippled ²Gr. Gehenna

44 ^aIs. 66:24 ¹NU omits v. 44.

45 ¹Gr. Gehenna ²NU omits the rest of v. 45 and all of v. 46.

46 ^aIs. 66:24

47 ¹Gr. Gehenna

48 ^aIs. 66:24 ^bJer. 7:20

49 ^a[Matt. 3:11] ^bLev. 2:13 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 49.

50 ^aMatt. 5:13 ^bCol. 4:6 ^cRom. 12:18; 14:19

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1 ^aMatt. 19:1–9

2 ^aMatt. 19:3

4 ^aDeut. 24:1–4

5 ¹command

6 ^aGen. 1:27; 5:2

7 ^aGen. 2:24

11 ^a[Matt. 5:32; 19:9]

13 ^aLuke 18:15–17

14 ^a[1 Pet. 2:2]

15 ^aMatt. 18:3, 4; 19:14 ^bLuke 13:28

17 ^aMatt. 19:16–30 ^bJohn 6:28

18 ^a1 Sam. 2:2

19 ^aEx. 20:12–16; Deut. 5:16–20

Marriage and Divorce

10 Then *“He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.”*

2 *“The Pharisees came and asked Him, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’” testing Him.*

3 And He answered and said to them, *“What did Moses command you?”*

4 They said, *“‘Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.’”*

5 And Jesus answered and said to them, *“Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this ‘precept.’”*

6 *“But from the beginning of the creation, God ^a‘made them male and female.’”*

7 *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,”*

8 *“and the two shall become one flesh”; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.*

9 *“Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter.

11 So He said to them, *“‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.’”*

12 *“And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”*

Jesus Blesses Little Children

13 *“Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.”*

14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for ‘of such is the kingdom of God.’”*

15 *“Assuredly, I say to you, ‘whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will ^bby no means enter it.’”*

16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

17 *“Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, ‘Good Teacher, what shall I ^bdo that I may inherit eternal life?’”*

18 So Jesus said to him, *“Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, ‘God.’”*

19 *“You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not*

murder; 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'

20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "**One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.**"

22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

With God All Things Are Possible

23 "Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "**How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!**"

24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "**Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!**"

25 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?"

27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "**With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.**"

28 "Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."

29 So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's,

30 "who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.

31 "**But many who are first will be last, and the last first.**"

Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection

32 "Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

33 "**Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn**

20 ^aPhil. 3:6

21 ^a[Luke 12:33; 16:9] ^bMatt. 6:19, 20; 19:21 ^c[Mark 8:34]

23 ^aMatt. 19:23

24 ^a[1 Tim. 6:17] ¹NU omits *for those who trust in riches*

25 ^a[Matt. 13:22; 19:24]

27 ^aJer. 32:17

28 ^aLuke 18:28

29 ¹NU omits *or wife* ²Lit. *fields*

30 ^aLuke 18:29, 30 ^b[1 Pet. 4:12, 13]

31 ^aLuke 13:30

32 ^aMatt. 20:17–19 ^bMark 8:31; 9:31

34 ¹flog Him with a Roman scourge

35 ^a[James 4:3]

38 ^aJohn 18:11 ^bLuke 12:50

39 ^aActs 12:2

40 ^a[Heb. 11:16]

41 ^aMatt. 20:24

42 ^aLuke 22:25

43 ^aMark 9:35

45 ^aLuke 22:27; John 13:14; [Phil. 2:7, 8] ^b[2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Titus 2:14]

46 ^aLuke 18:35–43

47 ^aRev. 22:16 ^bMatt. 15:22

Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;

34 "and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

Greatness Is Serving

35 "Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

36 And He said to them, "**What do you want Me to do for you?**"

37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

38 But Jesus said to them, "**You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?**"

39 They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "**You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;**

40 "but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."

41 "And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "**You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.**

43 "**Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.**

44 "And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

46 "Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

51 So Jesus answered and said to him, **"What do you want Me to do for you?"** The blind man said to Him, **"Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."**
 52 Then Jesus said to him, **"Go your way; your faith has made you well."** And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

The Triumphal Entry

11 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples;
 2 and He said to them, **"Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it."**
 3 **"And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here."**
 4 So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it.
 5 But some of those who stood there said to them, **"What are you doing, loosing the colt?"**
 6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go.
 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.
 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
 9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna!

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David
 That comes in the name of the Lord!
"Hosanna in the highest!"

11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Fig Tree Withered

12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry.
 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.
 14 In response Jesus said to it, **"Let**

51 ¹Lit. My Great One

52 ^aMatt. 9:22; Mark 5:34
¹Lit. saved you

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1 ^aMatt. 21:1-9; Luke 19:29; John 2:13 ¹M Bethphage

4 ¹NU, M a

8 ^aMatt. 21:8

9 ^aPs. 118:25, 26; Matt. 21:9

10 ^aPs. 148:1
¹NU omits in the name of the Lord

11 ^aMatt. 21:12

12 ^aMatt. 21:18-22

13 ^aMatt. 21:19

15 ^aMal. 3:1; Matt. 21:12-16; Luke 19:45-47; John 2:13-16
^bLev. 14:22

17 ^aIs. 56:7
^bJer. 7:11

18 ^aPs. 2:2; Matt. 21:45, 46; Luke 19:47 ^bMatt. 7:28; Mark 1:22; 6:2; Luke 4:32

20 ^aMatt. 21:19-22

23 ^aMatt. 17:20; 21:21; Luke 17:6

24 ^aMatt. 7:7; Luke 11:9; John 14:13; 15:7; 16:24; James 1:5, 6]

25 ^aMatt. 6:14; 18:23-35; Eph. 4:32; [Col. 3:13]

26 ^aMatt. 6:15; 18:35 ¹NU omits v. 26.

27 ^aMatt. 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8

28 ^aJohn 5:27

no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

15 And so they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.
 16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple.
 17 Then He taught, saying to them, **"Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a den of thieves."**
 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.
 19 When evening had come, He went out of the city.

The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree

20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.
 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, **"Rabbi, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered away."**
 22 So Jesus answered and said to them, **"Have faith in God."**
 23 **"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."**
 24 **"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."**

Forgiveness and Prayer

25 **"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."**
 26 **"But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."**

Jesus' Authority Questioned

27 Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him.
 28 And they said to Him, **"By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?"**
 29 But Jesus answered and said to them, **"I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell**

you by what authority I do these things:

30 "The ^abaptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me."

31 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?'"

32 "But if we say, 'From men'—" they feared the people, for ^aall counted John to have been a prophet indeed.

33 So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

12 Then ^aHe began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to ^avinedressers and went into a far country.

2 "Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers.

3 "And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

4 "Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated.

5 "And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, ^abeating some and killing some.

6 "Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

7 "But those ^avinedressers said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

8 "So they took him and ^akilled him and cast him out of the vineyard.

9 "Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others.

10 "Have you not even read this Scripture:

*^a"The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief
cornerstone.*

11 *This was the LORD's doing,
And it is marvelous in our
eyes?"*

12 ^aAnd they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

30 ^aLuke 7:29, 30

32 ^aMatt. 3:5; 14:5

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1 ^aLuke 20:9-19
¹tenant farmers

4 ¹NU omits and at him they threw stones

5 ^a2 Chr. 36:16

7 ¹tenant farmers

8 ^a[Acts 2:23]

10 ^aPs. 118:22, 23; Is. 28:16; Acts 4:11; [Rom. 9:33]; Eph. 2:20; [1 Pet. 2:6, 7]

12 ^aJohn 7:25, 30, 44

13 ^aLuke 20:20-26

14 ^aActs 18:26
¹Court no man's favor
²Lit. look at the face of men

15 ^aLuke 12:1

17 ^a[Eccl. 5:4, 5] ¹Pay

18 ^aLuke 20:27-38
^bActs 23:8

19 ^aDeut. 25:5

24 ¹Or de-ceived

25 ^a[1 Cor. 15:42, 49, 52]

26 ^a[Rev. 20:12, 13]
^bEx. 3:6, 15

27 ¹Or de-ceived

28 ^aMatt. 22:34-40

The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar?

13 ^aThen they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words.

14 When they had come, they said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and ¹care about no one; for You do not ²regard the person of men, but teach the ^away of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?

15 "Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their ^ahypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it."

16 So they brought it. And He said to them, "^aWhose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's."

17 And Jesus answered and said to them, "¹Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to ^aGod the things that are God's." And they marveled at Him.

The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection?

18 ^aThen some Sadducees, ^bwho say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying:

19 "Teacher, ^aMoses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

20 "Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring.

21 "And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise.

22 "So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also.

23 "Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife."

24 Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore ¹mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?

25 "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but ^aare like angels in heaven.

26 "But concerning the dead, that they ^arise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, ^b'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?"

27 "He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly ¹mistaken."

The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?

28 ^aThen one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning to-

gether, ¹perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the ²first commandment of all?"

29 Jesus answered him, "**The ¹first of all the commandments is: ^a'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.**

30 **'And you shall ^alove the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'** ¹This is the first commandment.

31 "And the second, like it, is this: **'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'** There is no other commandment greater than ^bthese."

32 So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, ^aand there is no other but He.

33 "And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, ¹with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, ^ais more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, **"You are not far from the kingdom of God."** But after that no one dared question Him.

Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?

35 ^aThen Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, **"How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David?"**

36 "For David himself said ^aby the Holy Spirit:

*^b'The LORD said to my Lord,
'Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool.'"*

37 "Therefore David himself calls Him ^aLord'; how is He then his ^aSon?" And the common people heard Him gladly.

Beware of the Scribes

38 Then ^aHe said to them in His teaching, ^b"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, ^clove greetings in the market-places,

39 "the ^abest seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,

40 ^a"who devour widows' houses, and ¹for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

The Widow's Two Mites

41 ^aNow Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money ^binto the treasury. And many who were rich put in much.

42 Then one poor widow came and

28 ¹NU seeing
²foremost

29 ^aDeut. 6:4,
5 ¹foremost

30 ^a[Deut.
10:12; 30:6]
¹NU omits the
rest of v. 30.

31 ^aLev. 19:18
^b[Rom. 13:9]

32 ^aDeut. 4:39

33 ^a[Hos. 6:6]
¹NU omits
with all the
soul

34 ^aMatt. 22:46

35 ^aLuke
20:41-44

36 ^a2 Sam.
23:2 ^bPs.
110:1; Eph.
1:19-23; Col.
3:1; Heb. 1:13

37 ^a[Acts
2:29-31]

38 ^aMark 4:2
^bMatt. 23:1-7
^cMatt. 23:7

39 ^aLuke 14:7

40 ^aMatt. 23:14
¹for appear-
ance' sake

41 ^aLuke
21:1-4 ^b2 Kin.
12:9

42 ¹Gr. *lepta*,
very small
copper coins
²A Roman
coin

43 ^a[2 Cor.
8:12]

44 ^aDeut. 24:6

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1 ^aLuke
21:5-36

2 ^aLuke 19:44

3 ^aMatt. 16:18
^bMark 1:19

^cMark 1:19

^dJohn 1:40

4 ^aMatt. 24:3

5 ^aEph. 5:6

8 ^aHag. 2:22
^bMatt. 24:8

¹NU omits
and troubles
²Lit. *birth*
pangs

9 ^aMatt. 10:17,
18; 24:9 ¹NU,
M stand

10 ^aMatt. 24:14

11 ^aLuke
12:11;

21:12-17
^bActs 2:4; 4:8,
31 ¹NU omits
or premedi-
tate

12 ^aMic. 7:6

13 ^aLuke 21:17
^bMatt. 10:22;
24:13 ¹bears
patiently

threw in two ¹mites, which make a ²quadran.

43 So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, **"Assuredly, I say to you that ^athis poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury;**

44 **"for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, ^aher whole livelihood."**

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

13 Then ^aas He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what build-
ings are here!"

2 And Jesus answered and said to him, **"Do you see these great build-
ings? ^aNot one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."**

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, ^aPeter, ^bJames, ^cJohn, and ^dAndrew asked Him privately,

4 ^a"Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: **"Take heed that no one deceives you.**

6 **"For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many.**

7 **"But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end is not yet.**

8 **"For nation will rise against nation, and ^akingdom against king-
dom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines ¹and troubles. ^bThese are the beginnings of ²sorrows.**

9 **"But ^awatch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to coun-
cils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will ¹be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.**

10 **"And ^athe gospel must first be preached to all the nations.**

11 **"But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry before-
hand, ¹or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, ^bbut the Holy Spirit.**

12 **"Now ^abrother will betray brother to death, and a father ^bhis child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.**

13 **"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But ^ahe who ^bendures to the end shall be saved.**

The Great Tribulation

14 ^a“So when you see the ^b*‘abomination of desolation,’*¹ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), ^c“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
15 “Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.
16 “And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.
17 ^a“But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
18 “And pray that your flight may not be in winter.
19 ^a“For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.
20 “And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.
21 ^a“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, He is there!’ do not believe it.
22 “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and ^dwonders to deceive, if possible, even the ^eelect.
23 “But ^atake heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

The Coming of the Son of Man

24 ^a“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;
25 “the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be ^eshaken.
26 ^a“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
27 “And then He will send His angels, and gather together His ¹elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

28 ^a“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.
29 “So you also, when you see these things happening, know that ¹it is near—at the doors!
30 “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.
31 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but ^aMy words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

32 ^a“But of that day and hour ^cno one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the ^bFather.

14 ^aMatt. 24:15
^bDan. 9:27;
11:31; 12:11
^cLuke 21:21
¹NU omits
spoken of by
Daniel the
prophet

17 ^aLuke 21:23

19 ^aDan. 9:26;
12:1

21 ^aLuke
17:23; 21:8

22 ^aRev. 13:13,
14 ¹chosen
ones

23 ^a[2 Pet.
3:17]

24 ^aZeph. 1:15

25 ^aIs. 13:10;
34:4

26 ^a[Dan. 7:13,
14]

27 ¹chosen
ones

28 ^aLuke 21:29

29 ¹Or He

31 ^aIs. 40:8

32 ^aMatt. 25:13
^bActs 1:7

33 ^a1 Thess.
5:6

34 ^aMatt.
24:45; 25:14
^b[Matt. 16:19]

35 ^aMatt.
24:42, 44

CHAPTER 14

1 ^aLuke 22:1,
2 ^bEx. 12:1–27
¹deception

3 ^aLuke 7:37
¹Perfume of
pure nard

5 ^aMatt. 18:28
^bJohn 6:61
¹scolded

7 ^aDeut. 15:11
^bJohn 7:33;
8:21; 14:2, 12;
16:10, 17, 28]

9 ^aLuke 24:47

10 ^aMatt.
10:2–4

12 ^aMatt.
26:17–19
¹sacrificed

33 ^a“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

34 ^a“It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave ^bauthority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

35 ^a“Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—

36 “lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

37 “And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

14 After ^ctwo days it was the Passover and ^bthe Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by ¹trickery and put Him to death.

2 But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people.”

The Anointing at Bethany

3 ^aAnd being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly ¹oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted?”

5 “For it might have been sold for more than three hundred ^adenarii and given to the poor.” And they ^bcriticized¹ her sharply.

6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me.

7 ^a“For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; ^bbut Me you do not have always.

8 “She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

9 “Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is ^apreached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

10 ^aThen Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them.

11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

Jesus Celebrates the Passover with His Disciples

12 ^aNow on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they ¹killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to

Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?"

13 And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him.

14 "Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

15 "Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us."

16 So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

17 "In the evening He came with the twelve.

18 Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me."

19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another said, "Is it I?"

20 He answered and said to them, "It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish.

21 "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born."

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

22 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.

25 "Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

26 "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

27 "Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

*"I will strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep will be scattered."*

28 "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

29 "Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."

30 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I

17 ^aMatt. 26:20-24; Luke 22:14, 21-23

18 ^aPs. 41:9; Matt. 26:46; Mark 14:42; John 6:70, 71; 13:18

19 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 19.

21 ^aMatt. 26:24; Luke 22:22; Acts 1:16-20

22 ^aMatt. 26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor.

11:23-25

^b[1 Pet. 2:24]

¹NU omits eat

24 ¹NU omits new

26 ^aMatt. 26:30

¹Or hymns

27 ^aMatt. 26:31-35; Mark 14:50; John 16:32

^b[Is. 53:5, 10];

^cZech. 13:7

¹NU omits because of Me this night

28 ^aMatt. 28:16; Mark 16:7; John 21:1

29 ^aMatt. 26:33, 34; Luke 22:33, 34; John 13:37, 38 ¹fall away

32 ^aMatt. 26:36-46; Luke

22:40-46; John 18:1

33 ^aMark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3

34 ^aIs. 53:3, 4; Matt. 26:38; John 12:27

36 ^aRom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6

^b[Heb. 5:7] ^cIs. 50:5; John 5:30; 6:38

38 ^aLuke 21:36

^b[Rom. 7:18, 21-24; Gal. 5:17]

41 ^aJohn 13:1; 17:1

42 ^aMatt. 26:46; Mark 14:18; Luke 9:44; John 13:21; 18:1, 2

43 ^aPs. 3:1; Matt.

26:47-56; Luke

22:47-53; John 18:3-11

44 ^a[Prov. 27:6]

48 ^aMatt. 26:55; Luke

22:52

say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

31 But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.

The Prayer in the Garden

32 "Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.

34 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch."

35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

37 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?"

38 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

39 Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. 40 And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

41 Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 "Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

43 "And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely."

45 As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

46 Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.

47 And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as

against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me?

49 "I was daily with you in the temple ^ateaching, and you did not seize Me. But ^bthe Scriptures must be fulfilled."

50 "Then they all forsook Him and fled.

A Young Man Flees Naked

51 Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around *his* naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, 52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

53 "And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were ^bassembled all the ^cchief priests, the elders, and the scribes.

54 But "Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire. 55 "Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.

56 For many bore ^afalse witness against Him, but their testimonies ¹did not agree.

57 "Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying,

58 "We heard Him say, '^aI will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'"

59 But not even then did their testimony agree.

60 "And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

61 But "He kept silent and answered nothing. ^bAgain the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

62 Jesus said, "I am. ^aAnd you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?

64 "You have heard the ^ablasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of ^bdeath.

65 Then some began to ^aspit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers ¹struck Him with the palms of their hands.

Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps

66 "Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came.

67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and

49 ^aMatt. 21:23
^bIs. 53:7

50 ^aPs. 88:8

53 ^aMatt. 26:57-68

^bMark 15:1
^cJohn 7:32;
18:3; 19:6

54 ^aJohn 18:15

55 ^aMatt. 26:59

56 ^aEx. 20:16
¹were not
consistent

57 ^aPs. 35:11

58 ^aJohn 2:19

60 ^aMatt. 26:62

61 ^aIs. 53:7
^bLuke
22:67-71

62 ^aLuke 22:69

64 ^aJohn
10:33, 36
^bJohn 19:7

65 ^aIs. 50:6;
52:14; Lam.
3:30 ¹NU re-
ceived Him
with slaps

66 ^aJohn
18:16-18,
25-27

67 ^aJohn 1:45

69 ^aMatt. 26:71

70 ^aLuke 22:59
^bActs 2:7 ¹NU
omits the rest
of v. 70.
²accent

72 ^aMatt. 26:75

CHAPTER 15

1 ^aPs. 2:2
^bActs 3:13

2 ^aMatt.
27:11-14

3 ^aIs. 53:17;
John 19:9

4 ^aMatt. 27:13
¹NU of which
they accuse
You

5 ^aIs. 53:7

6 ^aMatt.
27:15-26

8 ¹NU going
up

11 ^aActs 3:14

12 ^aMic. 5:2

said, "You also were with ^aJesus of Nazareth."

68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

69 "And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them." 70 But he denied it again. "And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are *one* of them; ^bfor you are a Galilean, ¹and your ²speech shows it."

71 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

72 "A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it, he wept.

Jesus Faces Pilate

15 Immediately, ^ain the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and ^bdelivered Him to Pilate.

2 "Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered and said to him, "*It is as you say.*"

3 And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He ^aanswered nothing.

4 "Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things ¹they testify against You!"

5 "But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

Taking the Place of Barabbas

6 Now ^aat the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested.

7 And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.

8 Then the multitude, ¹crying aloud, began to ask him *to do* just as he had always done for them.

9 But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

10 For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

11 But ^athe chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.

12 Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the ^aKing of the Jews?"

13 So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"

14 Then Pilate said to them, "Why,

“what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!”

15 “So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be ^bcrucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

16 “Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called ¹Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison.

17 And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His *head*,

18 and began to salute Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

19 Then they “struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him.

20 And when they had “mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

The King on a Cross

21 “Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.

22 “And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.

23 “Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it.

24 And when they crucified Him, “they divided His garments, casting lots for them to *determine* what every man should take.

25 Now “it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

26 And “the inscription of His ¹accusation was written above:

THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 “With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left.

28 “So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “*“And He was numbered with the transgressors.”*

29 And “those who passed by blasphemed Him, ^bwagging their heads and saying, “Aha! “You who destroy the temple and build it in three days,

30 “save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”

31 Likewise the chief priests also, “mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, “He saved ^bothers; Himself He cannot save.

32 “Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and ¹believe.” Even “those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

14 ^a1 Pet. 2:21-23

15 ^aMatt. 27:26 ^b[Is. 53:8]

16 ^aMatt. 27:27-31 ¹The governor's headquarters

19 ^a[Is. 50:6; 52:14; 53:5]; Mic. 5:1

20 ^aLuke 22:63; 23:11

21 ^aMatt. 27:32

22 ^aJohn 19:17-24

23 ^aMatt. 27:34

24 ^aPs. 22:18

25 ^aJohn 19:14

26 ^aMatt. 27:37 ¹crime

27 ^aIs. 53:9, 12; Luke 22:37

28 ^aIs. 53:12 ¹NU omits v. 28.

29 ^aPs. 22:6, 7; 69:7 ^bPs. 109:25 ^cJohn 2:19-21

31 ^aPs. 22:8; Luke 18:32 ^bJohn 11:43, 44

32 ^aMatt. 27:44 ¹M believe Him

33 ^aLuke 23:44-49

34 ^aPs. 22:1

36 ^aJohn 19:29 ^bPs. 69:21

37 ^aMatt. 27:50

38 ^aEx. 26:31-33

39 ^aLuke 23:47 ¹NU He thus breathed His last

40 ^aMatt. 27:55 ^bPs. 38:11

41 ^aLuke 8:2, 3

42 ^aJohn 19:38-42

43 ^aLuke 2:25, 38; 23:51

45 ^aIs. 53:9, 12

46 ^aIs. 53:9, 12; Matt. 27:59, 60

CHAPTER 16

1 ^aJohn 20:1-8 ^bLuke 23:56

2 ^aLuke 24:1

Jesus Dies on the Cross

33 Now “when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which is translated, “*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*”

35 Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that*, said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!”

36 Then “someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and “offered it to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.”

37 “And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

38 Then “the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

39 So “when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that ¹He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

40 “There were also women looking on ^bfrom afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome,

41 who also “followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb

42 “Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who “was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.

45 So when he found out from the centurion, “he granted the body to Joseph.

46 “Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother of Joses* observed where He was laid.

He Is Risen

16 Now “when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother of James*, and Salome ^bbought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

2 “Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large.

5 "And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

6 "But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

7 "But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going ¹before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

8 So they went out ¹quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. "And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord

9 ¹Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom He had cast seven demons.

10 "She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.

11 "And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

Jesus Appears to Two Disciples

12 After that, He appeared in another form "to two of them as they walked and went into the country.

5 ^aJohn 20:11, 12

6 ^aMatt. 28:6

7 ^aMatt. 26:32; 28:16, 17
¹ahead of

8 ^aMatt. 28:8
¹NU, M omit quickly

9 ^aLuke 8:2
¹Vv. 9–20 are bracketed in NU as not in the original text. They are lacking in Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, although nearly all other mss. of Mark contain them.

10 ^aLuke 24:10

11 ^aLuke 24:11, 41

12 ^aLuke 24:13–35

14 ^a1 Cor. 15:5

15 ^aMatt. 28:19
^b[Col. 1:23]

16 ^a[John 3:18, 36] ^b[John 12:48]

17 ^aActs 5:12
^bLuke 10:17
^c[Acts 2:4]
¹have believed

18 ^aActs 28:3–6
^bJames 5:14 ¹NU and in their hands they will

13 And they went and told *it* to the rest, *but* they did not believe them either.

The Great Commission

14 "Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

15 "And He said to them, "Go into all the world ^band preach the gospel to every creature.

16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; ^bbut he who does not believe will be condemned.

17 "And these "signs will follow those who ¹believe: ^bIn My name they will cast out demons; ^cthey will speak with new tongues;

18 "they¹ will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; ^bthey will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Christ Ascends to God's Right Hand

19 So then, "after the Lord had spoken to them, He was ^breceived up into heaven, and "sat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* "and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

19 ^aActs 1:2, 3 ^bLuke 9:51; 24:51 ^c[Ps. 110:1]

20 ^a[Heb. 2:4]

The Gospel According to

LUKE

LUKE, a physician, writes with the compassion and warmth of a family doctor as he carefully documents the perfect humanity of the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. Luke emphasizes Jesus' ancestry, birth, and early life before moving carefully and chronologically through His earthly ministry. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe are challenged to count the cost of discipleship. Those who oppose will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the Resurrection insures that His purpose will be fulfilled: "to seek and to save that which was lost" (19:10).

Kata Loukan, "According to Luke," is the ancient title that was added to this gospel at a very early date. The Greek name *Luke* appears only three times in the New Testament (Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:11; Philem. 24).

Dedication to Theophilus

INASMUCH as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us,

2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us,

3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus,

4 that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

John's Birth Announced to Zacharias

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

8 So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division,

9 according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

10 And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John."

14 "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth."

15 "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb."

16 "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

17 "He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

18 And Zacharias said to the angel,

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aJohn 20:31
¹Or are most surely believed

2 ^aActs 1:21,
22 ^bActs 1:2
^cHeb. 2:3

3 ^aActs 1:1
¹Lit. accurately followed

4 ^a[John 20:31]

5 ^aMatt. 2:1
^{b1} Chr. 24:1,
10 ^cNeh. 12:4
^dLev. 21:13, 14

9 ^aEx. 30:7, 8
¹he was chosen by lot

10 ^aLev. 16:17

11 ^aEx. 30:1

12 ^aLuke 2:9

13 ^aLuke 1:57,
60, 63

14 ^aLuke 1:58

15 ^a[Luke 7:24-28]
^bNum. 6:3
^cJer. 1:5

17 ^aMal. 4:5, 6;
Matt. 3:1-3;
11:14

18 ^aGen. 17:17

19 ^aDan. 8:16
^bLuke 2:10
¹this good news

20 ^aEzek. 3:26;
24:27

23 ^{a2} Kin. 11:5

25 ^aGen. 30:23

27 ^aIs. 7:14;
Matt. 1:18

28 ^aDan. 9:23
^bJudg. 6:12
¹NU omits
blessed are you among women

29 ^aLuke 1:12
¹NU omits
when she saw him

30 ^aLuke 2:52

31 ^aIs. 7:14;
Matt. 1:21, 25
^bLuke 2:21

32 ^aMark 5:7
^{b2} Sam. 7:12,
13, 16 ^{c2} Sam.
7:14-17 ^dMatt. 1:1

33 ^a[Dan. 2:44]

34 ¹Am a virgin

35 ^aMatt. 1:20
^b[Heb. 1:2, 8]

"How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings."

20 "But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.

22 But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

23 So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.

24 Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying,

25 "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

Christ's Birth Announced to Mary

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS."

32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David."

33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

36 "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her

old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

37 "For ^awith God nothing will be impossible."

38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, ^ato a city of Judah,

40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was ^afilled with the Holy Spirit.

42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "^aBlessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

43 "But why is this ^agranted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 "^aBlessed is she who ^bbelieved, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

The Song of Mary

46 And Mary said:

^a"My soul ^bmagnifies the Lord,

47 And my spirit has ^arejoiced in ^bGod my Savior.

48 For ^aHe has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth ^aall generations will call me blessed.

49 For He who is mighty ^ahas done great things for me, And ^bholy is His name.

50 And ^aHis mercy is on those who fear Him

From generation to generation.
51 ^aHe has shown strength with His arm;

^bHe has scattered ^athe proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 ^aHe has put down the mighty from ^atheir thrones, And exalted ^athe lowly.

53 He has ^afilled ^athe hungry with good things, And ^athe rich He has sent away empty.

54 He has helped His ^aservant Israel,

^bIn remembrance of ^aHis mercy,

55 ^aAs He spoke to our ^bfathers, To Abraham and to his ^aseed forever."

37 ^aGen. 18:14; Jer. 32:17; Matt. 19:26; Mark 10:27; Rom. 4:21

39 ^aJosh. 21:9

41 ^aActs 6:3

42 ^aJudg. 5:24

45 ^aJohn 20:29
^bOr *believed that there*

46 ^a1 Sam.

2:1-10; Ps.

34:2, 3; Hab.

3:18

^bDeclares the greatness of

47 ^aPs. 35:9;

Hab. 3:18

^b1 Tim. 1:1;

2:3; Titus 1:3;

2:10; 3:4; Jude

25

48 ^a1 Sam.

1:11; Ps. 138:6

^bLuke 11:27

49 ^aPs. 71:19;

126:2, 3 ^bPs.

111:9; Rev. 4:8

50 ^aGen. 17:7;

Ex. 20:6; 34:6;

7; Ps. 103:17

51 ^aPs. 98:1;

118:15; Is.

40:10 ^bPs.

33:10; [1 Pet.

5:5]

52 ^a1 Sam.

2:7, 8

53 ^a[Matt. 5:6]

54 ^aIs. 41:8

^bPs. 98:3; [Jer.

31:3]

55 ^aGen. 17:19;

Ps. 132:11;

[Gal. 3:16]

^b[Rom. 11:28]

^cGen. 17:7

58 ^a[Rom.

12:15]

59 ^aGen. 17:12;

Lev. 12:3;

Luke 2:21;

Phil. 3:5

60 ^aLuke 1:13,

63

66 ^aLuke 2:19

^bGen. 39:2;

Acts 11:21

67 ^aJoel 2:28

68 ^a1 Kin. 1:48;

Ps. 106:48

^bEx. 3:16

69 ^a2 Sam.

22:3; Ps.

132:17; Ezek.

29:21

70 ^aJer. 23:5;

Rom. 1:2

^bActs 3:21

72 ^aLev. 26:42

73 ^aGen. 12:3;

22:16-18;

[Heb. 6:13]

74 ^a[Rom. 6:18;

Heb. 9:14]

56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

Birth of John the Baptist

57 Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.

58 When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they ^arejoiced with her.

Circumcision of John the Baptist

59 So it was, ^aon the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias.

60 His mother answered and said, "^aNo; he shall be called John."

61 But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name."

62 So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.

63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled.

64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue ^aloosed, and he spoke, praising God.

65 Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea.

66 And all those who heard ^athem ^akept ^athem in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And ^bthe hand of the Lord was with him.

Zacharias' Prophecy

67 Now his father Zacharias ^awas filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

68 "Blessed ^ais the Lord God of Israel,

For ^bHe has visited and

redeemed His people,

69 ^aAnd has raised up a horn of salvation for us

In the house of His servant

David,

70 ^aAs He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,

Who ^ahave ^abeen ^bsince the

world began,

71 That we should be saved from our enemies

And from the hand of all who

hate us,

72 ^aTo perform the mercy ^apromised to our fathers

And to remember His holy

covenant,

73 ^aThe oath which He swore to our father Abraham:

74 To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

Might ^aserve Him without fear,

75 ^aIn holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

76 ^aAnd you, child, will be called ^a“prophet of the Highest; For ^byou will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.

77 To give ^aknowledge of salvation to His people

By the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God,

With which the ¹Dayspring from on high ²has visited us;

79 ^aTo give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,

To ^bguide our feet into the way of peace.”

80 So ^athe child grew and became strong in spirit, and ^bwas in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Christ Born of Mary

2 And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

2 ^aThis census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to ^athe city of David, which is called Bethlehem, ^bbecause he was of the house and lineage of David,

5 to be registered with Mary, ^ahis betrothed ¹wife, who was with child.

6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

7 And ^ashe brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a ¹manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Glory in the Highest

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And ¹behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, ^aand they were greatly afraid.

10 Then the angel said to them, ^a“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy ^bwhich will be to all people.

11 ^a“For there is born to you this day in the city of David ^ba Savior, ^cwho is Christ the Lord.

12 ^a“And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a ¹manger.”

75 ^a[Eph. 4:24]

76 ^aMatt. 3:3; 11:9 ^bIs. 40:3

77 ^a[Mark 1:4]

78 ¹Lit. Dawn; the Messiah ²NU shall visit

79 ^aIs. 9:2 ^b[John 10:4; 14:27; 16:33]

80 ^aLuke 2:40 ^bMatt. 3:1

CHAPTER 2

2 ^aActs 5:37

4 ^a1 Sam. 16:1; Mic. 5:2 ^bMatt. 1:16

5 ^a[Matt. 1:18] ¹NU omits wife

7 ^aMatt. 1:25 ¹feed trough

9 ^aLuke 1:12 ¹NU omits behold

10 ^aLuke 1:13, 30 ^bGen. 12:3

11 ^aIs. 9:6 ^bMatt. 1:21 ^cActs 2:36

12 ¹feed trough

13 ^aDan. 7:10

14 ^aLuke 19:38 ^bIs. 57:19 ^c[Eph. 2:4, 7] ¹NU toward men of goodwill

17 ¹NU omits widely

19 ^aGen. 37:11

20 ^aLuke 19:37

21 ^aLev. 12:3 ^b[Matt. 1:21] ^cLuke 1:31 ¹NU for His circumcision

22 ^aLev. 12:2-8

23 ^aDeut. 18:4 ^bEx. 13:2, 12, 15

24 ^aLev. 12:2, 8

25 ^aMark 15:43

26 ^a[Heb. 11:5]

27 ^aMatt. 4:1

13 ^aAnd suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

14 ^a“Glory” to God in the highest, And on earth ^bpeace, ^cgoodwill! toward men!”

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

17 Now when they had seen *Him*, they made ¹widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

18 And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 ^aBut Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart.

20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and ^apraising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Circumcision of Jesus

21 ^aAnd when eight days were completed ¹for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called ^bJESUS, the name given by the angel ^cbefore He was conceived in the womb.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

22 Now when ^athe days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord

23 ^a(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ^b“Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD”),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, ^a“A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Simeon Sees God's Salvation

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, ^awaiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not ^asee death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 So he came ^aby the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,

28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

29 "Lord, ^anow You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;
 30 For my eyes ^ahave seen Your salvation
 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,
 32 ^aA light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

33 ¹And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the ^afall and rising of many in Israel, and for ^{ba}sign which will be spoken against
 35 "yes, ^aa sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Anna Bears Witness to the Redeemer

36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of ^aAsher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;
 37 and this woman was a widow ¹of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers ^anight and day.
 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to ¹the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who ^alooked for redemption in Jerusalem.

The Family Returns to Nazareth

39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.
 40 ^aAnd the Child grew and became strong ¹in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

The Boy Jesus Amazes the Scholars

41 His parents went to ^aJerusalem ^bevery year at the Feast of the Passover.
 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the ^acustom of the feast.
 43 When they had finished the ^adays, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And ¹Joseph and His mother did not know it;

44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.
 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple,

29 ^aGen. 46:30

30 ^a[Is. 52:10]

32 ^aIs. 42:6; Acts 10:45; 13:47; 28:28

33 ¹NU And His father and mother

34 ^a[1 Pet. 2:7; 8] ^bActs 4:1-3; 17:32; 28:22

35 ^aPs. 42:10

36 ^aJosh. 19:24

37 ^a1 Tim. 5:5 ¹NU until she was eighty-four

38 ^aMark 15:43 ¹NU God

40 ^aLuke 1:80; 2:52 ¹NU omits in spirit

41 ^aJohn 4:20 ^bDeut. 16:1, 16

42 ^aEx. 23:14, 15

43 ^aEx. 12:15 ¹NU His parents

47 ^aMatt. 7:28; 13:54; 22:33

49 ^aJohn 9:4 ^b[Luke 4:22, 32]

50 ^aJohn 7:15, 46

51 ^aDan. 7:28 ¹obedient

52 ^a[Col. 2:2, 3] ^b1 Sam. 2:26

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aMatt. 27:2

2 ^aActs 4:6 ^bLuke 1:13 ¹NU, M in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas

3 ^aMark 1:4 ^bLuke 1:77

4 ^aIs. 40:3-5

6 ^aIs. 52:10

7 ^aMatt. 3:7; 12:34; 23:33 ¹Offspring

8 ^a[2 Cor. 7:9-11]

sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

47 And ^aall who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

49 And He said to them, "**Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be ^aabout ^bMy Father's business?**"

50 But ^athey did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Jesus Advances in Wisdom and Favor

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was ¹subject to them, but His mother ^akept all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus ^aincreased in wisdom and stature, ^aand in favor with God and men.

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, ^aPontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,
 2 ¹while ^aAnnas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to ^bJohn the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

3 ^aAnd he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance ^bfor the remission of sins,

4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying:

^a"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

^a'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight

6 And the rough ways smooth; And ^a'all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

John Preaches to the People

7 Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, ^a"Brood¹ of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

8 "Therefore bear fruits ^aworthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

9 "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore

“every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 So the people asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?”

11 He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, ^blet him do likewise.”

12 Then “tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”

13 And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.”

14 Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not ¹intimidate anyone ^aor accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.”

15 Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not,

16 John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will ^bbaptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 “His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and ^agather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 And with many other exhortations he preached to the people.

19 ^aBut Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his ¹brother Philip’s wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,

20 also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

John Baptizes Jesus

21 When all the people were baptized, ^ait came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened.

22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am ^awell pleased.”

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at ^aabout thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) ^bthe son of Joseph, *the son of Heli,*

24 *the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph,*

25 *the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Eslai, the son of Naggai,*

26 *the son of Maath, the son of Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah,*

27 *the son of Joannas, the son of*

9 ^aMatt. 7:19

10 ^a[Acts 2:37, 38; 16:30, 31]

11 ^{a2} Cor. 8:14 ^bIs. 58:7

12 ^aLuke 7:29

13 ^aLuke 19:8

14 ^aEx. 20:16; 23:1 ¹Lit. shake down for money

16 ^aMatt. 3:11, 12 ^bJohn 7:39; 20:22

17 ^aMatt. 13:24-30

19 ^aMark 6:17 ¹NU brother’s wife

21 ^aMatt. 3:13-17

22 ^{a2} Pet. 1:17

23 ^a[Num. 4:3, 35, 39, 43, 47] ^bJohn 6:42

27 ^aEzra 2:2; 3:8

31 ^aZech. 12:12 ^{b2} Sam. 5:14; 7:12; Is. 9:7; Jer. 23:5

32 ^aRuth 4:18-22

34 ^aGen. 11:24, 26-30; 12:3

36 ^aGen. 11:12 ^bGen. 10:22, 24; 11:10-13 ^cGen. 5:6-32; 9:27; 11:10

38 ^aGen. 5:1, 2

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aMatt. 4:1-11 ^bLuke 2:27 ¹NU in

2 ^aEx. 34:28 ¹tested

3 ^aJohn 20:31

4 ^aDeut. 8:3 ¹NU omits but by every word of God

5 ¹NU And taking Him up, he showed Him

6 ^a[Rev. 13:2, 7]

8 ^aDeut. 6:13; 10:20 ¹NU omits Get behind Me. Satan ²NU, M omit For

9 ^aMatt. 4:5-7

Rhesa, *the son of* ^aZerubbabel, *the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,*

28 *the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er,*

29 *the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,*

30 *the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim,*

31 *the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan, ^bthe son of David,*

32 *the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,*

33 *the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,*

34 *the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, ^athe son of Terah, the son of Nahor,*

35 *the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,*

36 *the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, ^cthe son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,*

37 *the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan,*

38 *the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, ^athe son of God.*

Satan Tempts Jesus

4 Then ^aJesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and ^bwas led by the Spirit ¹into the wilderness,

2 being ¹tempted for forty days by the devil. And ^ain those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

3 And the devil said to Him, “If You are ^athe Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

4 But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ^a*Man shall not live by bread alone, ¹but by every word of God.*”

5 ¹Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for ^athis has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 “Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, ¹“Get behind Me, Satan! ²For it is written, ^a*You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.*”

9 ^aThen he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

10 "For it is written:

*"He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you,"*

11 "and,

*"In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, *"It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"*

13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry

14 "Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18 *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,*

Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor;

He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives

And recovery of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19 *To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."*

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, *"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

23 He said to them, *"You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'"*

24 Then He said, *"Assuredly, I say*

10 ^aPs. 91:11

11 ^aPs. 91:12

12 ^aDeut. 6:16
¹test

13 ^a[Heb. 4:15]
¹testing

14 ^aMatt. 4:12
^bJohn 4:43
^cActs 10:37
^dMatt. 4:24

15 ^aMatt. 4:23
^bIs. 52:13

16 ^aMark 6:1
^bActs 13:14-16; 17:2

18 ^aIs. 49:8, 9; 61:1, 2
^b[Dan. 9:24] ¹NU omits to heal the brokenhearted
²downtrodden

21 ^aActs 13:29

22 ^a[Ps. 45:2]
^bJohn 6:42

23 ^aMatt. 4:13; 11:23
^bMatt. 13:54
¹NU Capernaum, here and elsewhere

24 ^aJohn 4:44

25 ^a1 Kin. 17:9

26 ¹Gr. Sarepta

27 ^a2 Kin. 5:1-14

28 ^aLuke 6:11
¹rage

29 ^aJohn 8:37; 10:31

30 ^aJohn 8:59; 10:39

31 ^aMatt. 4:13

32 ^aMatt. 7:28, 29
^bJohn 6:63; 7:46; 8:26, 28, 38, 47; 12:49, 50]

33 ^aMark 1:23

34 ^aLuke 4:41
^bPs. 16:10

35 ¹Lit. Be muzzled

38 ^aMark 1:29-31
^bMark 5:23
¹afflicted with

39 ^aLuke 8:24

40 ^aMatt. 8:16, 17

to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 "But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;

26 "but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 "And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit

31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths.

32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

33 "Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,

34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, *"Be quiet, and come out of him!"*

And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

37 And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed

38 "Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.

39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

Many Healed After Sabbath Sunset

40 "When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on

every one of them and healed them.
41 ^aAnd demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, ^b"You are ¹the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, ^crebuking *them*, did not allow them to ²speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

42 ^aNow when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them;
43 but He said to them, **"I must ^apreach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."**
44 ^aAnd He was preaching in the synagogues of ¹Galilee.

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

5 So ^ait was, as the multitude pressed about Him to ^bhear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets.

³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He ^asat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, **"^aLaunch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."**

⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught ^anothing; nevertheless ^bat Your word I will let down the net."

⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

⁷ So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

⁹ For he and all who were with him were ^aastonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;

¹⁰ and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **"Do not be afraid. ^aFrom now on you will catch men."**

¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, ^athey ¹forsook all and followed Him.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

12 ^aAnd it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of ^bleprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on *his* face and ^cimplored

41 ^aMark 1:34; 3:11 ^bMark 8:29 ^cMark 1:25, 34; 3:11 ¹NU omits the Christ ²Or say that they knew

42 ^aMark 1:35-38

43 ^a[John 9:4]

44 ^aMatt. 4:23; 9:35 ¹NU Judea

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aMark 1:16-20 ^bActs 13:44

3 ^aJohn 8:2

4 ^aJohn 21:6

5 ^aJohn 21:3 ^bPs. 33:9

8 ^a1 Kin. 17:18

9 ^aMark 5:42; 10:24, 26

10 ^aMatt. 4:19

11 ^aMatt. 4:20; 19:27 ¹left behind

12 ^aMark 1:40-44 ^bLev. 13:14 ¹begged

13 ^aJohn 5:9

14 ^aMatt. 8:4 ^bLev. 13:1-3; 14:2-32

15 ^aMark 1:45 ^bJohn 6:2

16 ^aLuke 9:10 ^bMatt. 14:23

17 ¹NU with Him to heal

18 ^aMark 2:3-12

19 ^aMatt. 15:30

21 ^aMark 2:6; 7 ^bIs. 43:25

22 ^aJohn 2:25

24 ^aLuke 7:14

25 ^aActs 3:8

26 ^aLuke 1:65; 7:16

27 ^aMatt. 9:9-17 ^bJohn 12:26; 21:19, 22

Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

¹³ Then He put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, **"I am willing; ^abe cleansed."** ^aImmediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴ ^aAnd He charged him to tell no one, **"But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, ^ajust as Moses commanded."**

¹⁵ However, ^athe report went around concerning Him all the more; and ^bgreat multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

¹⁶ ^aSo He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and ^bprayed.

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was *present* ¹to heal them.

¹⁸ ^aThen behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

¹⁹ And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with *his* bed through the tiling into the midst ^abefore Jesus.

²⁰ When He saw their faith, He said to him, **"Man, your sins are forgiven you."**

²¹ ^aAnd the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? ^bWho can forgive sins but God alone?"

²² But when Jesus ^aperceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, **"Why are you reasoning in your hearts?"**

²³ **"Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?"**

²⁴ **"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"**—He said to the man who was paralyzed, **"I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."**

²⁵ Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, ^aglorifying God.

²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they ^aglorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

Matthew the Tax Collector

27 ^aAfter these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, **"Follow Me."**

28 So he left all, rose up, and ^afollowed Him.

29 ^aThen Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And ^bthere were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.

30 ¹And their scribes and the Pharisees ²complained against His disciples, saying, "^aWhy do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

31 Jesus answered and said to them, "**Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.**"

32 **"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."**

Jesus Is Questioned About Fasting

33 Then they said to Him, "^aWhy¹ do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"

34 And He said to them, "**Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the ^abridegroom is with them?**"

35 **"But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days."**

36 ^aThen He spoke a parable to them: **"No one ¹puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old.**"

37 **"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined.**"

38 **"But new wine must be put into new wineskins, ¹and both are preserved.**"

39 **"And no one, having drunk old wine, ¹immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is ²better.'"**

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

6 Now ^ait happened ¹on the second Sabbath after the first that He went through the grainfields. And His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate *them*, rubbing *them* in their hands.

2 And some of the Pharisees said to them, "Why are you doing ^awhat is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?"

3 But Jesus answering them said, **"Have you not even read this, ^awhat David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:**"

4 **"how he went into the house of God, took and ate the showbread, and also gave some to those with him, ^awhich is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?"**

5 And He said to them, **"The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."**

28 ^aMark 10:28

29 ^aMatt. 9:9, 10 ^bLuke 15:1

30 ^aLuke 15:2 ¹NU But the Pharisees and their scribes ²grumbled

32 ^a1 Tim. 1:15

33 ^aMatt. 9:14 ¹NU omits Why do, making the verse a statement

34 ^aJohn 3:29

36 ^aMark 2:21, 22 ¹NU tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old one

38 ¹NU omits and both are preserved

39 ¹NU omits immediately ²NU good

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aMatt. 12:1-8 ¹NU on a Sabbath that He went

2 ^aEx. 20:10

3 ^a1 Sam. 21:6

4 ^aLev. 24:9

6 ^aMark 3:1-6

7 ^aLuke 13:14; 14:1-6 ^bLuke 20:20

8 ^aMatt. 9:4

9 ^aJohn 7:23 ¹M to kill

10 ¹NU, M him ²NU omits as whole as the other

12 ^aMark 1:35

13 ^aJohn 6:70 ^bMatt. 10:1

14 ^aJohn 1:42

16 ^aJude 1 ^bLuke 22:3-6

17 ^aMark 3:7, 8

19 ^aMatt. 9:21; 14:36 ^bMark 5:27, 28 ^cLuke 8:46

20 ^aMatt. 5:3-12; [11:5]

Healing on the Sabbath

6 ^aNow it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered.

7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would ^aheal on the Sabbath, that they might find an ^baccusation against Him.

8 But He ^aknew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, **"Arise and stand here."** And he arose and stood.

9 Then Jesus said to them, **"I will ask you one thing: ^aIs it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or ^bto destroy?"**

10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to ¹the man, **"Stretch out your hand."** And he did so, and his hand was restored ²as whole as the other.

11 But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

The Twelve Apostles

12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in ^aprayer to God.

13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to *Himself*; ^aand from them He chose ^btwelve whom He also named apostles:

14 Simon, ^awhom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;

15 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot;

16 Judas ^athe son of James, and ^bJudas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

Jesus Heals a Great Multitude

17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples ^aand a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the sea-coast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

19 And the whole multitude ^asought to ^btouch Him, for ^cpower went out from Him and healed *them* all.

The Beatitudes

20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.

- 21 ^aBlessed are you who hunger now,
For you shall be ^bfilled.¹
^aBlessed are you who weep now,
For you shall ^alaugh.
- 22 ^aBlessed are you when men hate you,
And when they ^bexclude you,
And revile you, and cast out
your name as evil,
For the Son of Man's sake.
- 23 ^aRejoice in that day and leap for joy!
For indeed your reward is
great in heaven,
For ^bin like manner their
fathers did to the prophets.

Jesus Pronounces Woes

- 24 ^aBut^a woe to you ^bwho are rich,
For ^cyou have received your
consolation.
- 25 ^aWoe to you who are full,
For you shall hunger.
^bWoe to you who laugh now,
For you shall mourn and
^cweep.
- 26 ^aWoe ¹to you when ²all men
speak well of you,
For so did their fathers to the
false prophets.

Love Your Enemies

- 27 ^aBut I say to you who hear:
Love your enemies, do good to those
who hate you,
28 ^a"bless those who curse you,
and ^bpray for those who spitefully
use you.
- 29 ^a"To him who strikes you on the
one cheek, offer the other also. ^bAnd
from him who takes away your
cloak, do not withhold *your* tunic
either.
- 30 ^a"Give to everyone who asks of
you. And from him who takes away
your goods do not ask *them* back.
- 31 ^a"And just as you want men to
do to you, you also do to them like-
wise.
- 32 ^a"But if you love those who love
you, what credit is that to you? For
even sinners love those who love
them.
- 33 ^a"And if you do good to those
who do good to you, what credit is
that to you? For even sinners do the
same.
- 34 ^a"And if you lend to *those* from
whom you hope to receive back,
what credit is that to you? For even
sinners lend to sinners to receive as
much back.
- 35 ^a"But ^alove your enemies, ^bdo
good, and ^clend, ^dhoping for nothing
in return; and your reward will be
great, and ^eyou will be sons of the
Most High. For He is kind to the
unthankful and evil.
- 36 ^a"Therefore be merciful, just as
your Father also is merciful.

21 ^aIs. 55:1;
65:13 ^b[Rev.
7:16] ^c[Is.
61:3] ^dPs.
126:5
¹satisfied

22 ^a1 Pet. 2:19;
3:14; 4:14
^b[John 16:2]

23 ^aJames 1:2
^bActs 7:51

24 ^aJames
5:1-6 ^bLuke
12:21 ^cLuke
16:25

25 ^a[Is. 65:13]
^b[Prov. 14:13]
^cJames 4:9

26 ^a[John
15:19] ¹NU, M
omit to you
²M omits all

27 ^aRom. 12:20

28 ^aRom. 12:14
^bActs 7:60

29 ^aMatt.
5:39-42
^b[1 Cor. 6:7]

30 ^aDeut.
15:7, 8

31 ^aMatt. 7:12

32 ^aMatt. 5:46

34 ^aMatt. 5:42

35 ^a[Rom.
13:10] ^bHeb.
13:16 ^cPs.
37:26 ^dMatt.
5:46 ^eexpect-
ing

36 ^aMatt. 5:48

37 ^aMatt. 7:1-5
^bMatt.
18:21-35

38 ^a[Prov.
19:17; 28:27]
^bPs. 79:12
^cJames 2:13

39 ^aMatt.
15:14; 23:16

40 ^a[John
13:16; 15:20]

41 ^aMatt. 7:3

43 ^aMatt.
7:16-18, 20

44 ^aMatt. 12:33

45 ^aMatt. 12:35
^bMatt. 12:34
¹NU omits
treasure of
his heart

46 ^aMal. 1:6

47 ^aJames
1:22-25

48 ¹NU well
built

49 ¹NU col-
lapsed

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aMatt.
8:5-13

Do Not Judge

- 37 ^a"Judge not, and you shall not
be judged. Condemn not, and you
shall not be condemned. ^bForgive,
and you will be forgiven.
- 38 ^a"Give, and it will be given to
you: good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, and running over
will be put into your ^bbosom. For
^cwith the same measure that you use,
it will be measured back to you."
- 39 And He spoke a parable to them:
^a"Can the blind lead the blind? Will
they not both fall into the ditch?"
- 40 ^a"A disciple is not above his
teacher, but everyone who is per-
fectly trained will be like his teacher.
- 41 ^a"And why do you look at the
speck in your brother's eye, but do
not perceive the plank in your own
eye?"
- 42 "Or how can you say to your
brother, 'Brother, let me remove the
speck that is in your eye,' when you
yourself do not see the plank that is
in your own eye? Hypocrite! First
remove the plank from your own
eye, and then you will see clearly to
remove the speck that is in your
brother's eye.

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

- 43 ^a"For a good tree does not bear
bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear
good fruit.
- 44 "For ^aevery tree is known by its
own fruit. For *men* do not gather
figs from thorns, nor do they gather
grapes from a bramble bush.
- 45 ^a"A good man out of the good
treasure of his heart brings forth
good; and an evil man out of the evil
¹treasure of his heart brings forth
evil. For out ^bof the abundance of
the heart his mouth speaks.

Build on the Rock

- 46 ^a"But why do you call Me 'Lord,
Lord,' and not do the things which I
say?"
- 47 ^a"Whoever comes to Me, and
hears My sayings and does them, I
will show you whom he is like:
- 48 "He is like a man building a
house, who dug deep and laid the
foundation on the rock. And when
the flood arose, the stream beat ve-
hemently against that house, and
could not shake it, for it was
¹founded on the rock.
- 49 "But he who heard and did noth-
ing is like a man who built a house
on the earth without a foundation,
against which the stream beat vehe-
mently; and immediately it ¹fell. And
the ruin of that house was great."

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant

- 7 Now when He concluded all His
sayings in the hearing of the
people, He ^centered Capernaum.
- 2 And a certain centurion's

servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving.

5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

7 "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain

11 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, **"Do not weep."**

14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, **"Young man, I say to you, arise."**

15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

17 And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

John the Baptist Sends Messengers to Jesus

18 Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things.

7 ^aPs. 33:9; 107:20

8 ^a[Mark 13:34]

10 ¹NU omits who had been sick

13 ^aLam. 3:32; John 11:35; [Heb. 4:15] ^bLuke 8:52

14 ^aMark 5:41; Luke 8:54; John 11:43; Acts 9:40; [Rom. 4:17]

15 ^aMatt. 11:5; Luke 8:55; John 11:44 ^b1 Kin. 17:23; 2 Kin. 4:36

16 ^aLuke 1:65 ^bLuke 5:26 ^cLuke 24:19; John 4:19; 6:14; 9:17 ^dLuke 1:68 ^eseized them all

18 ^aMatt. 11:2-19

19 ^a[Mic. 5:2; Zech. 9:9; Mal. 3:1-3] ¹NU the Lord ²should we expect

21 ¹illnesses

22 ^aMatt. 11:4 ^bIs. 35:5 ^cJohn 9:7 ^dMatt. 15:31 ^eLuke 17:12-14 ^fMark 7:37 ^g[Is. 61:1-3; Luke 4:18]

23 ¹caused to stumble

24 ^aMatt. 11:7

27 ^a[Is. 40:3; Mal. 3:1; Matt. 11:10; Mark 1:2]

28 ^a[Luke 1:15] ¹NU none greater than John;

29 ^aMatt. 3:5; Luke 3:12 ¹declared the righteousness of

30 ^aActs 20:27 ¹the experts in the law

31 ^aMatt. 11:16 ¹NU, M omit And the Lord said

33 ^aMatt. 3:1 ^b[Matt. 3:4]; Luke 1:15

34 ^aLuke 15:2 ¹An excessive drinker

19 And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

20 When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'"

21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

22 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

23 "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

24 When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

25 "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts.

26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

27 "This is he of whom it is written:

"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You."

28 "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

29 And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

31 And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like?

32 "They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying:

'We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not weep.'

33 "For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'

34 "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber,

a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’
35 “But wisdom is justified by all her children.”

A Sinful Woman Forgiven

36 “Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to eat.

37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”

40 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” So he said, “Teacher, say it.”

41 “There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

42 “And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?”

43 Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.”

44 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.

45 “You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

46 “You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

47 “Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.”

48 Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

49 And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

50 Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Many Women Minister to Jesus

8 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city

35 ^aMatt. 11:19

36 ^aMatt. 26:6; Mark 14:3; John 11:2

39 ^aLuke 15:2

41 ^aMatt. 18:28; Mark 6:37

44 ^aGen. 18:4; 19:2; 43:24; Judg. 19:21; 1 Tim. 5:10

45 ^aRom. 16:16

46 ^{a2} Sam. 12:20; Ps. 23:5; Eccl. 9:8; Dan. 10:3

47 ^{a1} Tim. 1:14]

48 ^aMatt. 9:2; Mark 2:5

49 ^aMatt. 9:3; [Mark 2:7]; Luke 5:21

50 ^aMatt. 9:22; Mark 5:34; 10:52; Luke 8:48; 18:42

CHAPTER 8

1 ¹proclaiming the good news

2 ^aMatt. 27:55; Mark 15:40, 41; Luke 23:49, 55; ^bMatt. 27:56; Mark 16:9 ¹sicknesses

3 ¹NU, M them ²possessions

4 ^aMatt. 13:2-9; Mark 4:1-9

8 ^aMatt. 11:15; Mark 7:16; Luke 14:35; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9 ¹Lit. fruit

9 ^aMatt. 13:10-23; Mark 4:10-20

10 ^aIs. 6:9; Matt. 13:14; Acts 28:26 ¹secret or hidden truths

11 ^aMatt. 13:18; Mark 4:14; ¹1 Pet. 1:23] ^bLuke 5:1; 11:28

13 ¹testing

14 ^aMatt. 19:23; ¹Tim. 6:9, 10

15 ^a[Rom. 2:7; Heb. 10:36-39; James 5:7, 8] ¹endurance

and village, preaching and ¹bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,

2 and ^acertain women who had been healed of evil spirits and ¹infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, ^bout of whom had come seven demons,

3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for ¹Him from their ²substance.

The Parable of the Sower

4 “And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

6 “Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

7 “And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

8 “But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded ¹a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

The Purpose of Parables

9 “Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?”

10 And He said, “To you it has been given to know the ¹mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that

“*Seeing they may not see,
And hearing they may not understand.*”

The Parable of the Sower Explained

11 “Now the parable is this: The seed is the ^aword of God.

12 “Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 “But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of ¹temptation fall away.

14 “Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, ^ariches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

15 “But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with ^apatience.¹

The Parable of the Revealed Light

16 ^a"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the ^blight.

17 ^a"For nothing is secret that will not be ^brevealed, nor *anything* hidden that will not be known and come to light.

18 ^a"Therefore take heed how you hear. ^aFor whoever has, to him *more* will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he ^bseems to ^bhave will be taken from him."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers Come to Him

19 ^aThen His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd.

20 And it was told Him *by some*, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You."

21 But He answered and said to them, ^a"My mother and My brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

Wind and Wave Obey Jesus

22 ^aNow it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, ^a"Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out.

23 But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 But He said to them, ^a"Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, ^b"Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

A Demon-Possessed Man Healed

26 ^aThen they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons ¹for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, ^b"What have I to do with ^cYou, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"

29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he

16 ^aMatt. 5:15; Mark 4:21; Luke 11:33 ^bMatt. 5:14

17 ^aMatt. 10:26; Luke 12:2; 1 Cor. 4:5 ^b[Eccl. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5:10]

18 ^aMatt. 25:29 ^bMatt. 13:12 ¹thinks that he has

19 ^aPs. 69:8; Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35

22 ^aMatt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41

23 ¹danger

25 ^aLuke 9:41 ^bLuke 4:36; 5:26

26 ^aMatt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-17 ¹NU Gerasenes

27 ¹NU and for a long time wore no clothes

28 ^aMark 1:26; 9:26 ^bMark 1:23, 24 ^cLuke 4:41

31 ^aRom. 10:7; [Rev. 20:1, 3]

32 ^aLev. 11:7; Deut. 14:8

35 ^a[Matt. 11:28] ^bMatt. 28:9; Mark 7:25; Luke 10:39; 17:16; John 11:32 ^c[2 Tim. 1:7]

36 ¹delivered

37 ^aMatt. 8:34 ^bMark 1:24; Luke 4:34 ^cJob 21:14; Acts 16:39 ^dLuke 5:26 ¹NU Gerasenes

38 ^aMark 5:18-20

41 ^aMatt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43

42 ^aLuke 7:2

43 ^aMatt. 9:20 ^bLuke 15:19-22

44 ^aMark 6:56; Luke 5:13

was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

30 Jesus asked him, saying, ^a"What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out ^ainto the abyss.

32 Now a herd of many ^aswine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

34 When those who fed *them* saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, ^asitting at the ^bfeet of Jesus, clothed and in his ^cright mind. And they were afraid.

36 They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was ¹healed.

37 ^aThen the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes ^basked Him to ^cdepart from them, for they were seized with great ^dfear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38 Now ^athe man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 ^a"Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

40 So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him.

41 ^aAnd behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,

42 for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she ^awas dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

43 ^aNow a woman, having a ^bflow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,

44 came from behind and ^atouched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

45 And Jesus said, ^a"Who touched

Me?" When all denied it, Peter ¹and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, ²and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

46 But Jesus said, "**Somebody touched Me, for I perceived 'power going out from Me.'**"

47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

48 And He said to her, "**Daughter, ¹be of good cheer; ²your faith has made you well. ³Go in peace.**"

49 "While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the ¹Teacher."

50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "**Do not be afraid; ¹only believe, and she will be made well.**"

51 When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except ²Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.

52 Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "**¹Do not weep; she is not dead, ²but sleeping.**"

53 And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

54 But He ¹put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "**Little girl, ¹arise.**"

55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat.

56 And her parents were astonished, but ¹He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Sending Out the Twelve

9 Then ¹He called His twelve disciples together and ²gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

2 ¹He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

3 ¹And He said to them, "**Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.**"

4 ¹"Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.

5 ¹"And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, ²shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

6 ¹So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Herod Seeks to See Jesus

7 ¹Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,

45 ¹NU omits *and those with him* ²NU omits the rest of v. 45.

46 ¹Mark 5:30; Luke 6:19

48 ¹Mark 5:34; Luke 7:50

²John 8:11

¹NU omits *be of good cheer*

49 ¹Mark 5:35

¹NU adds *anymore*

50 ¹[Mark 11:22-24]

51 ¹NU adds *with Him*

²NU, M Peter, John, and James

52 ¹Luke 7:13

²[John 11:11, 13]

54 ¹Luke 7:14; John 11:43

¹NU omits *put them all outside*

56 ¹Matt. 8:4; 9:30; Mark 5:43

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1 ¹Matt. 10:1; 2; Mark 3:13;

6:7 ²Mark 16:17, 18;

[John 14:12]

2 ¹Matt. 10:7; 8; Mark 6:12; Luke 10:1, 9

3 ¹Matt. 10:9-15; Mark 6:8-11; Luke 10:4-12; 22:35

4 ¹Matt. 10:11; Mark 6:10

5 ¹Matt. 10:14

²Luke 10:11; Acts 13:51

6 ¹Mark 6:12; Luke 8:1

7 ¹Matt. 14:1; 2; Mark 6:14

9 ¹Luke 23:8

10 ¹Mark 6:30

²Matt. 14:13

12 ¹Matt. 14:15; Mark 6:35; John 6:1, 5

16 ¹Luke 22:19; 24:30

17 ¹satisfied

18 ¹Matt. 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-29

19 ¹Matt. 14:2

20 ¹Matt. 16:16; John 6:68, 69

21 ¹Matt. 8:4; 16:20; Mark 8:30

22 ¹Matt. 16:21; 17:22; Luke 18:31-33; 23:46; 24:46

8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again.

9 Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?" ¹"So he sought to see Him.

Feeding the Five Thousand

10 ¹"And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. ²Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

11 But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

12 ¹"When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here."

13 But He said to them, "**You give them *something* to eat.**" And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people."

14 For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, "**Make them sit down in groups of fifty.**"

15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He ¹blessed and broke them, and gave *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 So they all ate and were ¹filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

18 ¹"And it happened, as He was alone praying, *that* His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "**Who do the crowds say that I am?**"

19 So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."

20 He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" ¹"Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

21 ¹"And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one,

22 saying, "**'The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.'**"

Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

23 ^aThen He said to *them* all, ^a*"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross ¹daily, and follow Me.*

24 ^a*"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.*

25 ^a*"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?*

26 ^a*"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ^bashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.*

27 ^a*"But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."*

Jesus Transfigured on the Mount

28 ^aNow it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were ^aMoses and ^bElijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His ¹decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and those with him ^awere heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

33 Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three ¹tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the ^acloud.

35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ^a*"This is ¹My beloved Son. ^bHear Him!"*

36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. ^aBut they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

A Boy Is Healed

37 ^aNow it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him.

38 Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child.

39 "And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams *at the mouth*; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him.

23 ^aMatt. 10:38; 16:24
¹M omits *daily*

24 ^a[John 12:25]

25 ^aMark 8:36

26 ^a[Rom. 1:16] ^bMatt. 10:33

27 ^aMatt. 16:28

28 ^aMark 9:2-8

30 ^aHeb. 11:23-29
^b2 Kin. 2:1-11

31 ¹Death, lit. *departure*

32 ^aDan. 8:18; 10:9

33 ¹tents

34 ^aEx. 13:21

35 ^a[Matt. 3:17; 12:18]
^bActs 3:22
¹NU *My Son, the Chosen One*

36 ^aMatt. 17:9

37 ^aMark 9:14-27

41 ¹unbelieving ²put up with

44 ^aMatt. 17:22

45 ^aMark 9:32

46 ^aMatt. 18:1-5

47 ^aMatt. 9:4
^bLuke 18:17

48 ^aMatt. 18:5
^bJohn 12:44
^cJohn 13:20
^dEph. 3:8

49 ^aMark 9:38-40

50 ^aLuke 11:23
¹NU *you* ²NU *your*

51 ^aMark 16:19

53 ^aJohn 4:4, 9

54 ^aMark 3:17
^b2 Kin. 1:10, 12
¹NU omits *just as Elijah did*

55 ^a[2 Tim. 1:7]
¹NU omits the rest of v. 55.

40 "So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

41 Then Jesus answered and said, ^a*"O ¹faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and ²bear with you? Bring your son here."*

42 And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed *him*. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

43 And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples,

44 ^a*"Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men."*

45 ^aBut they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

Who Is the Greatest?

46 ^aThen a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest.

47 And Jesus, ^aperceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him,

48 and said to them, ^a*"Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and ^bwhoever receives Me ^creceives Him who sent Me. ^dFor he who is least among you all will be great."*

Jesus Forbids Sectarianism

49 ^aNow John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."

50 But Jesus said to him, ^a*"Do not forbid ^bhim, for ^che who is not against ¹us is on ²our side."*

A Samaritan Village Rejects the Savior

51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for ^aHim to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

52 and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.

53 But ^athey did not receive Him, because His face was *set* for the journey to Jerusalem.

54 And when His disciples ^aJames and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, ¹just as ^bElijah did?"

55 But He turned and rebuked them, ¹and said, ^a*"You do not know what manner of ^aspirit you are of.*

56 ¹"For ^athe Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save *them*." And they went to another village.

The Cost of Discipleship

57 ^aNow it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

58 And Jesus said to him, "*Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man ^ahas nowhere to lay His head.*"

59 ^aThen He said to another, "*Follow Me.*" But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "*Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.*"

61 And another also said, "Lord, ^aI will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."

62 But Jesus said to him, "*No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is ^afit for the kingdom of God.*"

The Seventy Sent Out

10 After these things the Lord appointed ¹seventy others also, and ^asent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

2 Then He said to them, "*^aThe harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore ^bpray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*

3 "*Go your way; ^bbehold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.*

4 "*^aCarry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and ^bgreet no one along the road.*

5 "*^aBut whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'*

6 "*And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.*

7 "*^aAnd remain in the same house, ^beating and drinking such things as they give, for ^cthe laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.*

8 "*Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.*

9 "*^aAnd heal the sick there, and say to them, ^b'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*

10 "*But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,*

11 "*^aThe very dust of your city which clings to ^{us} we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'*

12 ¹"But I say to you that ^ait will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

56 ^aJohn 3:17; 12:47 ¹NU omits *For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.*

57 ^aMatt.

8:19-22

58 ^aLuke 2:7;

8:23

59 ^aMatt. 8:21,

22

61 ^a1 Kin.

19:20

62 ^a2 Tim. 4:10

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1 ^aMark 6:7

¹NU seventy-

two others

2 ^aJohn 4:35

^b2 Thess. 3:1

3 ^aMatt. 10:16

4 ^aLuke 9:3-5

^b2 Kin. 4:29

5 ^aMatt. 10:12

7 ^aMatt. 10:11

^b1 Cor. 10:27

^c1 Tim. 5:18

9 ^aMark 3:15

^bMatt. 3:2;

10:7

11 ^aActs 13:51

¹NU *our feet*

12 ^aMatt.

10:15; 11:24

¹NU, M omit

But

13 ^aMatt.

11:21-23

^bEzek. 3:6

15 ^aMatt. 11:23

^bIs. 14:13-15

^cEzek. 26:20

¹NU *will you*

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16 ^aJohn 13:20

^b1 Thess. 4:8

^cJohn 5:23

17 ^aLuke 10:1

¹NU *seventy-*

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18 ^aJohn 12:31

19 ^aMark

16:18

20 ^aIs. 4:3

¹NU, M omit

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21 ^aMatt.

11:25-27

22 ^aJohn 3:35;

5:27; 17:2

^bJohn 1:18;

6:44, 46] ¹M

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ples He said,

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²³ ^aMatt.

13:16, 17

24 ^a1 Pet. 1:10,

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25 ^aMatt.

19:16-19;

22:35 ¹expert

in the law

27 ^aDeut. 6:5

^bLev. 19:18

Woe to the Impenitent Cities

13 ^a"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! ^bFor if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 "*But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.*

15 ^a"And you, Capernaum, ¹who are ^bexalted to heaven, ^cwill be brought down to Hades.

16 ^a"He who hears you hears Me, ^bhe who rejects you rejects Me, and ^che who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

The Seventy Return with Joy

17 Then ^athe ¹seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "*^aI saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

19 "*Behold, ^aI give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

20 "*Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but ¹rather rejoice because ^ayour names are written in heaven.*"

Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit

21 ^aIn that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

22 ^a"All¹ things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and ^bno one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*"

23 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "*^aBlessed are the eyes which see the things you see;*

24 "*for I tell you ^athat many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.*"

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a certain ¹lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "*Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*"

26 He said to him, "*What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?*"

27 So he answered and said, ^a"*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,* and ^b*your neighbor as yourself.*"

28 And He said to him, "*You have*

answered rightly; do this and ^ayou will live.”

29 But he, wanting to ^ajustify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among ¹thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

31 “Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, ^ahe passed by on the other side.

32 “Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

33 “But a certain ^aSamaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had ^bcompassion.

34 “So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 “On the next day, ¹when he departed, he took out two ^adenarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

36 “So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

37 And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, ^a“Go and do likewise.”

Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named ^aMartha welcomed Him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, ^awho also ^bsat at ¹Jesus’ feet and heard His word.

40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”

41 And ¹Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

42 “But ^aone thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

The Model Prayer

11 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, ^athat one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

2 So He said to them, ^a“When you pray, say:

28 ^aLev. 18:5; Neh. 9:29; Ezek. 20:11, 13, 21; Matt. 19:17; Rom. 10:5

29 ^aLuke 16:15

30 ¹robbers

31 ^aPs. 38:11

33 ^aJohn 4:9

^bLuke 15:20

35 ^aMatt. 20:2

¹NU omits when he departed

37 ^aProv. 14:21; [Matt. 9:13; 12:7]

38 ^aJohn 11:1;

12:2, 3

39 ^a[1 Cor. 7:32–40]

^bLuke 8:35;

Acts 22:3 ¹NU

the Lord’s

41 ¹NU the

Lord

42 ^a[Ps. 27:4;

John 6:27]

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2 ^aMatt. 6:9–13

¹NU omits

Our ²NU

omits in

heaven ³NU

omits the rest

of v. 2.

4 ^a[Eph. 4:32]

¹NU omits

But deliver us

from the evil

one

8 ^a[Luke 18:1–5]

9 ^aPs. 50:14;

15; Jer. 33:3;

[Matt. 7:7;

21:22; Mark

11:24; John

15:7; James

1:5, 6; 1 John

3:22; 5:14, 15]

^bIs. 55:6

11 ^aMatt. 7:9

¹NU omits

bread from

any father

among you,

will he give

him a stone?

Or if he asks

for

13 ^aJames 1:17

14 ^aMatt.

9:32–34; 12:22,

24

15 ^aMatt. 9:34;

12:24 ¹NU, M

Beelzebul

16 ^aMatt.

12:38; 16:1;

Mark 8:11

17 ^aMatt.

12:25–29;

Mark 3:23–27

^bMatt. 9:4;

John 2:25

^aOur¹ Father ²in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

3 Give us day by day our daily

bread.

4 And ^aforgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone

who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into

temptation,

¹But deliver us from the evil

one.”

A Friend Comes at Midnight

5 And He said to them, “Which of

you shall have a friend, and go to

him at midnight and say to him,

‘Friend, lend me three loaves;’

6 ‘for a friend of mine has come to

me on his journey, and I have nothing

to set before him;’

7 “and he will answer from within

and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the

door is now shut, and my children

are with me in bed; I cannot rise and

give to you?’

8 “I say to you, ^athough he will not

rise and give to him because he is

his friend, yet because of his persistence

he will rise and give him as

many as he needs.

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

9 ^a“So I say to you, ask, and it will

be given to you; ^bseek, and you will

find; knock, and it will be opened to

you.

10 “For everyone who asks

receives, and he who seeks finds,

and to him who knocks it will be

opened.

11 ^a“If a son asks for ¹bread from

any father among you, will he give

him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish,

will he give him a serpent instead of

a fish?

12 “Or if he asks for an egg, will he

offer him a scorpion?

13 “If you then, being evil, know

how to give ^agood gifts to your children,

how much more will your

heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit

to those who ask Him!”

A House Divided Cannot Stand

14 ^aAnd He was casting out a

demon, and it was mute. So it was,

when the demon had gone out, that

the mute spoke; and the multitudes

marveled.

15 But some of them said, ^a“He

casts out demons by ¹Beelzebul, the

ruler of the demons.”

16 Others, testing *Him*, ^asought

from Him a sign from heaven.

17 ^aBut ^bHe, knowing their

thoughts, said to them: “Every king-

dom divided against itself is

brought to desolation, and a house

divided against a house falls.

18 "If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

19 "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they will be your judges.

20 "But if I cast out demons *with* the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.

22 "But *when* a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his *spoils*.

23 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

An Unclean Spirit Returns

24 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

25 "And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order.

26 "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and *the last state of that man is worse than the first.*"

Keeping the Word

27 And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!"

28 But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Seeking a Sign

29 "And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a *sign*, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah *the prophet*.

30 "For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

31 "The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a *greater than Solomon is here*.

32 "The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for *they* repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

20 ^aEx. 8:19

21 ^aMatt. 12:29; Mark 3:27

22 ^a[Is. 53:12; Col. 2:15] ¹plunder

23 ^aMatt. 12:30; Mark 9:40

24 ^aMatt. 12:43-45; Mark 1:27; 3:11; 5:13; Acts 5:16; 8:7

26 ^aJohn 5:14; [Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26; 2 Pet. 2:20]

27 ^aLuke 1:28, 48

28 ^aPs. 1:1, 2; 112:1; 119:1, 2; Is. 48:17, 18; [Matt. 7:21; Luke 8:21]; James 1:25

29 ^aMatt. 12:38-42 ^{b1} Cor. 1:22 ¹NU omits the prophet

30 ^aJon. 1:17; 2:10; 3:3-10; Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Cor. 15:4

31 ^{a1} Kin. 10:1-9; 2 Chr. 9:1-8 ^b[Is. 9:6; Rom. 9:5]

32 ^aJon. 3:5

33 ^aMatt. 5:15; Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16 ^bMatt. 5:15

34 ^aMatt. 6:22, 23 ¹Clear, or healthy ²Evil, or unhealthy

38 ^aMatt. 15:2; Mark 7:2, 3

39 ^aMatt. 23:25 ^bGen. 6:5; Titus 1:15 ¹Lit. eager grasping or robbery

40 ^aGen. 1:26, 27

41 ^a[Is. 58:7; Dan. 4:27; [Luke 12:33; 16:9] ¹Or what is inside

42 ^aMatt. 23:23 ^b[Mic. 6:7, 8] ^cJohn 5:42

43 ^aMatt. 23:6; Mark 12:38, 39; Luke 14:7; 20:46 ¹Or places of honor

44 ^aMatt. 23:27 ^bPs. 5:9 ¹NU omits scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites

46 ^aMatt. 23:4 ^bMatt. 23:29; Acts 7:52

49 ^aProv. 1:20; Matt. 23:34

The Lamp of the Body

33 "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a *basket*, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.

34 "The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is *good*, your whole body also is full of light. But when *your eye is bad*, your body also is full of darkness.

35 "Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.

36 "If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, *the whole body* will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."

Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers

37 And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat.

38 "When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner.

39 "Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but *your inward part is full of greed and wickedness*.

40 "Foolish ones! Did not *He* who made the outside make the inside also?

41 "But rather give alms of *such things as you have*; then indeed all things are clean to you.

42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and *pass by justice and the love of God*. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

43 "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the *best seats* in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

44 "Woe to you, *scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!* *For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them.*"

45 Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also."

46 And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! *For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.*

47 "Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 "In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.

49 "Therefore the wisdom of God also said, *'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute.'*

50 "that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the

foundation of the world may be required of this generation.

51 ^a“from the blood of Abel to ^bthe blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

52 ^a“Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.”

53 ¹NU And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things,

54 lying in wait for Him, ¹and ^aseeking to catch Him in something He might say, ²that they might accuse Him.

Beware of Hypocrisy

12 In ^athe meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, ^b“Beware of the ¹leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy,

2 ^a“For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.

3 “Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

Jesus Teaches the Fear of God

4 ^a“And I say to you, ^bMy friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 “But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, ^afear Him!

6 “Are not five sparrows sold for two ¹copper coins? And ^anot one of them is forgotten before God.

7 “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Confess Christ Before Men

8 ^a“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me ^bbefore men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.

9 “But he who ^adenies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

10 “And ^aanyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

11 ^a“Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how

51 ^aGen. 4:8
^b2 Chr. 24:20,
21

52 ^aMatt. 23:13

53 ¹NU And when He left there

54 ^aMark 12:13 ¹NU omits and seeking ²NU omits that they might accuse Him

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1 ^aMark 8:15
^bMatt. 16:12
¹yeast

2 ^aMatt. 10:26;
[1 Cor. 4:5]

4 ^aIs. 51:7, 8,
12, 13 ^b[John 15:13-15]

5 ^aPs. 119:120

6 ^aMatt. 6:26
¹Gr. *assarion*, a coin worth about $\frac{1}{16}$ of a denarius

8 ^aMatt. 10:32
^bPs. 119:46

9 ^aMatt. 10:33

10 ^a[Matt. 12:31, 32]

11 ^aMark 13:11

12 ^a[John 14:26]

14 ^a[John 18:36]

15 ^a[1 Tim. 6:6-10] ¹NU all covetousness

19 ^aEccl. 11:9
^b[Eccl. 2:24; 3:13; 5:18; 8:15]

20 ^aPs. 52:7
^bPs. 39:6

21 ^a[James 2:5; 5:1-5]

22 ^aMatt. 6:25-33

24 ^aJob 38:41

26 ¹do you worry

27 ^a1 Kin. 10:4-7
¹clothed

28 ^aMatt. 6:30;
8:26; 14:31;
16:8

or what you should answer, or what you should say.

12 “For the Holy Spirit will ^ateach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

14 But He said to him, ^a“Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

15 And He said to them, ^a“Take heed and beware of ¹covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

17 “And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’

18 “So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

19 ‘And I will say to my soul, ^a“Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; ^beat, drink, and be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night ^ayour soul will be required of you; ^bthen whose will those things be which you have provided?’

21 “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, ^aand is not rich toward God.”

Do Not Worry

22 Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, ^ado not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.

23 “Life is more than food, and the body is *more* than clothing.

24 “Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and ^aGod feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

25 “And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

26 “If you then are not able to do the least, why ¹are you anxious for the rest?

27 “Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even ^aSolomon in all his glory was not ¹arrayed like one of these.

28 “If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of ^alittle faith?

29 “And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

30 “For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your

Father ^aknows that you need these things.

31 ^a“But seek ^the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

32 “Do not fear, little flock, for ^{it} is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 ^a“Sell what you have and give ^balms; ^cprovide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

34 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

35 ^a“Let your waist be girded and ^byour lamps burning;

36 “and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

37 ^a“Blessed ^{are} those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

38 “And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find ^{them} so, blessed are those servants.

39 ^a“But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would ^{have} watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

40 ^a“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

41 Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable ^{only} to us, or to all ^{people}?”

42 And the Lord said, ^a“Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom ^{his} master will make ruler over his household, to give ^{them} their portion of food ⁱⁿ due season?

43 “Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

44 ^a“Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

45 ^a“But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,

46 “the master of that servant will come on a ^{day} when he is not looking for ^{him}, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint ^{him} his portion with the unbelievers.

47 “And ^{that} servant who ^bknew his master’s will, and did not prepare ^{himself} or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 ^a“But he who did not know, yet

30 ^aMatt. 6:31, 32

31 ^aMatt. 6:33
¹NU *His kingdom, and these things*

32 ^a[Matt. 11:25, 26]

33 ^aMatt. 19:21
^bLuke 11:41
^cMatt. 6:20

35 ^a[1 Pet. 1:13] ^b[Matt. 25:1–13]

37 ^aMatt. 24:46

39 ^aRev. 3:3; 16:15 ¹NU *not have allowed*

40 ^aMark 13:33

42 ^aMatt. 24:45, 46; 25:21 ¹at the right time

44 ^aMatt. 24:47; 25:21

45 ^a2 Pet. 3:3, 4

46 ^a1 Thess. 5:3

47 ^aDeut. 25:2 ^b[James 4:17]

48 ^a[Lev. 5:17]

49 ^aLuke 12:51

50 ^aMark 10:38 ^bJohn 12:27; 19:30

51 ^aMatt. 10:34–36
^bJohn 7:43; 9:16; 10:19

52 ^aMark 13:12

53 ^aMatt. 10:21, 36

54 ^aMatt. 16:2, 3

55 ^aJob 37:17

56 ^aLuke 19:41–44

58 ^aProv. 25:8
^b[Is. 55:6]

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1 ¹mixed

committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Christ Brings Division

49 ^a“I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

50 “But ^aI have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is ^baccomplished!

51 ^a“Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, ^bbut rather division.

52 ^a“For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three.

53 ^a“Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

Discern the Time

54 Then He also said to the multitudes, ^a“Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it is.

55 “And when you see the ^asouth wind blow, you say, ‘There will be hot weather’; and there is.

56 “Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is ^{it} you do not discern ^athis time?

Make Peace with Your Adversary

57 “Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?

58 ^a“When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort ^balong the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

59 “I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite.”

Repent or Perish

13 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had ^{mingled} with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all ^{other} Galileans, because they suffered such things?

3 “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

4 “Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse

sinner than all *other* men who dwell in Jerusalem?

5 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

6 He also spoke this parable: ^a"A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

7 "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it ¹use up the ground?'

8 "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it.

9 ¹"And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can ²'cut it down.'

A Spirit of Infirmity

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way ¹raise herself up.

12 But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your ²'infirmity.'

13 ^a"And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had ³'healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, ^b"There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and ^c'not on the Sabbath day.'

15 The Lord then answered him and said, ¹"Hypocrite! ^a'Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?'

16 "So ought not this woman, ^b'being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?'

17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were ^c'done by Him.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

18 "Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it?

19 "It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a ¹'large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.'

The Parable of the Leaven

20 And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God?

6 ^aMatt. 21:19

7 ¹waste

9 ^a[John 15:2] ¹NU And if it bears fruit after that, well. But if not, you can

11 ¹straighten up

12 ^aLuke 7:21; 8:2

13 ^aActs 9:17

14 ^a[Luke 6:6–11; 14:1–6] ^bEx. 20:9; 23:12 ^cMark 3:2

15 ^aLuke 14:5 ¹NU, M *Hypocrites*

16 ^aLuke 19:9

17 ^aMark 5:19, 20

18 ^aMark 4:30–32

19 ¹NU omits *large*

21 ^aMatt. 13:33 ¹yeast ²Gr. *sata*, same as Heb. *seah*; approximately 2 pecks in all

22 ^aMark 6:6

23 ^a[Matt. 7:14; 20:16]

24 ^a[Matt. 7:13] ^b[John 7:34; 8:21; 13:33]

25 ^aIs. 55:6 ^bMatt. 25:10 ^cLuke 6:46 ^dMatt. 7:23; 25:12

27 ^a[Matt. 7:23; 25:41] ^bPs. 6:8

28 ^aMatt. 8:12; 13:42; 24:51 ^bMatt. 8:11

30 ^a[Matt. 19:30; 20:16]

31 ¹NU *In that very hour*

32 ^a[Heb. 2:10; 5:9; 7:28] ¹Resurrected

34 ^aMatt. 23:37–39

35 ^aLev. 26:31; 32 ^bPs. 118:26; Matt. 21:9 ¹NU, M omit *assuredly*

21 "It is like ¹heaven, which a woman took and hid in three ²'measures² of meal till it was all leavened."

The Narrow Way

22 ^a"And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there ^c'few who are saved?' And He said to them,

24 ^a"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for ^bmany, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

25 ^a"When once the Master of the house has risen up and ^bshut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, ^c'I do not know you, where you are from,'

26 "then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

27 ^a"But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. ^bDepart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

28 ^a"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, ^bwhen you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

29 "They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 ^a"And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

31 ¹On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."

32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day ^aI shall be ^b'perfected.'

33 "Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

Jesus Laments over Jerusalem

34 ^a"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

35 "See! ^aYour house is left to you desolate; and ^bassuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, ^b'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

A Man with Dropsy Healed on the Sabbath

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14 Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.

2 And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy.

3 And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the 'Sabbath'?"

4 But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go.

5 Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a 'donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?'"

6 And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

Take the Lowly Place

7 So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them:

8 "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him;

9 "and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place.

10 "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

11 "For whoever exalts himself will be 'humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid.

13 "But when you give a feast, invite 'the poor, the 'maimed, the lame, the blind.

14 "And you will be 'blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

The Parable of the Great Supper

15 Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat 'bread in the kingdom of God!"

16 "Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,

17 "and 'sent his servant at supper

3 ^aMatt. 12:10
¹NU adds or not

5 ^a[Ex. 23:5; Deut. 22:4];
Luke 13:15
¹NU, M son

10 ^aProv.
25:6, 7

11 ^aJob 22:29;
Ps. 18:27;
Prov. 29:23;
Matt. 23:12;
Luke 18:14;
James 4:6;
[1 Pet. 5:5]
¹put down

13 ^aNeh. 8:10,
12 ¹crippled

14 ^a[Matt.
25:34-40]

15 ^aRev. 19:9
¹M dinner

16 ^aMatt.
22:2-14

17 ^aProv. 9:2, 5

21 ¹crippled

24 ^a[Matt.
21:43; 22:8;
Acts 13:46]

26 ^aDeut. 13:6;
33:9; Matt.
10:37 ^bRom.
9:13 ^cRev.
12:11

27 ^aMatt.
16:24; Mark
8:34; Luke
9:23; [2 Tim.
3:12]

28 ^aProv. 24:27

33 ^aMatt. 19:27

34 ^aMatt. 5:13;
[Mark 9:50]

time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'

18 "But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

19 "And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'

20 "Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

21 "So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the 'maimed and the lame and the blind.'

22 "And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

23 "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

Leaving All to Follow Christ

25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them,

26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, 'yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

27 "And 'whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

28 "For 'which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—

29 "lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

30 "saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'?"

31 "Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

32 "Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.

33 "So likewise, whoever of you 'does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Tasteless Salt Is Worthless

34 "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?

35 "It is neither fit for the land nor

for the 'dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Then "all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.

2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man 'receives sinners 'and eats with them."

3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

5 "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep 'which was lost!"

7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents 'than over ninety-nine 'just persons who 'need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

9 "And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!'

10 "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Parable of the Lost Son

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

12 "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them 'his livelihood.

13 "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with 'prodigal living.

14 "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

15 "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the 'pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough

35 ¹rubbish heap

CHAPTER 15

1 ^a[Matt. 9:10-13]

2 ^aActs 11:3; Gal. 2:12 ¹welcomes

4 ^aMatt. 18:12-14; 1 Pet. 2:25

6 ^a[Rom. 12:15] ^b[Luke 19:10; 1 Pet. 2:10, 25]

7 ^a[Luke 5:32] ^b[Mark 2:17] ¹upright

8 ¹Gr. drachma, a valuable coin often worn in a ten-piece garland by married women

12 ^aMark 12:44

13 ¹wasteful

16 ¹carob pods

18 ^aEx. 9:27; 10:16; Num. 22:34; Josh. 7:20; 1 Sam. 15:24, 30; 26:21; 2 Sam. 12:13; 24:10; 17:Ps. 51:4; Matt. 27:4

20 ^a[Jer. 3:12]; Matt. 9:36; [Acts 2:39; Eph. 2:13, 17]

21 ^aPs. 51:4

22 ¹NU Quickly bring

24 ^aMatt. 8:22; Luke 9:60; 15:32; Rom. 11:15; [Eph. 2:1, 5; 5:14; Col. 2:13; 1 Tim. 5:6]

32 ^aLuke 15:24

CHAPTER 16

1 ¹squandering

2 ^a[Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Pet. 4:5, 6]

and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 "I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, 'I have sinned against heaven and before you,

19 "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

20 "And he arose and came to his father. But "when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven "and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, ¹'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

23 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

24 "for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. **25** "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 "So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

27 "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

29 "So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

30 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

32 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, 'for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'

The Parable of the Unjust Steward

16 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was 'wasting his goods.

2 "So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an 'account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

3 "Then the steward said within

himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.

4 'I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.'

5 "So he called every one of his master's debtors to *him*, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

6 "And he said, 'A hundred ¹measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

7 "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred ¹measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

8 "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than ^athe sons of light.

9 "And I say to you, ^amake friends for yourselves by unrighteous ¹mammon, that when ²you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

10 ^a"He who is faithful in *what* is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what* is least is unjust also in much.

11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*?

12 "And if you have not been faithful in *what* is another man's, who will give you *what* is your ^aown?

13 ^a"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

The Law, the Prophets, and the Kingdom

14 Now the Pharisees, ^awho were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they ¹derided Him.

15 And He said to them, "^aYou are those who ^ajustify yourselves ^bbefore men, but ^cGod knows your hearts. For ^dwhat is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

16 ^a"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.

17 ^a"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one ¹title of the law to fail.

18 ^a"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from *her* husband commits adultery.

6 ¹Gr. *batos*, same as Heb. *bath*; 8 or 9 gallons each

7 ¹Gr. *koros*, same as Heb. *kor*; 10 or 12 bushels each

8 ^a[Eph. 5:8]

9 ^aDan. 4:27
¹Lit., in Aram., *wealth*
²NU it fails

10 ^aMatt. 25:21

12 ^a[1 Pet. 1:3, 4]

13 ^aMatt. 6:24

14 ^aMatt. 23:14
¹Lit. *turned up their nose at*

15 ^aLuke 10:29
^b[Matt. 6:2, 5, 16] ^cPs. 7:9
^d1 Sam. 16:7

16 ^aMatt. 3:1–12; 4:17; 11:12, 13

17 ^aIs. 40:8; 51:6 ¹The smallest stroke in a Heb. letter

18 ^a1 Cor. 7:10, 11

19 ¹*lived in luxury*

21 ¹NU *what fell*

22 ^aMatt. 8:11

24 ^aZech. 14:12 ^b[Mark 9:42–48]

25 ^aLuke 6:24

29 ^aActs 15:21; 17:11

31 ^a[John 5:46] ^bJohn 12:10, 11

CHAPTER 17

1 ^a[1 Cor. 11:19]
^b[2 Thess. 1:6]
¹*stumbling blocks*

2 ¹*cause one of these little ones to stumble*

3 ^a[Matt. 18:15, 21]
^b[Prov. 17:10]
¹NU omits *against you*

4 ¹M omits *to you*

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and ¹fared sumptuously every day.

20 "But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

21 "desiring to be fed with ¹the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to ^aAbraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and ^acool my tongue; for I ^aam tormented in this flame.'

25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, ^aremember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

28 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

29 "Abraham said to him, ^a"They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

30 "And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

31 "But he said to him, ^a"If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, ^bneither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

Jesus Warns of Offenses

17 Then He said to the disciples, ^a"It is impossible that no ^boffenses should come, but ^bwoe to *him* through whom they do come!

2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should ¹offend one of these little ones.

3 "Take heed to yourselves. ^aIf your brother sins ¹against you, ^brebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns ¹to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

Faith and Duty

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

6 "So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"

8 "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"

9 "Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' "

Ten Lepers Cleansed

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

18 "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

19 "And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

The Coming of the Kingdom

20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

21 "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

22 Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

23 "And they will say to you,

6 ^a[Mark 9:23; 11:23]

8 ^a[Luke 12:37]

9 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 9; M omits him

10 ^aRom. 3:12; 11:35

11 ^aLuke 9:51, 52

12 ^aLev. 13:46

14 ^aMatt. 8:4

15 ^aLuke 5:25; 18:43

16 ^{a2} Kin. 17:24

19 ^aMatt. 9:22

21 ^aLuke 17:23 ^b[Rom. 14:17]

¹NU reverses here and there ²in your midst

22 ^aMatt. 9:15

23 ^aMatt. 24:23 ¹NU reverses here and there

24 ^aMatt. 24:27

25 ^aMark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33

^bLuke 9:22

26 ^aMatt. 24:37-39

^b[Gen. 6:5-7]

^c[Gen. 6:8-13]

^{d1} Pet. 3:20

27 ^aGen. 7:1-16 ^bGen. 7:19-23

28 ^aGen. 19

29 ^aGen. 19:16, 24, 29

30 ^{a2} Thess. 1:7

31 ^aMark 13:15 ¹possessions

32 ^aGen. 19:26

33 ^aMatt. 10:39; 16:25

34 ^{a1} Thess. 4:17 ¹Or people

35 ^aMatt. 24:40, 41

36 ¹NU, M omit v. 36.

37 ^aMatt. 24:28

CHAPTER 18

1 ^aLuke 11:5-10

2 ¹respect

3 ¹Avenge me on

5 ^aLuke 11:8 ¹vindicate

¹"Look here!" or "Look there!" Do not go after them or follow them.

24 "For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.

25 "But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

26 "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 "Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

31 "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

32 "Remember Lot's wife.

33 "Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

34 "I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left.

35 "Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left.

36 "Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

37 And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, "Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

3 "Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

4 "And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

5 "yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by

her continual coming she weary me.' "

6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.

7 "And "shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?"

8 "I tell you "that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

9 Also He spoke this parable to some "who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 "The Pharisee "stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

13 "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; 'for everyone who exalts himself will be 'humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus Blesses Little Children

15 "Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for "of such is the kingdom of God.

17 "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

18 "Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but "One, that is, God.

20 "You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' "Honor your father and your mother."

21 And he said, "All "these things I have kept from my youth."

22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. "Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will

7 ^aRev. 6:10

8 ^aHeb. 10:37; [2 Pet. 3:8, 9]

9 ^aProv. 30:12; Luke 10:29; 16:15

11 ^aPs. 135:2; ^aIs. 1:15; 58:2; Rev. 3:17

14 ^aJob 22:29; Matt. 23:12; Luke 14:11; [James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5] ¹put down

15 ^aMatt. 19:13–15; Mark

10:13–16

16 ^aMatt. 18:3; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2

17 ^aMatt. 18:3; 19:14; Mark 10:15

18 ^aMatt. 19:16–29; Mark

10:17–30

19 ^aPs. 86:5; 119:68

20 ^aEx. 20:12–16; Deut. 5:16–20; Mark 10:19; Rom. 13:9 ^bEph. 6:2; Col. 3:20

21 ^aPhil. 3:6

22 ^aMatt. 6:19, 20; 19:21; [1 Tim. 6:19]

24 ^aProv. 11:28; Matt. 19:23; Mark 10:23

27 ^aJob 42:2; Jer. 32:17; Zech. 8:6; Matt. 19:26; Luke 1:37

28 ^aMatt. 19:27 ¹NU our own

29 ^aDeut. 33:9

30 ^aJob 42:10

31 ^aMatt. 16:21; 17:22; 20:17; Mark 10:32; Luke 9:51 ^bPs. 22; [Is. 53] ¹ful-filled

32 ^aMatt. 26:67; 27:2, 29, 41; Mark 14:65; 15:1, 19, 20, 31; Luke 23:1; John 18:28; Acts 3:13

34 ^aMark 9:32; Luke 2:50; 9:45; [John 10:6; 12:16]

35 ^aMatt. 20:29–34; Mark 10:46–52

38 ^aMatt. 9:27

have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

23 But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

With God All Things Are Possible

24 And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 "For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26 And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"

27 But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

28 "Then Peter said, "See, we have left "all and followed You."

29 So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,

30 "who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection

31 "Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things "that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be "accomplished.

32 "For "He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon.

33 "They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

34 "But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

A Blind Man Receives His Sight

35 "Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,

41 saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive

your sight; ^ayour faith has made you well."

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, ^aglorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House

19 Then Jesus entered and passed through ^aJericho.

2 Now behold, *there* was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to ^asee who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up ¹and saw him, and said to him, "*Zacchaeus, ²make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.*"

6 So he ¹made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

7 But when they saw it, they all ¹complained, saying, ^a"He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the ^apoor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by ^bfalse accusation, ¹I restore fourfold."

9 And Jesus said to him, "*Today salvation has come to this house, because ^ahe also is ^ba son of Abraham;*

10 ^a"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The Parable of the Minas

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because ^athey thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

12 ^aTherefore He said: "*A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.*

13 *"So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten ¹minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'*

14 ^a"But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this *man* to reign over us.'

15 *"And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.*

16 *"Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'*

17 *"And he said to him, ^a'Well done, good servant; because you were*

42 ^aLuke 17:19

43 ^aLuke 5:26;
Acts 4:21;
11:18

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aJosh. 6:26;
1 Kin. 16:34

3 ^aJohn 12:21

5 ¹NU omits
and saw him
²hurry

6 ¹hurried

7 ^aMatt. 9:11;
Luke 5:30;
15:2 ¹grumbled

8 ^a[Ps. 41:1]
^bLuke 3:14
^cEx. 22:1; Lev.
6:5; Num. 5:7;
1 Sam. 12:3;
2 Sam. 12:6

9 ^aLuke 3:8;
13:16; [Rom.
4:16; Gal. 3:7]
^b[Luke 13:16]

10 ^aMatt.
18:11; [Luke
5:32; Rom.
5:8]

11 ^aActs 1:6

12 ^aMatt.
25:14-30;
Mark 13:34

13 ¹Gr. *mna*,
same as Heb.
minah, each
worth about
three months'
salary

14 ^a[John 1:11]

17 ^aMatt.
25:21, 23
^bLuke 16:10

21 ^aMatt. 25:24
¹a severe

22 ^a2 Sam.
1:16; Job 15:6;
[Matt. 12:37]
^bMatt. 25:26

26 ^aMatt.
13:12; 25:29;
Mark 4:25;
Luke 8:18

28 ^aMark
10:32

29 ^aMatt. 21:1;
Mark 11:1
^bMatt. 26:6;
John 12:1
^cJohn 8:1;
Acts 1:12 ¹M
Bethsphage

32 ^aLuke 22:13

35 ^a2 Kin. 9:13;
Matt. 21:7;
Mark 11:7

37 ^aLuke
13:17; 18:43

^bfaithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

18 "And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.'

19 "Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

20 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.

21 ^a"For I feared you, because you are ¹an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

22 "And he said to him, ^a"Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. ^bYou knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.

23 "Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?"

24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'

25 (^aBut they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

26 'For I say to you, ^athat to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

27 'But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.'"

The Triumphal Entry

28 When He had said this, ^aHe went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 ^aAnd it came to pass, when He drew near to ¹Bethphage and ^bBethany, at the mountain called ^cOlivet, *that* He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, "*Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here.*

31 *"And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'"*

32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just ^aas He had said to them.

33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him."

35 Then they brought him to Jesus. ^aAnd they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him.

36 And as He went, *many* spread their clothes on the road.

37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to ^arejoice and praise God

with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,
38 saying:

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!”

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

40 But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

42 saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

43 “For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,
44 “and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

45 “Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,

46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house is a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of thieves.”

47 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,

48 and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

Jesus’ Authority Questioned

20 Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him

2 and spoke to Him, saying, “Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?”

3 But He answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me:

4 “The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men?”

5 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

6 “But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us, for they are

38 ^aPs. 118:26
^b[Eph. 2:14]

40 ^aHab. 2:11

41 ^aJohn 11:35

42 ^aHeb. 3:13
^b[Acts 10:36]
^c[Rom. 5:1]

43 ^aJer. 6:3, 6

44 ^{a1} Kin. 9:7,
⁸ ^bMatt. 24:2
^c[1 Pet. 2:12]

45 ^aMark
11:11, 15–17
¹NU were
selling, saying

46 ^aIs. 56:7
^bJer. 7:11 ¹NU
shall be

47 ^aLuke
21:37; 22:53
^bJohn 7:19;
8:37

48 ^aLuke 21:38

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1 ^aMatt.
21:23–27

2 ^aActs 4:7;
7:27

4 ^aJohn 1:26,
31

5 ¹NU, M omit
then

6 ^aLuke
7:24–30

9 ^aMark
12:1–12 ¹ten-
ant farmers

10 ^a[1 Thess.
2:15] ¹Lit.

persuaded that John was a prophet.”

7 So they answered that they did not know where it was from.

8 And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

The Parable of the Wicked Vine-dressers

9 Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vine-dressers, and went into a far country for a long time.

10 “Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vine-dressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vine-dressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

11 “Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.

12 “And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out.

13 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.’

14 “But when the vine-dressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’

15 “So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

16 “He will come and destroy those vine-dressers and give the vineyard to others.” And when they heard it they said, “Certainly not!”

17 Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

*“The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief
cornerstone”?*

18 “Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”

19 And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar?

20 “So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

21 Then they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not

^aMark
12:14

show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth:

22 "Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

23 But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, **"Why do you test Me?"**

24 **"Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?"** They answered and said, "Caesar's."

25 And He said to them, **"Render! therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."**

26 But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent.

The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection?

27 "Then some of the Sadducees, ^bwho deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 28 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us *that* if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

29 "Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children.

30 "And the second took her as wife, and he died childless.

31 "Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven ¹also; and they left no children, and died.

32 "Last of all the woman died also.

33 "Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife."

34 Jesus answered and said to them, **"The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.**

35 **"But those who are ^ccounted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;**

36 **"nor can they die anymore, for ^cthey are equal to the angels and are sons of God, ^bbeing sons of the resurrection.**

37 **"But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord ^a'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'**

38 **"For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for ^call live to Him."**

39 Then some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."

40 But after that they dared not question Him anymore.

Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?

41 And He said to them, **"How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David?"**

23 ¹NU omits
Why do you
test Me?

25 ^aMatt.
17:24-27;
Rom. 13:7;
[1 Pet.
2:13-17] ¹Pay

27 ^aMatt.
22:23-33;
Mark
12:18-27
^bActs 23:6, 8

30 ¹NU omits
the rest of
v. 30.

31 ¹NU, M also
left no chil-
dren

35 ^aPhil. 3:11

36 ^a[1 Cor.
15:42, 49, 52;
1 John 3:2]
^bRom. 8:23

37 ^aEx. 3:1-6,
15; Acts
7:30-32

38 ^a[Rom. 6:10,
11; 14:8, 9;
Heb. 11:16]

41 ^aMatt.
22:41-46;
Mark
12:35-37

42 ^aPs. 110:1;
Acts 2:34, 35

44 ^aActs 13:22,
23; Rom. 1:3;
9:4, 5

45 ^aMatt.
23:1-7; Mark
12:38-40

46 ^aMatt. 23:5
^cLuke 11:43;
14:7

47 ^aMatt. 23:14
^b[Matt. 6:5, 6]

CHAPTER 21

1 ^aMark
12:41-44

2 ^a[2 Cor. 6:10]
^bMark 12:42

¹Gr. *lepta*,
very small
copper coins

3 ^a[2 Cor. 8:12]

4 ^a[2 Cor. 8:12]
¹NU omits for
God

5 ^aMatt. 24:1;
Mark 13:1
¹decorated

6 ^aIs. 64:10, 11;
Lam. 2:6-9;
Mic. 3:12;

Luke 19:41-44

8 ^aMatt. 24:4;
Mark 13:5;
Eph. 5:6;

2 Thess. 2:3;
[1 John 4:1]
¹NU omits
Therefore

²follow

9 ^aRev. 6:4

10 ^aMatt. 24:7

11 ^aRev. 6:12

42 "Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms:

**"The LORD said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,**

43 **Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."**

44 "Therefore David calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?"

Beware of the Scribes

45 "Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said to His disciples,

46 **"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, ^blove greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,**

47 **"who devour widows' houses, and for a ^bpretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."**

The Widow's Two Mites

21 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,

2 and He saw also a certain "poor widow putting in two ^bmites.¹

3 So He said, **"Truly I say to you ^cthat this poor widow has put in more than all;**

4 **"for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings ¹for God, but she out of her poverty put in ^call the livelihood that she had."**

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

5 "Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said,

6 **"These things which you see—the days will come in which ^cnot one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."**

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

7 So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?"

8 And He said: **"Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' ¹Therefore do not ²go after them.**

9 **"But when you hear of ^cwars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."**

10 **"Then He said to them, ^c'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.**

11 **"And there will be great ^cearthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven."**

12 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and ^bprisons. ^cYou will be brought before kings and rulers ^dfor My name's sake.

13 "But ^eit will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

14 "Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will ^fanswer;

15 "for I will give you a mouth and wisdom ^gwhich all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or ^hresist.

16 "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put ⁱsome of you to death.

17 "And ^jyou will be hated by all for My name's sake.

18 "But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

19 "By your patience possess your souls.

The Destruction of Jerusalem

20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

21 "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

22 "For these are the days of vengeance, that ^kall things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

24 "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles ^luntil the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The Coming of the Son of Man

25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

26 "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, ^mfor the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 "Then they will see the Son of Man ⁿcoming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because ^oyour redemption draws near."

The Parable of the Fig Tree

29 "Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

30 "When they are already bud-

12 ^a[Rev. 2:10]
^bActs 4:3;
5:18; 12:4;
16:24 ^cActs
25:23 ^d1 Pet.
2:13

13 ^a[Phil.
1:12-14, 28]

14 ^aLuke 12:11
ⁱsay in de-
fense

15 ^aActs 6:10
ⁱwithstand

16 ^aMic. 7:6
^bActs 7:59;
12:2

17 ^aMatt. 10:22

18 ^aMatt. 10:30

20 ^aMark
13:14

22 ^a[Dan.
9:24-27]

23 ^aMatt. 24:19

24 ^a[Dan. 9:27;
12:7]

25 ^a[2 Pet.
3:10-12]

26 ^aMatt. 24:29

27 ^aDan. 7:13;
Rev. 1:7; 14:14

28 ^a[Rom.
8:19, 23]

29 ^aMark
13:28

33 ^aMatt. 24:35
^bIs. 40:8

34 ^a1 Thess.
5:6 ^bLuke 8:14
ⁱdissipation

35 ^aRev. 3:3;
16:15

36 ^aMatt.
24:42; 25:13
^bLuke 18:1
^cLuke 20:35
^d[Eph. 6:13]
ⁱNU have
strength to

37 ^aJohn 8:1, 2
^bLuke 22:39

CHAPTER 22

1 ^aMatt.
26:2-5

2 ^aJohn 11:47

3 ^aMark 14:10,
11 ^bMatt.
10:2-4

5 ^aZech. 11:12

6 ^aPs. 41:9

7 ^aMatt.
26:17-19 ⁱSac-
rificed

ding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

31 "So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.

33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My ^bwords will by no means pass away.

The Importance of Watching

34 "But ^ctake heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with ^dcarousing, drunkenness, and ^ecares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

35 "For ^fit will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 "Watch therefore, and ^gpray always that you may ^hbe counted ⁱworthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and ^jto stand before the Son of Man."

37 "And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but ^kat night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet.

38 Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

The Plot to Kill Jesus

22 Now ^athe Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover.

2 And ^bthe chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people.

3 "Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the ^ctwelve.

4 So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them.

5 And they were glad, and ^dagreed to give him money.

6 So he promised and sought opportunity to ^ebetray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

Jesus and His Disciples Prepare the Passover

7 "Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be ^fkilled.

8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, "^gGo and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."

9 So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?"

10 And He said to them, "^hBehold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters.

11 "Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room

where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"

12 "Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready."

13 So they went and "found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

14 "When the hour had come, He sat down, and the ¹twelve apostles with Him.

15 Then He said to them, "With *fer-vent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

16 "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it 'until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves;

18 "for 'I say to you, 'I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

19 "And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My ^bbody which is given for you; 'do this in remembrance of Me."

20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

21 "But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table.

22 "And truly the Son of Man goes 'as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

23 "Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

The Disciples Argue About Greatness

24 "Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

25 "And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.'

26 "But not so among you; on the contrary, 'he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

27 "For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet 'I am among you as the One who serves.

28 "But you are those who have continued with Me in 'My trials.

29 "And 'I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me,

30 "that 'you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, 'and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

13 ^aLuke 19:32

14 ^aMark 14:17 ¹NU omits twelve

16 ^a[Rev. 19:9]

18 ^aMark 14:25 ¹NU adds from now on

19 ^aMatt. 26:26

^b[1 Pet. 2:24]

^c1 Cor. 11:23-26

20 ^a1 Cor. 10:16

21 ^aJohn 13:21, 26, 27

22 ^aMatt. 26:24 ^bActs 2:23

23 ^aJohn 13:22, 25

24 ^aMark 9:34

25 ^aMark 10:42-45

26 ^a[1 Pet. 5:3] ^bLuke 9:48

27 ^a[Luke 12:37] ^bPhil. 2:7

28 ^a[Heb. 2:18; 4:15]

29 ^aMatt. 24:47

30 ^a[Matt. 8:11] ^b[Rev. 3:21]

31 ^a1 Pet. 5:8 ^bAmos 9:9 ¹NU omits And the Lord said

32 ^a[John 17:9, 11, 15] ^bJohn 21:15-17

34 ^aJohn 13:37, 38

35 ^aMatt. 10:9

37 ^aIs. 53:12; Matt. 27:38; Mark 15:28 ¹fulfilled

39 ^aJohn 18:1 ^bLuke 21:37

40 ^aMark 14:32-42

41 ^aMatt. 26:39

42 ^aIs. 50:5; John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 8:29

43 ^aMatt. 4:11 ¹NU brackets vv. 43 and 44 as not in the original text.

44 ^a[Heb. 5:7]

46 ^aLuke 9:32 ^bLuke 22:40

47 ^aJohn 18:3-11 ^bActs 1:16, 17

48 ^a[Prov. 27:6]

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

31 ¹And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, 'Satan has asked for you, that he may 'sift you as wheat.

32 "But 'I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, 'strengthen your brethren."

33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

34 "Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

Supplies for the Road

35 "And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing."

36 Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.

37 "For I say to you that this which is written must still be 'accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end."

38 So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

The Prayer in the Garden

39 "Coming out, 'He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.

40 "When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

41 "And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,

42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless 'not My will, but Yours, be done."

43 ¹Then 'an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

44 "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.

46 Then He said to them, "Why 'do you sleep? Rise and 'pray, lest you enter into temptation."

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

47 And while He was still speaking, 'behold, a multitude; and he who was called 'Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him.

48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a 'kiss?"

49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

50 And "one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, "**Permit even this.**" And He touched his ear and healed him.

52 "Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "**Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs?**"

53 "**When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.**"

Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps Bitterly

54 "Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. ^bBut Peter followed at a distance.

55 "Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

56 And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him."

57 But he denied ¹Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

58 "And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

59 "Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a ^bGalilean."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, ¹the rooster crowed.

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then ^aPeter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "**Before the rooster ¹crows, you will deny Me three times.**"

62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus Mocked and Beaten

63 "Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and ^bbeat Him.

64 ¹And having blindfolded Him, they "struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?"

65 And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

66 "As soon as it was day, ^bthe elders of the people, both chief priests

50 ^aMatt. 26:51

52 ^aMatt. 26:55
^bLuke 23:32

53 ^aLuke 19:47, 48
^bJohn 12:27]

54 ^aMatt. 26:57
^bJohn 18:15

55 ^aMark 14:66-72

57 ¹NU it

58 ^aJohn 18:25

59 ^aMark 14:70
^bActs 1:11; 2:7

60 ¹NU, M a rooster

61 ^aMatt. 26:75
^bJohn 13:38
¹NU adds today

63 ^aPs. 69:1, 4, 7-9
^bIs. 50:6

64 ^aZech. 13:7
¹NU And having blindfolded Him, they asked Him

66 ^aMatt. 27:1
^bActs 4:26

67 ^aMatt. 26:63-66
^bLuke 20:5-7

68 ¹NU omits also ²NU omits the rest of v. 68.

69 ^aHeb. 1:3; 8:1

70 ^aMatt. 26:64; 27:11

71 ^aMark 14:63

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1 ^aJohn 18:28
^bLuke 3:1; 13:1

2 ^aActs 24:2
^bActs 17:7
^cMatt. 17:27
^dJohn 19:12
¹NU our

3 ^a1 Tim. 6:13

4 ^a[1 Pet. 2:22]

5 ^aJohn 7:41

6 ¹NU omits of Galilee

7 ^aLuke 3:1; 9:7; 13:31

8 ^aLuke 9:9
^bMatt. 14:1

9 ^aIs. 53:7; John 19:9

11 ^aIs. 53:3
¹troops

12 ^aActs 4:26, 27

13 ^aMark 15:14

and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying,

67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "**If I tell you, you will ^bby no means believe.**"

68 "**And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer ²Me or let ²Me go.**"

69 "**Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God.**"

70 Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "**You rightly say that I am.**"

71 "And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate

23 Then "the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to ^bPilate.

2 And they began to "accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow ^bperverting ¹the nation, and ^cforbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying ^athat He Himself is Christ, a King."

3 "Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, "**It is as you say.**"

4 So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."

5 But they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from ^aGalilee to this place."

Jesus Faces Herod

6 When Pilate heard ¹of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. 7 And as soon as he knew that He belonged to ^aHerod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, ^ahe was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because ^bhe had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

9 Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him ^anothing.

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him.

11 "Then Herod, with his ¹men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

12 That very day ^aPilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been in enmity with each other.

Taking the Place of Barabbas

13 "Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people,

14 said to them, ^a"You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, ^bhaving examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him;

15 "no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him.

16 ^a"I will therefore chastise Him and release Him"

17 ^a(for¹ it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast).

18 And ^athey all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas"—

19 who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder.

20 Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them.

21 But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

22 Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go."

23 But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men ¹and of the chief priests prevailed.

24 So ^aPilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested.

25 ^aAnd he released ¹to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

The King on a Cross

26 ^aNow as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.

27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him.

28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, ^a"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

29 ^a"For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!'

30 "Then they will begin ^ato say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!'"

31 ^a"For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

32 ^aThere were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death.

33 And ^awhen they had come to the place called Calvary, there they cruci-

14 ^aLuke 23:1,
2 ^bLuke 23:4

15 ¹NU he
sent Him
back to us

16 ^aJohn 19:1

17 ^aJohn 18:39
¹NU omits
v. 17.

18 ^aActs
3:13-15

23 ¹NU omits
and of the
chief priests

24 ^aMark
15:15

25 ^aIs. 53:8
¹NU, M omit
to them

26 ^aMatt. 27:32

29 ^aMatt. 24:19

30 ^aHos. 10:8;
Rev. 6:16, 17;
9:6

31 ^a[Jer. 25:29]

32 ^aIs. 53:9, 12

33 ^aJohn
19:17-24

34 ^a1 Cor. 4:12
^bActs 3:17

^cMatt. 27:35
¹NU brackets
the first sen-
tence as a
later addition.

35 ^aPs. 22:17;
[Zech. 12:10]
^bPs. 22:7, 8;
Matt. 27:39

36 ^aPs. 69:21

38 ^aJohn 19:19
¹NU omits
written and in
letters of
Greek, Latin,
and Hebrew

39 ^aMark
15:32 ¹NU Are
You not the
Christ? Save

41 ^a[Heb. 7:26]

42 ¹NU "Jesus,
remember me

43 ^a[Rev. 2:7]

44 ^aMatt.
27:45-56 ¹NU
adds already

45 ^aMatt. 27:51
¹NU obscures
²the middle

46 ^aPs. 31:5
^bJohn 19:30

47 ^aMark
15:39

49 ^aPs. 38:11

50 ^aMatt.
27:57-61

cified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

34 ¹Then Jesus said, ^a"Father, ^afor-
give them, for ^bthey do not know
what they do." And they divided
His garments and cast lots.

35 And ^athe people stood looking
on. But even the ^brulers with them
sneered, saying, "He saved others;
let Him save Himself if He is the
Christ, the chosen of God."

36 The soldiers also mocked Him,
coming and offering Him ^asour wine,
37 and saying, "If You are the King
of the Jews, save Yourself."

38 ^aAnd an inscription also was
¹written over Him in letters of
Greek, Latin, and Hebrew:

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 ^aThen one of the criminals who
were hanged blasphemed Him, say-
ing, ¹"If You are the Christ, save
Yourself and us."

40 But the other, answering,
rebuked him, saying, "Do you not
even fear God, seeing you are under
the same condemnation?"

41 "And we indeed justly, for we
receive the due reward of our deeds;
but this Man has done ^anothing
wrong."

42 Then he said ¹to Jesus, "Lord,
remember me when You come into
Your kingdom."

43 And Jesus said to him, ^a"As-
suredly, I say to you, today you will
be with Me in ^aParadise."

Jesus Dies on the Cross

44 ^aNow it ¹was about the sixth
hour, and there was darkness over
all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 Then the sun was ¹darkened,
and ^athe veil of the temple was torn
in ²two.

46 And when Jesus had cried out
with a loud voice, He said, ^a"Father,
^ainto Your hands I commit My
spirit." ^bHaving said this, He
breathed His last.

47 ^aSo when the centurion saw
what had happened, he glorified
God, saying, "Certainly this was a
righteous Man!"

48 And the whole crowd who came
together to that sight, seeing what
had been done, beat their breasts
and returned.

49 ^aBut all His acquaintances, and
the women who followed Him from
Galilee, stood at a distance, watch-
ing these things.

Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb

50 ^aNow behold, there was a man
named Joseph, a council member, a
good and just man.

51 He had not consented to their
decision and deed. He was from Ari-

mathea, a city of the Jews, ^awho¹ himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God.

52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

53 ^aThen he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb *that* was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before.

54 That day was ^athe Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.

55 And the women ^awho had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and ^bthey observed the tomb and how His body was laid.

56 Then they returned and ^aprepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath ^baccording to the commandment.

He Is Risen

24 Now ^aon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, ¹and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb ^bbringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 ^aBut they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

3 ^aThen they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it happened, as they were ¹greatly perplexed about this, that ^abehold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

6 ^a"He is not here, but is risen!" ^aRemember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

7 ^asaying, ***'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'***

8 And ^athey remembered His words.

9 ^aThen they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, ^aJoanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles.

11 ^aAnd their words seemed to them like ¹idle tales, and they did not believe them.

12 ^aBut Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths ¹lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

The Road to Emmaus

13 ^aNow behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was ¹seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 So it was, while they conversed

51 ^aLuke 2:25,
38 ¹NU who was waiting

53 ^aMark 15:46

54 ^aMatt. 27:62

55 ^aLuke 8:2
^bMark 15:47

56 ^aMark 16:1
^bEx. 20:10

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1 ^aJohn 20:1-8
^bLuke 23:56

¹NU omits and certain other women with them

2 ^aMark 16:4

3 ^aMark 16:5

4 ^aJohn 20:12
¹NU omits greatly

6 ^aLuke 9:22

7 ^aLuke 9:44;
11:29, 30;
18:31-33

8 ^aJohn 2:19-22

9 ^aMark 16:10

10 ^aLuke 8:3

11 ^aLuke 24:25
¹nonsense

12 ^aJohn 20:3-6 ¹NU omits lying

13 ^aMark 16:12 ¹Lit. 60 stadia

15 ^a[Matt. 18:20]

16 ^aJohn 20:14; 21:4

17 ¹NU walk? And they stood still, looking sad.

18 ^aJohn 19:25

19 ^aMatt. 21:11
^bActs 7:22

20 ^aActs 13:27, 28

21 ^aLuke 1:68; 2:38

22 ^aMark 16:10

24 ^aLuke 24:12

26 ^aActs 17:2,
3 ^b[1 Pet. 1:10-12]

27 ^a[Deut. 18:15]

¹[Is. 7:14; 9:6]

¹explained

28 ^aMark 6:48
¹acted as if

29 ^aGen. 19:2,
3 ^b[John 14:23]

30 ^aMatt. 14:19

and reasoned, that ^aJesus Himself drew near and went with them.

16 But ^atheir eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

17 And He said to them, ***"What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you ¹walk and are sad?"***

18 Then the one ^awhose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

19 And He said to them, ***"What things?"*** So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, ^awho was a Prophet ^bmighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 ^aand how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

21 "But we were hoping ^athat it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

22 "Yes, and ^acertain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

23 "When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

24 "And ^acertain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

25 Then He said to them, ***"O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!"***

26 ^a"Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His ^bglory?"

27 And beginning at ^aMoses and ^ball the Prophets, He ¹expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

The Disciples' Eyes Opened

28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and ^aHe ¹indicated that He would have gone farther.

29 But ^athey constrained Him, saying, ^b"Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.

30 Now it came to pass, as ^aHe sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

33 So they rose up that very hour

and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and ^ahas appeared to Simon!"

35 And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was ¹known to them in the breaking of bread.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

36 ^aNow as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "**Peace to you.**"

37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen ^aa spirit.

38 And He said to them, "**Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?**"

39 "**Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. ^aHandle Me and see, for a ^bspirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.**"

40 ¹When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

41 But while they still did not believe ^afor joy, and marveled, He said to them, ^b"**Have you any food here?**"

42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish ¹and some honeycomb.

43 ^aAnd He took it and ate in their presence.

The Scriptures Opened

44 Then He said to them, ^a"**These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all**

34 ^{a1} Cor. 15:5

35 ¹recognized

36 ^aMark 16:14

37 ^aMark 6:49

39 ^aJohn 20:20, 27
^b[1 Cor. 15:50]

40 ¹Some printed New Testaments omit v. 40. It is found in nearly all Gr. mss.

41 ^aGen. 45:26
^bJohn 21:5

42 ¹NU omits and some honeycomb

43 ^aActs 10:39-41

44 ^aMatt. 16:21; 17:22; 20:18

45 ^aActs 16:14

46 ^aActs 17:3
¹NU that the Christ should suffer and rise

47 ^aActs 5:31; 10:43; 13:38; 26:18 ^b[Jer. 31:34]

48 ^a[Acts 1:8]

things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

45 And ^aHe opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

46 Then He said to them, ^a"Thus it is written, ¹and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

47 "and that repentance and ^aremission of sins should be preached in His name ^{to} to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 ^a"And ^ayou are witnesses of these things.

49 ^a"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city ¹of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

The Ascension

50 And He led them out ^aas far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

51 ^aNow it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

52 ^aAnd they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

53 and were continually ^ain the temple ¹praising and blessing God.

²Amen.

49 ^aJoel 2:28 ¹NU omits of Jerusalem
50 ^aActs 1:12 51 ^aPs. 68:18; Mark 16:19
52 ^aMatt. 28:9 53 ^aActs 2:46 ¹NU omits praising and ²NU omits Amen.

The Gospel According to

JOHN

JUST as a coin has two sides, both valid, so Jesus Christ has two natures, both valid. Luke presents Christ in His humanity as the Son of Man; John portrays Him in His deity as the Son of God. John's purpose is crystal clear: to set forth Christ in His deity in order to spark believing faith in his readers. John's gospel is topical, not primarily chronological, and it revolves around seven miracles and seven "I am" statements of Christ.

Following an extended eyewitness description of the Upper Room meal and discourse, John records events leading up to the Resurrection, the final climactic proof that Jesus is who He claims to be—the Son of God.

The title of the Fourth Gospel follows the same format as the titles of the synoptic Gospels: *Kata Ioannen*, "According to John." As with the others, the word "Gospel" was added later. *Ioannes* is derived from the Hebrew name *Johanan*, "Yahweh Has Been Gracious."

The Eternal Word

IN the beginning ^awas the Word, and the ^bWord was ^cwith God, and the Word was ^dGod.

2 ^aHe was in the beginning with God.

3 ^aAll things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

4 ^aIn Him was life, and ^bthe life was the light of men.

5 And ^athe light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ¹comprehend it.

John's Witness: The True Light

6 There was a ^aman sent from God, whose name was John.

7 This man came for a ^awitness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might ^bbelieve.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that ^aLight.

9 ^aThat¹ was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and ^athe world did not know Him.

11 ^aHe came to His ¹own, and His ²own did not receive Him.

12 But ^aas many as received Him, to them He gave the ¹right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

13 ^awho were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Word Becomes Flesh

14 ^aAnd the Word ^bbecame ^cflesh and dwelt among us, and ^dwe beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, ^efull of grace and truth.

15 ^aJohn bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, ^bHe who comes after me ¹is preferred before me, ^cfor He was before me."

16 ¹And of His ^afullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

17 For ^athe law was given through Moses, but ^bgrace and ^ctruth came through Jesus Christ.

18 ^aNo one has seen God at any time. ^bThe only begotten ¹Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

A Voice in the Wilderness

19 Now this is ^athe testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

20 ^aHe confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you ^athe Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

22 Then they said to him, "Who are

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1 ^a1 John 1:1

^bRev. 19:13

^c[John 17:5]

^d[1 John 5:20]

2 ^aGen. 1:1

3 ^a[Col. 1:16,

17]

4 ^a[1 John

5:11] ^bJohn

8:12; 9:5;

12:46

5 ^a[John 3:19]

¹Or *overcome*

6 ^aMatt.

3:1-17

7 ^aJohn

3:25-36;

5:33-35

^b[John 3:16]

8 ^aIs. 9:2; 49:6

9 ^aIs. 49:6 ¹Or

That was the

true Light

which, coming

into the

world, gives

light to every

man.

10 ^aHeb. 1:2

11 ^a[Is. 53:3;

Luke 19:14]

¹His own

things or do-

main ²His

own people

12 ^aGal. 3:26

¹authority

13 ^a[1 Pet.

1:23]

14 ^aRev. 19:13

^bGal. 4:4

^cHeb. 2:11

^dIs. 40:5

^e[John 8:32;

14:6; 18:37]

15 ^aJohn 3:32

^b[Matt. 3:11]

^c[Col. 1:17]

¹ranks *higher*

than I

16 ^a[Col. 1:19;

2:9] ¹NU For

17 ^a[Ex. 20:1]

^b[Rom. 5:21;

6:14] ^c[John

8:32; 14:6;

18:37]

18 ^aEx. 33:20

^b1 John 4:9

¹NU God

19 ^aJohn 5:33

20 ^aLuke 3:15

21 ^aDeut.

18:15, 18

22 ^aMatt. 3:3

^bIs. 40:3

26 ^aMatt. 3:11

^bMal. 3:1

27 ^aActs 19:4

¹ranks *higher*

than I

28 ^aJudg. 7:24

¹NU, M

Bethany

29 ^aRev. 5:6-14

^b[1 Pet. 2:24]

30 ¹ranks

higher than I

31 ^aMatt. 3:6

32 ^aMark 1:10

33 ^aIs. 42:1;

61:1; Matt.

3:11

34 ^aJohn 11:27

36 ^aJohn 1:29

37 ^aMatt. 4:20,

22

you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said: ^a"I am

^b*The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

"Make straight the way of the LORD,"

as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 John answered them, saying, ^a"I baptize with water, ^bbut there stands One among you whom you do not know.

27 ^a"It is He who, coming after me, ¹is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

28 These things were done ^ain ¹Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Lamb of God

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! ^aThe Lamb of God ^bwho takes away the sin of the world!"

30 "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who ¹is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

31 "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, ^atherefore I came baptizing with water."

32 ^aAnd John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

33 "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, ^athis is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

34 "And I have seen and testified that this is the ^aSon of God."

The First Disciples

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, ^a"Behold the Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they ^afollowed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, ^a"What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are you staying?"

39 He said to them, ^a"Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

40 One of the two who heard John

10 *speaking*, and followed Him, was ^aAndrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the ¹Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "**You are Simon the son of ¹Jonah. ^aYou shall be called Cephas**" (which is translated, ²A Stone).

Philip and Nathanael

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found ^aPhilip and said to him, "**Follow Me.**"

44 Now ^aPhilip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found ^aNathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom ^bMoses in the law, and also the ^cprophets, wrote—Jesus ^dof Nazareth, the ^eson of Joseph."

46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "**Behold, ^aan Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!**"

48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "**Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.**"

49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, ^aYou are the Son of God! You are ^bthe King of Israel!"

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "**Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these.**"

51 And He said to him, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, ^ahereafter! you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.**"

Water Turned to Wine

2 On the third day there was a ^awedding in ^bCana of Galilee, and the ^cmother of Jesus was there.

2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "**^aWoman, ^bwhat does your concern have to do with Me? ^cMy hour has not yet come.**"

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, ^aaccording to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

7 Jesus said to them, "**Fill the waterpots with water.**" And they filled them up to the brim.

40 ^aMatt. 4:18

41 ¹Lit. Anointed One

42 ^aMatt. 16:18; ¹NU John ²Gr. Petros, usually translated Peter

43 ^aJohn 6:5; 12:21, 22; 14:8, 9

44 ^aJohn 12:21

45 ^aJohn 21:2; ^bLuke 24:27; ^c[Zech. 6:12]; ^d[Matt. 2:23]; ^eLuke 3:23

46 ^aJohn 7:41, 42, 52

47 ^aPs. 32:2; 73:1

49 ^aMatt. 14:33; ^bMatt. 21:5

51 ^aGen. 28:12; ¹NU omits hereafter

CHAPTER 2

1 ^a[Heb. 13:4]; ^bJohn 4:46; ^cJohn 19:25

4 ^aJohn 19:26; ^b2 Sam. 16:10; ^cJohn 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20

6 ^a[Mark 7:3]

9 ^aJohn 4:46

11 ^aJohn 4:54; ^b[John 1:14]; ^crevealed

12 ^aMatt. 4:13; ^bMatt. 12:46; 13:55

13 ^aDeut. 16:1-6

14 ^aMal. 3:1; Mark 11:15; ¹Lit. sitting

16 ^aLuke 2:49

17 ^aPs. 69:9; ¹NU, M will eat

18 ^aMatt. 12:38

19 ^aMatt. 26:61; 27:40

21 ^a[1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19]

22 ^aLuke 24:8; ¹NU, M omit to them

23 ^a[Acts 2:22]

24 ^aRev. 2:23

25 ^aMatt. 9:4

8 And He said to them, "**Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.**" And they took it.

9 When the master of the feast had tasted ^athe water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the ^aguests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

11 This ^abeginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, ^band ¹manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

12 After this He went down to ^aCapernaum, He, His mother, ^bHis brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

13 ^aNow the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 ^aAnd He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers ¹doing business.

15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

16 And He said to those who sold doves, "**Take these things away! Do not make ^aMy Father's house a house of merchandise!**"

17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, ^a"*Zeal for Your house ¹has eaten Me up.*"

18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, ^a"What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

19 Jesus answered and said to them, ^a"**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**"

20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking ^aof the temple of His body.

22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, ^aHis disciples remembered that He had said this ¹to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

The Discerner of Hearts

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the ^asigns which He did.

24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He ^aknew all men,

25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for ^aHe knew what was in man.

The New Birth

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 "This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for ^bno one can do these signs that You do unless "God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, ^aunless one is born ¹again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, ^aunless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 "That which is born of the flesh is ^aflesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?"

11 "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and ^byou do not receive Our witness.

12 "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

13 "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, ^athat is, the Son of Man ¹who is in heaven.

14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so ^bmust the Son of Man be lifted up.

15 "that whoever ^abelieves in Him should ¹not perish but ^bhave eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten ^bSon, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 "And this is the condemnation, ^athat the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

CHAPTER 3

2 ^aJohn 7:50; 19:39 ^bJohn 9:16, 33 ^c[Acts 10:38]

3 ^a[1 Pet. 1:23] ¹Or from above

5 ^a[Acts 2:38]

6 ^a1 Cor. 15:50

8 ^aEcc. 11:5

9 ^aJohn 6:52, 60

11 ^a[Matt. 11:27] ^bJohn 3:32; 8:14

13 ^aEph. 4:9 ¹NU omits who is in heaven

14 ^aNum. 21:9 ^bJohn 8:28; 12:34; 19:18

15 ^aJohn 6:47 ^bJohn 3:36 ¹NU omits not perish but

16 ^aRom. 5:8 ^b[Is. 9:6]

17 ^aLuke 9:56

18 ^aJohn 5:24; 6:40, 47; 20:31

19 ^a[John 1:4, 9-11]

20 ^aEph. 5:11, 13

21 ^a1 Cor. 15:10

22 ^aJohn 4:1, 2

23 ^a1 Sam. 9:4 ^bMatt. 3:5, 6

24 ^aMatt. 4:12; 14:3

26 ^aJohn 1:7, 15, 27, 34 ^bMark 2:2; 3:10; 5:24

27 ^a1 Cor. 3:5, 6; 4:7

28 ^aJohn 1:19-27 ^bMal. 3:1

29 ^a[2 Cor. 11:2] ^bSong 5:1

30 ^a[Is. 9:7]

31 ^aJohn 3:13; 8:23 ^bMatt. 28:18 ^c1 Cor. 15:47 ^dJohn 6:33

32 ^aJohn 3:11; 15:15

33 ^a1 John 5:10

34 ^aDeut. 18:18; John 7:16 ^bJohn 1:16

35 ^a[Heb. 2:8]

36 ^aJohn 3:16, 17; 6:47 ^bRom. 1:18

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aJohn 3:22, 26

20 "For ^aeveryone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been ^adone in God."

John the Baptist Exalts Christ

22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them ^aand baptized.

23 Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near ^aSalim, because there was much water there. ^bAnd they came and were baptized.

24 For ^aJohn had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 Then there arose a dispute between ^asome of John's disciples and the Jews about purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, ^ato whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all ^aare coming to Him!"

27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.

28 "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ^a'I am not the Christ,' but, ^bI have been sent before Him."

29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but ^bthe friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

30 "He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 "He who comes from above ^bis above all; ^ahe who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. ^aHe who comes from heaven is above all.

32 "And ^awhat He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.

33 "He who has received His testimony ^ahas certified that God is true.

34 "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit ^bby measure.

35 "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

36 "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the ^awrath of God abides on him."

A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah

4 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and ^abaptized more disciples than John

2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),

3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee.

4 But He needed to go through Samaria.

5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that ^aJacob ^bgave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, **"Give Me a drink."**

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For ^aJews have no dealings with ^bSamaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said to her, **"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."**

11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"

12 "Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, **"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,"**

14 **"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."**

15 **"The woman said to Him, 'Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.'"**

16 Jesus said to her, **"Go, call your husband, and come here."**

17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, **"You have well said, I have no husband,"**

18 **"for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."**

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

21 Jesus said to her, **"Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father."**

22 **"You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews."**

23 **"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit**

⁵ ^aGen. 33:19; Josh. 24:32; ^bGen. 48:22; Josh. 4:12

⁹ ^aActs 10:28; ^{b2} Kin. 17:24; Matt. 10:5, 6; Luke 9:52; 10:33; 17:16; John 8:48

¹⁰ ^a[Rom. 5:15] ^bIs. 12:3; 44:3; Jer. 2:13; Zech. 13:1; 14:8; John 7:38

¹⁴ ^a[John 6:35, 58] ^bJohn 7:37, 38

¹⁵ ^aJohn 6:34, 35; 17:2, 3; [Rom. 6:23; 1 John 5:20]

¹⁹ ^aMatt. 21:11; Luke 7:16, 39; 24:19; John 6:14; 7:40; 9:17

²⁰ ^aGen. 12:6-8; 33:18, 20; Judg. 9:7; ^bDeut. 12:5, 11; 1 Kin. 9:3; 2 Chr. 7:12; Ps. 122:1-9

²¹ ^a[Mal. 1:11]; 1 Tim. 2:8

²² ^a[2 Kin. 17:28-41] ^b[Is. 2:3; Luke 24:47; Rom. 3:1; 9:4, 5]

²³ ^aMatt. 18:20; [Heb. 13:10-14] ^bPhil. 3:3; ^c[John 1:17]

²⁴ ^{a2} Cor. 3:17

²⁵ ^aDeut. 18:15; ^bJohn 4:29, 39

²⁶ ^aDan. 9:25; Matt. 26:63, 64; Mark 14:61, 62

²⁹ ^aJohn 4:25

³⁴ ^aPs. 40:7, 8; Heb. 10:9; ^bJob 23:12; [John 6:38; 17:4; 19:30]

³⁵ ^aGen. 8:22; ^bMatt. 9:37; Luke 10:2

³⁶ ^aDan. 12:3; Rom. 6:22; ^{b1} Thess. 2:19

³⁷ ^{a1} Cor. 3:5-9

³⁸ ^aJer. 44:4; [1 Pet. 1:12]

³⁹ ^aJohn 4:29

⁴¹ ^aLuke 4:32; [John 6:63]

⁴² ^aJohn 17:8; 1 John 4:14; ^bNU omits the Christ

and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24 **"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah 'is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When He comes, He will tell us all things.'"

26 Jesus said to her, **"I who speak to you am He."**

The Whiten Harvest

27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32 But He said to them, **"I have food to eat of which you do not know."**

33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

34 Jesus said to them, **"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."**

35 **"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"**

36 **"And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."**

37 **"For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'"**

38 **"I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."**

The Savior of the World

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."

40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41 And many more believed because of His own word.

42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Welcome at Galilee

43 Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee.

44 For "Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, "having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; ^bfor they also had gone to the feast.

A Nobleman's Son Healed

46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee "where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

48 Then Jesus said to him, **"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."**

49 The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

50 Jesus said to him, **"Go your way; your son lives."** So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, **"Your son lives."** And he himself believed, and his whole household.

54 This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda

5 After "this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus ^bwent up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem "by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, 'Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, ^bparalyzed, ²waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in *that condition* a long time, He said to him, **"Do you want to be made well?"**

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into

44 ^aMatt. 13:57

45 ^aJohn 2:13, 23; 3:2 ^bDeut. 16:16

46 ^aJohn 2:1, 11 ¹royal official

48 ^a1 Cor. 1:22

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aDeut. 16:16 ^bJohn 2:13

2 ^aNeh. 3:1, 32; 12:39 ¹NU Bethzatha

3 ¹withered ²NU omits the rest of v. 3 and all of v. 4.

8 ^aLuke 5:24

9 ^aJohn 9:14

10 ^aJer. 17:21, 22

13 ^aLuke 13:14; 22:51

14 ^aJohn 8:11

16 ^aJohn 8:37; 10:39 ¹NU omits and sought to kill Him

17 ^a[John 9:4; 17:4]

18 ^aJohn 7:1, 19 ^bJohn 10:30

19 ^aJohn 5:30; 6:38; 8:28; 12:49; 14:10

20 ^aMatt. 3:17 ^b[Matt. 11:27]

21 ^a[John 11:25]

22 ^a[Acts 17:31]

23 ^a1 John 2:23

24 ^aJohn 3:16, 18; 6:47

the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus said to him, **"Rise, take up your bed and walk."**

9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And "that day was the Sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, **"Take up your bed and walk."**

12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, **"Take up your bed and walk?"**

13 But the one who was "healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that place*.

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, **"See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."**

15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Honor the Father and the Son

16 For this reason the Jews "persecuted Jesus, ¹and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

17 But Jesus answered them, **"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."**

18 Therefore the Jews "sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, ^bmaking Himself equal with God.

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, **"Most assuredly, I say to you, 'the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."**

20 "For "the Father loves the Son, and "shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

21 "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, "even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

22 "For the Father judges no one, but "has committed all judgment to the Son,

23 "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

Life and Judgment Are Through the Son

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, "he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into

judgment, ^bbut has passed from death into life.

25 "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when ^cthe dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

26 "For ^aas the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have ^blife in Himself,

27 "and ^ahas given Him authority to execute judgment also, ^bbecause He is the Son of Man.

28 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will ^ahear His voice

29 ^a"and come forth—^bthose who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

30 ^a"I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because ^bI do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

The Fourfold Witness

31 ^a"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not ^btrue.

32 ^a"There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.

33 "You have sent to John, ^aand he has borne witness to the truth.

34 "Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

35 "He was the burning and ^a"shining lamp, and ^byou were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

36 "But ^aI have a greater witness than John's; for ^bthe works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very ^cworks that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37 "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, ^ahas testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, ^bnor seen His form.

38 "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

39 ^a"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and ^bthese are they which testify of Me.

40 ^a"But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

41 ^a"I do not receive honor from men.

42 "But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

44 ^a"How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek ^bthe honor that comes from the only God?

45 "Do not think that I shall accuse

24 ^b[1 John 3:14]

25 ^a[Col. 2:13]

26 ^aPs. 36:9

^b1 Cor. 15:45

27 ^a[Acts

10:42; 17:31]

^bDan. 7:13

28 ^a[1 Thess.

4:15–17]

29 ^aIs. 26:19

^bDan. 12:2

30 ^aJohn 5:19

^bMatt. 26:39

31 ^aJohn 8:14

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32 ^a[Matt.

3:17]

33 ^a[John 1:15,

19, 27, 32]

35 ^a2 Pet. 1:19

^bMark 6:20

36 ^a1 John 5:9

^bJohn 3:2;

10:25; 17:4

^cJohn 9:16;

10:38

37 ^aMatt. 3:17

^b1 John 4:12

39 ^aIs. 8:20;

34:16 ^bLuke

24:27

40 ^a[John 1:11;

3:19]

41 ^a1 Thess.

2:6

44 ^aJohn 12:43

[Rom. 2:29]

45 ^aRom. 2:12

46 ^aDeut.

18:15, 18

47 ^aLuke

16:29, 31

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aMark 6:32

^bJohn 6:23;

21:1

2 ^aMatt. 4:23;

8:16; 9:35;

14:36; 15:30;

19:2 ¹sick

4 ^aDeut. 16:1

5 ^aMatt. 14:14

^bJohn 1:43

7 ^aNum. 11:21,

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8 ^aJohn 1:40

9 ^a2 Kin. 4:43

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14 ^aGen. 49:10

15 ^aJohn

18:36]

16 ^aMatt. 14:23

you to the Father; ^athere is *one* who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.

46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; ^afor he wrote about Me.

47 "But if you ^ado not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

Feeding the Five Thousand

6 After ^athese things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea of ^bTiberias*.

2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were ^adiseased.¹

3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

4 ^aNow the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

5 "Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to ^bPhilip, "*Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?*"

6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, ^a"Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

8 One of His disciples, ^aAndrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, ^abut what are they among so many?"

10 Then Jesus said, "*Make the people sit down.*" Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* ¹to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "*Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.*"

13 Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly ^athe Prophet who is to come into the world."

Jesus Walks on the Sea

15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him ^aking, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

16 ^aNow when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,

17 got into the boat, and went over

the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them.

18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing.

19 So when they had rowed about ¹three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were ^aafraid.

20 But He said to them, **^a"It is I; do not be afraid."**

21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

The Bread from Heaven

22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except ¹that one ²which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone—

23 however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks—

24 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, ^aseeking Jesus.

25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, **^a"Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."**

27 **^a"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but ^bfor the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, ^cbecause God the Father has set His seal on Him."**

28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, **^a"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."**

30 Therefore they said to Him, ^a"What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?"

31 **^a"Our fathers ate the manna in the desert: as it is written, ^b'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"**

32 Then Jesus said to them, **^a"Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but ^a'My Father gives you the true bread from heaven."**

33 **^a"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."**

34 ^a"Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

35 And Jesus said to them, **^a"I am the bread of life. ^bHe who comes to**

19 ^aMatt. 17:6
¹Lit. 25 or 30 stadia

20 ^aIs. 43:1, 2

22 ¹NU omits that ²NU omits which His disciples had entered

24 ^aLuke 4:42

27 ^aMatt. 6:19

^bJohn 4:14

^cActs 2:22

29 ^a[1 John 3:23]

30 ^aMatt. 12:38; 16:1

31 ^aEx. 16:15

^bEx. 16:4, 15;

Neh. 9:15; Ps. 78:24

32 ^aJohn 3:13, 16

34 ^aJohn 4:15

35 ^aJohn 6:48,

58 ^bJohn

4:14; 7:37

^cIs. 55:1, 2

36 ^aJohn 6:26,

64; 15:24

^bJohn 10:26

37 ^aJohn 6:45

^{b2} Tim. 2:19

¹certainly not

38 ^aMatt. 26:39

^bJohn 4:34

39 ^aJohn

10:28; 17:12;

18:9

40 ^aJohn 3:15,

16; 4:14; 6:27,

47, 54

41 ¹grumbled

42 ^aMatt. 13:55

43 ¹Stop

grumbling

44 ^aSong 1:4

^b[Phil. 1:29;

2:12, 13]

45 ^aIs. 54:13

^bJohn 6:37

¹M hears and

has learned

46 ^aJohn 1:18

^bMatt. 11:27

47 ^a[John 3:16,

18] ¹NU omits

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48 ^aJohn 6:33,

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49 ^aJohn 6:31,

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50 ^aJohn 6:51,

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51 ^aJohn 3:13

^bHeb. 10:5

52 ^aJohn 7:43;

9:16; 10:19

53 ^aMatt. 26:26

54 ^aJohn 4:14;

6:27, 40

Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never ^athirst.

36 **^a"But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet ^bdo not believe."**

37 **^a"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and ^bthe one who comes to Me I will ¹by no means cast out."**

38 **^a"For I have come down from heaven, ^anot to do My own will, ^bbut the will of Him who sent Me."**

39 **^a"This is the will of the Father who sent Me, ^athat of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day."**

40 **^a"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, ^athat everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."**

Rejected by His Own

41 The Jews then ¹complained about Him, because He said, **^a"I am the bread which came down from heaven."**

42 And they said, **^a"Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ¹'I have come down from heaven'?"**

43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, **¹"Do not murmur among yourselves."**

44 **^a"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me ^bdraws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."**

45 **^a"It is written in the prophets, ^a'And they shall all be taught by God.' ^bTherefore everyone who ¹has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me."**

46 **^a"Not that anyone has seen the Father, ^bexcept He who is from God; He has seen the Father."**

47 **^a"Most assuredly, I say to you, ^ahe who believes ¹in Me has everlasting life."**

48 **^a"I am the bread of life."**

49 **^a"Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead."**

50 **^a"This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die."**

51 **^a"I am the living bread ^awhich came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and ^bthe bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."**

52 The Jews therefore ^aquarreled among themselves, saying, **^a"How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"**

53 Then Jesus said to them, **^a"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless ^ayou eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."**

54 **^a"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."**

55 "For My flesh is ¹food indeed, and My blood is ²drink indeed.

56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood ^aabides in Me, and I in him.

57 "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

58 "This is the bread which came down from heaven—not ^aas your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

Many Disciples Turn Away

60 "Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, "This is a ¹hard saying; who can understand it?"

61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples ¹complained about this, He said to them, "Does *this* ²offend you?"

62 "What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?"

63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the ^bflesh profits nothing. The ^cwords that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

64 "But ^athere are some of you who do not believe." For ^bJesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

65 And He said, "Therefore ^aI have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

66 "From that *time* many of His disciples went ¹back and walked with Him no more.

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have ^athe words of eternal life.

69 "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the ¹Christ, the Son of the living God."

70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, ^band one of you is a devil?"

71 He spoke of ^aJudas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would ^bbetray Him, being one of the twelve.

Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve

7 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, ^abecause the ¹Jews sought to kill Him.

2 "Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.

3 "His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.

55 ¹NU true food ²NU true drink

56 ^a[1 John 3:24; 4:15, 16]

58 ^aJohn 6:49-51 ^bEx. 16:14-35

60 ^aJohn 6:66 ¹difficult

61 ¹grumbled ²make you stumble

62 ^aActs 1:9; 2:32, 33

63 ^a2 Cor. 3:6 ^bJohn 3:6

^c[John 6:68; 14:24]

64 ^aJohn 6:36 ^bJohn 2:24, 25; 13:11

65 ^aJohn 6:37, 44, 45

66 ^aLuke 9:62 ¹Or away; lit. to the back

68 ^aActs 5:20 ^bLuke 9:20

¹NU Holy One of God.

70 ^aLuke 6:13 ^bJohn 13:27]

71 ^aJohn 12:4; 13:2, 26 ^bMatt. 26:14-16

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aJohn 5:18; 7:19, 25; 8:37.

40 ¹The ruling authorities

2 ^aLev. 23:34

3 ^aMatt. 12:46

5 ^aPs. 69:8;

Mic. 7:6

^bMark 3:21

6 ^aJohn 2:4;

8:20

7 ^a[John

15:19] ^bJohn

3:19

8 ^aJohn 8:20

¹NU omits yet

11 ^aJohn 11:56

12 ^aJohn 9:16;

10:19 ^bLuke

7:16

13 ^a[John 9:22;

12:42; 19:38]

14 ^aPs. 22:22;

Mark 6:34

15 ^aMatt. 13:54

16 ^aJohn 3:11

¹NU, M So Jesus

17 ^aJohn 3:21;

8:43

18 ^aJohn 5:41

^bJohn 8:50

^c[2 Cor. 5:21]

19 ^aDeut. 33:4

^bMatt. 12:14

20 ^aJohn 8:48,

52

22 ^aLev. 12:3

^bGen. 17:9-14

23 ^aJohn 5:8,

9, 16

24 ^aProv. 24:23

4 "For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

5 For ^aeven His ^bbrothers did not believe in Him.

6 Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

7 "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me ^bbecause I testify of it that its works are evil.

8 "You go up to this feast. I am not ¹yet going up to this feast, ^afor My time has not yet fully come."

9 When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

The Heavenly Scholar

10 But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

11 Then ^athe Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?"

12 And ^athere was much complaining among the people concerning Him. ^bSome said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."

13 However, no one spoke openly of Him ^afor fear of the Jews.

14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and ^ataught.

15 ^aAnd the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

18 "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who ^bseeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and ^cno unrighteousness is in Him.

19 "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? ^bWhy do you seek to kill Me?"

20 The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?"

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel.

22 "Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, ^bbut from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

23 "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because ^aI made a man completely well on the Sabbath?"

24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Could This Be the Christ?

25 Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill?"

26 "But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. "Do the rulers know indeed that this is ¹truly the Christ?"

27 "However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from."

28 Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "**You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and ¹I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me ²is true, ³whom you do not know.**"

29 "**But ¹I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.**"

30 Therefore "they sought to take Him; but ¹no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

31 And "many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"

Jesus and the Religious Leaders

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.

33 Then Jesus said ¹to them, "**I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I ²go to Him who sent Me.**"

34 "**You ¹will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you ²cannot come.**"

35 Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to ¹the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?"

36 "What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

37 "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "**¹If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.**"

38 "**He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ²out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**"

39 "But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those ¹believing in Him would receive; for the ²Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet ³glorified.

Who Is He?

40 Therefore ¹many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is ¹the Prophet."

41 Others said, "This is ¹the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"

25 ^aMatt. 21:38; 26:4

26 ^aJohn 7:48
¹NU omits truly

27 ^aLuke 4:22

28 ^aJohn 8:14

^bJohn 5:43

^cRom. 3:4

^dJohn 1:18; 8:55

29 ^aMatt. 11:27

¹NU, M omit But

30 ^aMark

11:18 ^bJohn

7:32, 44; 8:20;

10:39

31 ^aMatt. 12:23

33 ^aJohn 13:33

^b[1 Pet. 3:22]

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34 ^aHos. 5:6

^b[Matt. 5:20]

35 ^aJames 1:1

37 ^aLev. 23:36

^b[Is. 55:1]

38 ^aDeut. 8:15

¹Is. 12:3;

43:20; 44:3;

55:1

39 ^aIs. 44:3

^bJohn 12:16;

13:31; 17:5

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40 ^aDeut.

18:15, 18 ¹NU

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41 ^aJohn 4:42;

6:69

42 ^aMic. 5:2

¹Sam. 16:1, 4

43 ^aJohn 7:12

44 ^aJohn 7:30

46 ^aLuke 4:22

50 ^aJohn 3:1, 2;

19:39 ¹Lit. Him

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51 ^aDeut. 1:16,

17; 19:15

52 ^a[Is. 9:1, 2]

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2 ^aJohn 8:20;

18:20 ¹M very

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4 ^aEx. 20:14 ¹M

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6 ^aMatt. 22:15

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42 "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, ¹where David was?"

43 So "there was a division among the people because of Him.

44 Now "some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Rejected by the Authorities

45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"

46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?"

48 "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?"

49 "But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

50 Nicodemus "he who came to ¹Jesus ²by night, being one of them) said to them,

51 "^aDoes our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

52 They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for ¹no prophet ²has arisen out of Galilee."

An Adulteress Faces the Light of the World

53 ¹And everyone went to his own house.

8 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 Now ¹early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and ²taught them.

3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,

4 they said to Him, "Teacher, ¹this woman was caught in ²adultery, in the very act.

5 "^aNow ¹Moses, in the law, commanded us ²that such should be stoned. But what do you ³say?"

6 This they said, testing Him, that they ¹might have ²something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with ¹His finger, ²as though He did not hear.

7 So when they continued asking Him, He ¹raised Himself up and said to them, "**He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.**"

8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 Then those who heard it, ¹being¹ convicted by ²their conscience, went

7 ^aDeut. 17:7 ¹M He looked up

9 ^aRom. 2:22

¹NU, M omit being convicted by their con-

science

out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had raised Himself up ¹and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, ²*“Woman, where are those accusers ²of yours? Has no one condemned you?”*

11 She said, *“No one, Lord.”* And Jesus said to her, *“Neither do I condemn you; go ¹and ²sin no more.”*

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, *“I am the light of the world. He who ²follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*

Jesus Defends His Self-Witness

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, *“You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not ¹true.”*

14 Jesus answered and said to them, *“Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but ²you do not know where I come from and where I am going.”*

15 *“You judge according to the flesh; ²I judge no one.”*

16 *“And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for ²I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.”*

17 *“It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.”*

18 *“I am One who bears witness of Myself, and ²the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”*

19 Then they said to Him, *“Where is Your Father?”* Jesus answered, *“You know neither Me nor My Father. ²If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”*

20 These words Jesus spoke in ²the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and ²no one laid hands on Him, for ²His hour had not yet come.

Jesus Predicts His Departure

21 Then Jesus said to them again, *“I am going away, and ²you will seek Me, and ²will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come.”*

22 So the Jews said, *“Will He kill Himself, because He says, ²‘Where I go you cannot come’?”*

23 And He said to them, *“You are from beneath; I am from above. ²You are of this world; I am not of this world.”*

24 *“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; ²for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”*

25 Then they said to Him, *“Who are You?”* And Jesus said to them, *“Just what I ²have been saying to you from the beginning.”*

26 *“I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but ²He who sent Me is true; and ²I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.”*

10 ¹NU omits and saw no one but the woman; M He saw her and said, ²NU, M omit of yours

11 ¹a[John 3:17] ²[John 5:14] ¹NU, M add from now on

12 ¹a[John 1:4; 9:5; 12:35] ²1 Thess. 5:5

13 ¹a[John 5:31] ²valid as testimony

14 ¹a[John 7:28; 9:29]

15 ¹a[John 7:24] ²[John 3:17; 12:47; 18:36]

16 ¹a[John 16:32] ²17 ¹Deut. 17:6; 19:15

18 ¹a[John 5:37] ²19 ¹a[John 16:3] ²b[John 14:7]

20 ¹a[Mark 12:41, 43] ²b[John 2:4; 7:30] ³c[John 7:8]

21 ¹a[John 7:34; 13:33] ²b[John 8:24]

23 ¹a[John 3:31] ²b1 ¹John 4:5

24 ¹a[John 8:21] ²b[Mark 16:16]

25 ¹a[John 4:26] ²26 ¹a[John 7:28] ²b[John 3:32; 15:15]

28 ¹a[John 3:14; 12:32; 19:18] ²b[Rom. 1:4]

³c[John 5:19; 30] ⁴d[John 3:11] ⁵e[Crucify]

29 ¹a[John 14:10] ²b[John 8:16; 16:32] ³c[John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38]

30 ¹a[John 7:31; 10:42; 11:45] ²31 ¹a[John 14:15; 23]

32 ¹a[John 1:14; 17:14; 6] ²b[Rom. 6:14; 18, 22]

33 ¹a[Matt. 3:9] ²34 ¹a2 ²Pet. 2:19

35 ¹a[Gal. 4:30] ²36 ¹a[Gal. 5:1]

37 ¹a[John 7:19] ²38 ¹a[John 3:32; 5:19; 30; 14:10, 24] ³1NU heard from

39 ¹a[Matt. 3:9] ²b[Rom. 2:28]

40 ¹a[John 8:37] ²b[John 8:26]

41 ¹a[Is. 63:16] ²42 ¹a1 ²John 5:1

³b[John 16:27; 17:8, 25] ⁴c[Gal. 4:4]

43 ¹a[John 7:17] ²44 ¹a[Matt. 13:38] ²b1 ³John 2:16,

17 ⁴c1 ⁵John 3:8-10, 15] ⁶d[Jude 6]

27 They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

28 Then Jesus said to them, *“When you ²lift¹ up the Son of Man, ²then you will know that I am He, and ²that I do nothing of Myself; but ²as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.”*

29 *“And ²He who sent Me is with Me. ²The Father has not left Me alone, ²for I always do those things that please Him.”*

30 As He spoke these words, ²many believed in Him.

The Truth Shall Make You Free

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, *“If you ²abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”*

32 *“And you shall know the ²truth, and ²the truth shall make you free.”*

33 They answered Him, *“We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ²‘You will be made free’?”*

34 Jesus answered them, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, ²whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.”*

35 *“And ²a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.”*

36 *“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”*

Abraham’s Seed and Satan’s

37 *“I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but ²you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.”*

38 *“I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have ²seen with your father.”*

39 They answered and said to Him, *“Abraham is our father.”* Jesus said to them, *“If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.”*

40 *“But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth ²which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.”*

41 *“You do the deeds of your father.”* Then they said to Him, *“We were not born of fornication; ²we have one Father—God.”*

42 Jesus said to them, *“If God were your Father, you would love Me, for ²I proceeded forth and came from God; ²nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.”*

43 *“Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.”*

44 *“You are of your father the devil, and the ²desires of your father you want to ²do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and ²does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own re-*

sources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

45 "But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Before Abraham Was, I AM

48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 "And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

52 Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.'

53 "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"

54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.

55 "Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

9 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

4 "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

47 ^aLuke 8:15; John 10:26; 1 John 4:6

48 ^aJohn 7:20; 10:20

49 ^aJohn 5:41

50 ^aJohn 5:41; 7:18; [Phil. 2:6-8]

51 ^aJohn 5:24; 11:26

52 ^aJohn 7:20; 10:20 ^bZech. 1:5; Heb. 11:13

53 ^aJohn 10:33; 19:7

54 ^aJohn 5:31; 32 ^bJohn 5:41; Acts 3:13

¹NU, *M our*

55 ^aJohn 7:28; 29 ^b[John 15:10]

56 ^aLuke 10:24 ^bMatt. 13:17; Heb. 11:13

58 ^aMic. 5:2; John 17:5; Heb. 7:3; Rev. 22:13 ^bEx. 3:14; Is. 43:13; John 17:5, 24; Col. 1:17; Rev. 1:8

59 ^aJohn 10:31; 11:8 ^bLuke 4:30; John 10:39 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 59.

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2 ^aLuke 13:2; John 9:34; Acts 28:4

3 ^aJohn 11:4

4 ^a[John 4:34; 5:19, 36; 17:4] ^bJohn 11:9; 10:12; Gal. 6:10 ¹NU *We*

5 ^a[John 1:5, 9; 3:19; 8:12; 12:35, 46]

6 ^aMark 7:33; 8:23

7 ^aNeh. 3:15; Is. 8:6; Luke 13:4; John 9:11 ^b2 Kin. 5:14

8 ¹NU *a beggar*

9 ¹NU "No, but he is like him."

11 ^aJohn 9:6, 7 ¹NU omits the pool of

16 ^aJohn 3:2; 9:33 ^bJohn 7:12, 43; 10:19 ¹observe

17 ^a[John 4:19; 6:14]

22 ^aJohn 7:13; 12:42; 19:38; Acts 5:13

^bJohn 16:2

5 "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

8 Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

9 Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

10 Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

11 He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

12 Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

The Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man

13 They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

14 Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

15 Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

17 They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

20 His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

21 "but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

22 His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him,

^a“Give God the glory! ^bWe know that this Man is a sinner.”

25 He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

26 Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

27 He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

28 Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples.”

29 “We know that God ^aspoke to ^bMoses; as for this fellow, ^cwe do not know where He is from.”

30 The man answered and said to them, ^a“Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!

31 “Now we know that ^aGod does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

32 “Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

33 ^a“If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

34 They answered and said to him, ^a“You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they ¹cast him out.

True Vision and True Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had ^afound him, He said to him, “Do you ^bbelieve in ^cthe Son of ^dGod?”

36 He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

37 And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and ^ait is He who is talking with you.”

38 Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he ^aworshiped Him.

39 And Jesus said, ^a“For judgment I have come into this world, ^bthat those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

40 Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”

41 Jesus said to them, ^a“If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.

Jesus the True Shepherd

10 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 “But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

24 ^aJosh. 7:19
^bJohn 9:16

29 ^aNum. 12:6–8
^b[John 5:45–47]
^cJohn 7:27, 28; 8:14

30 ^aJohn 3:10

31 ^aZech. 7:13

33 ^aJohn 3:2; 9:16

34 ^aJohn 9:2
¹Excommunicated him

35 ^aJohn 5:14
^bJohn 1:7;
16:31
^cMatt. 14:33; 16:16
¹NU Man

37 ^aJohn 4:26

38 ^aMatt. 8:2

39 ^a[John 3:17; 5:22, 27;
12:47]
^bMatt. 13:13; 15:14

40 ^a[Rom. 2:19]

41 ^aJohn 15:22, 24

CHAPTER 10

3 ^aJohn 20:16

5 ^a[2 Cor. 11:13–15]

8 ¹M omits before Me

9 ^a[Eph. 2:18]

11 ^aIs. 40:11

12 ^aZech. 11:16, 17
¹hired man

14 ^{a2} Tim. 2:19
^{b2} Tim. 1:12

15 ^aMatt. 11:27
^bJohn 15:13; 19:30]

16 ^aIs. 42:6;
56:8
^bEph. 2:13–18

17 ^aJohn 5:20
^b[Heb. 2:9]

18 ^a[John 2:19; 5:26]
^b[John 6:38; 14:31; 17:4; Acts 2:24, 32]

19 ^aJohn 7:43; 9:16

20 ^aJohn 7:20
¹insane

21 ^a[Ex. 4:11]
^bJohn 9:6, 7, 32, 33

3 “To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by ^aname and leads them out.

4 “And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5 “Yet they will by no means follow a ^astranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 “All who ever came ¹before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 ^a“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

11 ^a“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

12 “But a ¹hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and ^aleaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

13 “The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd; and ^aI know My sheep, and ^bam known by My own.

15 ^a“As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; ^band I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 “And ^aother sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; ^band there will be one flock and one shepherd.

17 “Therefore My Father ^aloves Me, ^bbecause I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I ^ahave power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. ^bThis command I have received from My Father.”

19 Therefore ^athere was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.

20 And many of them said, ^a“He has a demon and is ¹mad. Why do you listen to Him?”

21 Others said, “These are not the words of one who has a demon. ^aCan a demon ^bopen the eyes of the blind?”

The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

22 Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.
23 And Jesus walked in the temple, ^ain Solomon's porch.

24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in ¹doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. ^aThe works that I do in My Father's name, they ^bbear witness of Me.

26 "But ^ayou do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, ¹as I said to you.

27 ^a"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29 ^a"My Father, ^bwho has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

30 ^a"I and My Father are one."

Renewed Efforts to Stone Jesus

31 Then ^athe Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for ^ablasphemy, and because You, being a Man, ^bmake Yourself God."

34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, ^a*'I said, 'You are gods'?*"

35 "If He called them gods, ^ato whom the word of God came (and the Scripture ^bcannot be broken),

36 "do you say of Him ^awhom the Father sanctified and ^bsent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' ^abecause I said, 'I am ^athe Son of God'?"

37 ^a"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

38 "but if I do, though you do not believe Me, ^abelieve the works, that you may know and ^bbelieve ^bthat the Father is in Me, and I in Him."

39 ^a"Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

The Believers Beyond Jordan

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place ^awhere John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed.

41 Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, ^abut all the things that John spoke about this Man were true."

42 And many believed in Him there.

The Death of Lazarus

11 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the

23 ^aActs 3:11; 5:12

24 ¹Suspense

25 ^aJohn 5:36; 10:38 ^bMatt. 11:4

26 ^a[John 8:47] ¹NU omits as I said to you

27 ^aJohn 10:4, 14

29 ^aJohn 14:28 ^b[John 17:2, 6, 12, 24]

30 ^aJohn 17:11, 21-24

31 ^aJohn 8:59

33 ^aMatt. 9:3 ^bJohn 5:18

34 ^aPs. 82:6

35 ^aMatt. 5:17, 18 ^b1 Pet. 1:25

36 ^aJohn 6:27 ^bJohn 3:17 ^cJohn 5:17, 18 ^dLuke 1:35

37 ^aJohn 10:25; 15:24

38 ^aJohn 5:36 ^bJohn 14:10, 11 ¹NU understand

39 ^aJohn 7:30, 44

40 ^aJohn 1:28

41 ^a[John 1:29, 36; 3:28-36; 5:33]

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aLuke 10:38, 39

2 ^aMatt. 26:7

6 ^aJohn 10:40

8 ^aJohn 8:59; 10:31

9 ^aJohn 9:4; 12:35 ^bIs. 9:2

10 ^aJohn 12:35

11 ^aMatt. 9:24

16 ^aJohn 14:5; 20:26-28

18 ¹Lit. 15 stadia

22 ^a[John 9:31; 11:41]

24 ^a[John 5:29]

town of ^aMary and her sister Martha.
2 ^aIt was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

4 When Jesus heard *that*, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 So, when He heard that he was sick, ^aHe stayed two more days in the place where He was.

7 Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

8 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to ^astone You, and are You going there again?"

9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? ^aIf anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the ^blight of this world.

10 "But ^aif one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

11 These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus ^asleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

12 Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."

13 However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

14 Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

15 "And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

16 Then ^aThomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about ^atwo miles away.

19 And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

21 Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 "But even now I know that ^awhatever You ask of God, God will give You."

23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha said to Him, ^a"I know

that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her, “I am **the resurrection and the life.** **He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.**

26 “**And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?**”

27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, **I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.**”

Jesus and Death, the Last Enemy

28 And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, “The Teacher has come and is calling for you.”

29 As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly and came to Him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but ¹was in the place where Martha met Him.

31 “Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, ¹saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”

32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she ²fell down at His feet, saying to Him, ³“Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.

34 And He said, “**Where have you laid him?**” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

35 “Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

37 And some of them said, “Could not this Man, ⁴who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?”

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a ⁵stone lay against it.

39 Jesus said, “**Take away the stone.**” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.”

40 Jesus said to her, “**Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would ⁶see the glory of God?**”

41 Then they took away the stone ¹from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “**Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.**

42 “**And I know that You always hear Me, but ²because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me.**”

43 Now when He had said these

25 ^aJohn 5:21; 6:39, 40, 44
^{b1} John 5:10
^{c1} Cor. 15:22

27 ^aMatt. 16:16

30 ¹NU was still

31 ^aJohn 11:19, 33 ¹NU supposing that she was going

32 ^aRev. 1:17
^bJohn 11:21

35 ^aLuke 19:41

37 ^aJohn 9:6, 7

38 ^aMatt. 27:60, 66

40 ^a[John 11:4, 23]

41 ¹NU omits from the place where the dead man was lying

42 ^aJohn 12:30; 17:21

44 ^aJohn 19:40
^bJohn 20:7

45 ^aJohn 2:23; 10:42; 12:11, 18

46 ^aJohn 5:15

47 ^aPs. 2:2
^bActs 4:16

49 ^aLuke 3:2

50 ^aJohn 18:14
¹NU you

52 ^aIs. 49:6
^b[Eph. 2:14–17]

53 ^aMatt. 26:4

54 ^aJohn 4:1, 3; 7:1 ^{b2} Chr. 13:19

55 ^aJohn 2:13; 5:1; 6:4 ^bNum. 9:10, 13; 31:19, 20

56 ^aJohn 7:11

57 ^aMatt. 26:14–16

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aJohn 11:1, 43 ¹NU omits who had been dead

2 ^aMark 14:3; Luke 10:38–41

3 ^aJohn 11:2
^bSong 1:12

things, He cried with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come forth!**”

44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with ^agraveclothes, and ^bhis face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “**Loose him, and let him go.**”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, ^aand had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and ^atold them the things Jesus did.

47 “Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, ^b“What shall we do? For this Man works many signs.

48 “If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”

49 And one of them, ^aCaiaaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all.

50 “nor do you consider that it is expedient for ¹us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.”

51 Now this he did not say on his own *authority*; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

52 and ^anot for that nation only, but ^balso that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to ^aput Him to death.

54 “Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called ^bEphraim, and there remained with His disciples.

55 “And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to ^bpurify themselves.

56 “Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, “What do you think—that He will not come to the feast?”

57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might ^aseize Him.

The Anointing at Bethany

12 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, ^awhere Lazarus was ¹who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

2 “There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

3 Then ^aMary took a pound of very costly oil of ^bspikenard, anointed the

feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

4 But one of His disciples, ^aJudas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for ¹three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and ^ahad the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

7 But Jesus said, "**Let her alone; ¹she has kept this for the day of My burial.**"

8 "**For ^athe poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.**"

The Plot to Kill Lazarus

9 Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, ^awhom He had raised from the dead.

10 ^aBut the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,

11 ^abecause on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry

12 ^aThe next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna!

^a*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*"

The King of Israel!"

14 ^aThen Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15 "*^aFear^a not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt.*"

16 ^aHis disciples did not understand these things at first; ^bbut when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him.

17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

18 ^aFor this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, ^a"You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

4 ^aJohn 13:26

5 ¹About one year's wages for a worker

6 ^aJohn 13:29

7 ¹NU *that she may keep*

8 ^aMark 14:7

9 ^aJohn 11:43, 44

10 ^aLuke 16:31

11 ^aJohn 11:45; 12:18

12 ^aMatt. 21:4-9

13 ^aPs. 118:25, 26

14 ^aMatt. 21:7

15 ^aIs. 40:9; Zech. 9:9

16 ^aLuke 18:34
^bJohn 7:39;
12:23 ^cJohn 14:26]

18 ^aJohn 12:11

19 ^aJohn 11:47, 48

20 ^aActs 17:4
^{b1} Kin. 8:41, 42

21 ^aJohn 1:43, 44; 14:8-11

23 ^aJohn 13:32

24 ^{a1} Cor. 15:36 ¹Lit. fruit

25 ^aMark 8:35

26 ^a[Matt. 16:24] ^bJohn 14:3; 17:24

27 ^a[Matt. 26:38, 39]
^bLuke 22:53

28 ^aMatt. 3:17; 17:5

30 ^aJohn 11:42

31 ^a[2 Cor. 4:4]

32 ^aJohn 3:14; 8:28 ^b[Rom. 5:18] ¹Crucified

33 ^aJohn 18:32; 21:19

34 ^aMic. 4:7

35 ^a[John 1:9; 7:33; 8:12]
^bEph. 5:8
^c[1 John 2:9-11]

36 ^aLuke 16:8
^bJohn 8:59

37 ^aJohn 11:47

The Fruitful Grain of Wheat

20 Now there ^awere certain Greeks among those ^bwho came up to worship at the feast.

21 Then they came to Philip, ^awho was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

23 But Jesus answered them, saying, ^a"**The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.**"

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, ^aunless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much ¹grain.

25 ^a"He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 "If anyone serves Me, let him ^afollow Me; and ^bwhere I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross

27 ^a"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour?' ^bBut for this purpose I came to this hour.

28 "Father, glorify Your name." ^aThen a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered and said, ^a"**This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.**"

31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now ^athe ruler of this world will be cast out.

32 "And I, ^aif I am ¹lifted up from the earth, will draw ^aall peoples to Myself."

33 ^aThis He said, signifying by what death He would die.

34 The people answered Him, ^a"We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, '**The Son of Man must be lifted up**?' Who is this Son of Man?"

35 Then Jesus said to them, "**A little while longer ^athe light is with you. ^bWalk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; ^che who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.**"

36 "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become ^a'sons of light.' These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and ^bwas hidden from them.

Who Has Believed Our Report?

37 But although He had done so many ^asigns before them, they did not believe in Him,

38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

*“Lord, who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?”*

39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

40 *“He^a has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,
Lest they should see with their eyes,
Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them.”*

41 *“These things Isaiah said¹ when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.*

Walk in the Light

42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but ^abecause of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

43 ^afor they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, *“He who believes in Me, ^bbelieves not in Me ^cbut in Him who sent Me.*

45 *“And ^ehe who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.*

46 *“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.*

47 *“And if anyone hears My words and does not ¹believe, ^aI do not judge him; for ¹I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.*

48 *“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—^bthe word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.*

49 *“For ^aI have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, ^bwhat I should say and what I should speak.*

50 *“And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I ^cspeak.”*

Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet

13 Now ^abefore the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that ^bHis hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He ^cloved them to the end.

2 And ¹supper being ended, ^athe devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him,

3 Jesus, knowing ^athat the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He ^bhad come from God and ^cwas going to God,

38 ^aIs. 53:1

40 ^aIs. 6:9, 10

^bMatt. 13:14

41 ^aIs. 6:1 ¹NU

because

42 ^aJohn 7:13;

9:22

43 ^aJohn 5:41,

44

44 ^aMark 9:37

^bJohn 3:16,

18, 36; 11:25,

26] ^c[John

5:24]

45 ^a[John 14:9]

46 ^aJohn 1:4,

5; 8:12; 12:35,

36

47 ^aJohn 5:45

^bJohn 3:17

¹NU *keep*

them

48 ^a[Luke

10:16] ^bDeut.

18:18, 19

49 ^aJohn 8:38

^bDeut. 18:18

50 ^aJohn 5:19;

8:28

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1 ^aMatt. 26:2

^bJohn 12:23;

17:1 ^cJohn

15:9

2 ^aLuke 22:3

¹NU *during*

supper

3 ^aActs 2:36

^bJohn 8:42;

16:28 ^cJohn

17:11; 20:17

4 ^a[Luke

22:27]

6 ^aMatt. 3:14

7 ^aJohn 12:16;

16:12 ^bJohn

13:19

8 ^a[1 Cor. 6:11]

10 ^a[John 15:3]

11 ^aJohn 6:64;

18:4

12 ¹*under-*

stand

13 ^aMatt. 23:8,

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14 ^aLuke 22:27

^b[Rom. 12:10]

15 ^a[1 Pet.

2:21–24]

16 ^aMatt. 10:24

17 ^a[James

1:25]

18 ^aJohn

15:25; 17:12

^bPs. 41:9 ¹NU

My bread has

19 ^aJohn

14:29; 16:4

20 ^aMatt. 10:40

21 ^aLuke 22:21

^bJohn 12:27

^c1 John 2:19

23 ^aJohn

19:26; 20:2;

21:7, 20 ¹*re-*

clining

4 ^arose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded.

6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, *“Lord, are You washing my feet?”*

7 Jesus answered and said to him, *“What I am doing you ^ado not understand now, ^bbut you will know after this.”*

8 Peter said to Him, *“You shall never wash my feet!”* Jesus answered him, *“If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”*

9 Simon Peter said to Him, *“Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!”*

10 Jesus said to him, *“He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and ^ayou are clean, but not all of you.”*

11 For ^aHe knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, *“You are not all clean.”*

12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, *“Do you ¹know what I have done to you?”*

13 *“You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.*

14 *“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, ^byou also ought to wash one another’s feet.*

15 *“For ^aI have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.*

16 *“Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.*

17 *“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.*

Jesus Identifies His Betrayer

18 *“I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the ^aScripture may be fulfilled, ^b‘He who eats ¹bread with Me *has lifted up his heel against Me.*’*

19 *“Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.*

20 *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”*

21 ^aWhen Jesus had said these things, ^bHe was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, ^cone of you will betray Me.”*

22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

23 Now ^athere was ¹leaning on Jesus’ bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore motioned

to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

25 Then, leaning ¹back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to ^aJudas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

27 ^aNow after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.

29 For some thought, because ^aJudas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

30 Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

The New Commandment

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, ^a"Now the Son of Man is glorified, and ^bGod is glorified in Him.

32 "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and ^aglorify Him immediately.

33 "Little children, I shall be with you a 'little while longer. You will seek Me; ^band as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.

34 ^a"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 ^a"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I ^aam going you cannot follow Me now, but ^byou shall follow Me afterward."

37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will 'lay down my life for Your sake."

38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not 'crow till you have denied Me three times.

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

14 "Let ^anot your heart be troubled; ^byou who believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 "In My Father's house are many 'mansions; if it were not so, ²I would have told you. ^aI go to prepare a place for you.

3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, ^aI will come again and receive you to Myself; that ^bwhere I am, there you may be also.

4 "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

5 ^aThomas said to Him, "Lord, we

25 ¹NU, M add *thus*

26 ^aJohn 6:70, 71; 12:4

27 ^aLuke 22:3

29 ^aJohn 12:6

31 ^aJohn 12:23

^b[1 Pet. 4:11]

32 ^aJohn 12:23

33 ^aJohn 12:35; 14:19;

16:16-19

^b[John 7:34;

8:21]

34 ^a1 Thess. 4:9

35 ^a1 John 2:5

36 ^aJohn 13:33; 14:2;

16:5 ^b2 Pet. 1:14

37 ^aMark 14:29-31

38 ^aJohn 18:25-27

CHAPTER 14

1 ^a[John 14:27;

16:22, 24]

2 ^aJohn 13:33,

36 ¹Lit.

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told you that

I go or I

would have

told you; for I

go

3 ^a[Acts 1:11]

^b[John 12:26]

5 ^aMatt. 10:3

6 ^a[Heb. 9:8;

10:19, 20]

^b[John 1:14;

17; 8:32;

18:37] ^c[John

11:25] ^d1 Tim.

2:5 ^e[John

10:7-9]

7 ^aJohn 8:19

9 ^aCol. 1:15

10 ^aJohn 10:38; 14:11;

20 ^bJohn 5:19;

14:24

11 ^aJohn 5:36;

10:38

12 ^aLuke 10:17

13 ^aMatt. 7:7

^bJohn 13:31

14 ¹NU *ask*

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15 ^a1 John 5:3

¹NU *you will*

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16 ^aRom. 8:15

¹Comforter,

Gr. *Parakletos*

17 ^a[1 John 4:6; 5:7]

^b[1 Cor. 2:14]

^c[1 John 2:27]

18 ^a[Matt. 28:20] ^b[John 14:3, 28]

19 ^aJohn 16:16, 22

^b[1 Cor. 15:20]

20 ^aJohn 10:38; 14:11

21 ^a1 John 2:5

¹reveal

do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I ^aam 'the way, 'the truth, and 'the life. ^aNo one comes to the Father ^aexcept through Me.

The Father Revealed

7 ^a"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? ^aHe who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

10 "Do you not believe that ^aI am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you ^aI do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

11 "Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, ^aor else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

The Answered Prayer

12 ^a"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 ^a"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be 'glorified in the Son.

14 "If you 'ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Jesus Promises Another Helper

15 ^a"If you love Me, 'keep My commandments.

16 "And I will pray the Father, and ^aHe will give you another 'Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

17 ^a"The Spirit of truth, ^bwhom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you ^aand will be in you.

18 ^a"I will not leave you orphans; ^bI will come to you.

Indwelling of the Father and the Son

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but ^ayou will see Me. ^bBecause I live, you will live also.

20 "At that day you will know that ^aI *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 ^a"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and 'manifest Myself to him."

22 ^aJudas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and ^athe word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

The Gift of His Peace

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

26 "But ^athe ¹Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will ^bsend in My name, ^cHe will teach you all things, and bring to your ^dremembrance all things that I said to you.

27 ^a"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 "You have heard Me ^asay to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because ¹I said, ^b'I am going to the Father,' for ^cMy Father is greater than I.

29 "And ^anow I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

30 "I will no longer talk much with you, ^afor the ruler of this world is coming, and he has ^bnothing in Me.

31 "But that the world may know that I love the Father, and ^aas the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

The True Vine

15 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

2 ^a"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He ¹takes away; and every ^bbranch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear ^bmore fruit.

3 ^a"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 ^a"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much ^afruit; for without Me you can do ^bnothing.

6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, ^ahe is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words ^aabide in you, ^byou¹ will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

8 ^a"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; ^bso you will be My disciples.

22 ^aLuke 6:16

23 ^aRev. 3:20; 21:3

24 ^aJohn 5:19

26 ^aLuke 24:49

^bJohn 15:26

^c1 Cor. 2:13

^dJohn 2:22;

12:16 ¹Com-

forter, Gr.

Parakletos

27 ^a[Phil. 4:7]

28 ^aJohn 14:3,

18 ^bJohn

16:16 ^c[Phil.

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29 ^aJohn 13:19

30 ^a[John

12:31] ^b[Heb.

4:15]

31 ^aJohn 10:18

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2 ^aMatt. 15:13

^b[Matt. 13:12]

¹Or lifts up

3 ^a[John 13:10;

17:17]

4 ^a[Col. 1:23]

5 ^aHos. 14:8

^b2 Cor. 3:5

6 ^aMatt. 3:10

7 ^a1 John 2:14

^bJohn 14:13;

16:23 ¹NU

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8 ^a[Matt. 5:16]

^bJohn 8:31

9 ^aJohn 5:20;

17:26

10 ^aJohn 14:15

11 ^a1 John 1:4

12 ^a1 John

3:11 ^bRom.

12:9

13 ^a1 John

3:16

14 ^a[Matt.

12:50; 28:20]

15 ^aGen. 18:17

16 ^aJohn 6:70;

13:18; 15:19

^b[Col. 1:6]

^cJohn 14:13;

16:23, 24

18 ^a1 John

3:13

19 ^a1 John 4:5

^bJohn 17:14

20 ^aJohn 13:16

^bEzek. 3:7

21 ^aMatt.

10:22; 24:9

22 ^aJohn 9:41;

15:24 ^b[James

4:17]

23 ^a1 John

2:23

24 ^aJohn 3:2

^bJohn 14:9

25 ^aPs. 35:19;

69:4; 109:3-5

26 ^aLuke 24:49

¹Comforter,

Gr. Parakletos

Love and Joy Perfected

9 "As the Father ^aloved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 ^a"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and ^athat your joy may be full.

12 ^a"This is My ^bcommandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 ^a"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

14 ^a"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, ^afor all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 ^a"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and ^bappointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and ^cthat your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father ^din My name He may give you.

17 "These things I command you, that you love one another.

The World's Hatred

18 ^a"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it ^bhated you.

19 ^a"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet ^bbecause you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

20 "Remember the word that I said to you, ^a'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. ^bIf they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

21 "But ^aall these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

22 ^a"If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, ^bbut now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 ^a"He who hates Me hates My Father also.

24 "If I had not done among them ^athe works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have ^bseen and also hated both Me and My Father.

25 "But ^athis happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ^a'They hated Me without a cause.'

The Coming Rejection

26 ^a"But when the ¹Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who pro-

ceeds from the Father, ^bHe will testify of Me.

27 "And ^ayou also will bear witness, because ^byou have been with Me from the beginning.

16 "These things I have spoken to you, that you ^ashould not be made to stumble.

2 "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming ^bthat whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

3 "And ^athese things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

4 "But these things I have told you, that when ^bthe time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

5 "But now I ^ago away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

6 "But because I have said these things to you, ^asorrow has filled your heart.

7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but ^aif I depart, I will send Him to you.

8 "And when He has ^acome, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 ^a"of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 ^a"of righteousness, ^bbecause I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

11 ^a"of judgment, because ^bthe ruler of this world is judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, ^abut you cannot bear them now.

13 "However, when He, ^athe Spirit of truth, has come, ^bHe will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

14 ^a"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

15 ^a"All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He ^bwill take of Mine and declare it to you.

Sorrow Will Turn to Joy

16 "A ^alittle while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, ^bbecause I go to the Father."

17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"

18 They said therefore, "What is

26 ^{b1} John 5:6

27 ^aLuke 24:48

^bLuke 1:2

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1 ^aMatt. 11:6

2 ^aJohn 9:22

^bActs 8:1

3 ^aJohn 8:19;

15:21 ¹NU, M

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4 ¹NU *their*

5 ^aJohn 7:33;

13:33; 14:28;

17:11

6 ^a[John 16:20,

22]

7 ^aActs 2:33

8 ^aActs 1:8;

2:1-4, 37

9 ^aActs 2:22

10 ^aActs 2:32

^bJohn 5:32

11 ^aActs 26:18

^b[Luke 10:18]

12 ^aMark 4:33

13 ^a[John

14:17] ^bJohn

14:26

14 ^aJohn 15:26

15 ^aMatt. 11:27

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16 ^aJohn 7:33;

12:35; 13:33;

14:19;

19:40-42;

20:19 ^bJohn

13:3

18 ¹*under-*

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20 ^aMark

16:10 ^bLuke

24:32, 41

21 ^aIs. 13:8;

26:17; 42:14

22 ^{a1} Pet. 1:8

23 ^aMatt. 7:7

24 ^aJohn 17:13

^bJohn 15:11

25 ^aJohn 7:13

27 ^a[John

14:21, 23]

^bJohn 3:13

28 ^aJohn 13:1,

3; 16:5, 10, 17

30 ^aJohn 21:17

^bJohn 17:8

32 ^aMatt.

26:31, 56

^bJohn 20:10

^cJohn 8:29

¹*own things*

or place

33 ^a[Eph. 2:14]

^{b2} Tim. 3:12

^cRom. 8:37

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this that He says, 'A little while'? He do not ¹know what He is saying."

19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

20 "Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and ^alament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into ^bjoy.

21 ^a"A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

22 "Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and ^ayour heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. ^aMost assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

24 "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, ^athat your joy may be ^bfull.

Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World

25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you ^aplainly about the Father.

26 "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;

27 ^a"for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and ^bhave believed that I came forth from God.

28 ^a"I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!

30 "Now we are sure that ^aYou know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this ^bwe believe that You came forth from God."

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

32 ^a"Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, ^beach to his ¹own, and will leave Me alone. And ^cyet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 "These things I have spoken to you, that ^ain Me you may have peace. ^bIn the world you ¹will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, ^cI have overcome the world."

Jesus Prays for Himself

17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, ^athe hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

2 ^a"as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He ¹should give eternal life to as many ^bas You have given Him.

3 "And ^athis is eternal life, that they may know You, ^bthe only true God, and Jesus Christ ^cwhom You have sent.

4 ^a"I have glorified You on the earth. ^bI have finished the work ^cwhich You have given Me to do.

5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together ¹with Yourself, with the glory ^awhich I had with You before the world was.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

6 ^a"I have ¹manifested Your name to the men ^bwhom You have given Me out of the world. ^cThey were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7 "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

8 "For I have given to them the words ^awhich You have given Me; and they have received ^{them}, ^band have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that ^cYou sent Me.

9 "I pray for them. ^aI do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

10 "And all Mine are Yours, and ^aYours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

11 ^a"Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, ^bkeep ¹through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one ^cas We are.

12 "While I was with them ¹in the world, ^aI kept them in ²Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and ^bnone of them is ³lost ^cexcept the son of ^dperdition, ^ethat the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 "I have given them Your word; ^aand the world has hated them because they are not of the world, ^bjust as I am not of the world.

15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but ^athat You should keep them from the evil one.

16 "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 ^a"Sanctify ¹them by Your truth. ^bYour word is truth.

CHAPTER 17

¹ ^aJohn 12:23

² ^aJohn 3:35

³ ^aJohn 6:37,

³⁹: 17:6, 9, 24

⁴ ^aM shall

³ ^aJer. 9:23, 24

^b1 Cor. 8:4

^cJohn 3:34

⁴ ^aJohn 13:31

^bJohn 4:34;

¹⁹:30 ^cJohn

¹⁴:31

⁵ ^aPhil. 2:6

¹Lit. alongside

⁶ ^aPs. 22:22

^bJohn 6:37

^cEzek. 18:4

¹revealed

⁸ ^aJohn 8:28

^bJohn 8:42;

¹⁶:27, 30

^cDeut. 18:15,

¹⁸

⁹ ^a[1 John

⁵:19]

¹⁰ ^aJohn 16:15

¹¹ ^aJohn 13:1

^b[1 Pet. 1:5]

^cJohn 10:30

¹NU, M keep

^{them through}

^{Your name}

^{which You}

^{have given}

^{Me}

¹² ^aHeb. 2:13

^b1 John 2:19

^cJohn 6:70

^dPs. 41:9;

¹⁰⁹:8 ¹NU

^{omits in the}

^{world} ²NU

^{Your name}

^{which You}

^{gave Me. And}

^{I guarded}

^{them; (or it.)}

³destroyed

⁴destruction

¹⁴ ^aJohn 15:19

^bJohn 8:23

¹⁵ ^a1 John

⁵:18

¹⁷ ^a[Eph. 5:26]

^bPs. 119:9,

¹⁴², 151 ¹Set

^{them apart}

¹⁸ ^aJohn 4:38;

²⁰:21

¹⁹ ^a[Heb.

¹⁰:101]

²⁰ ¹NU, M

^{omit will}

²¹ ^a[Gal. 3:28]

^bJohn 10:38;

¹⁷:11, 23

²² ^a1 John 1:3

^b[2 Cor. 3:18]

²³ ^a[Col. 3:14]

²⁴ ^a[1 Thess.

⁴:17] ^bJohn

¹⁷:5

²⁵ ^aJohn 15:21

^bJohn 7:29;

⁸:55; 10:15

^cJohn 3:17;

¹⁷:3, 8, 18, 21,

²³

²⁶ ^aJohn 17:6

^bJohn 15:9

CHAPTER 18

¹ ^aMark 14:26,

³² ^b2 Sam.

¹⁵:23

18 ^a"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19 "And ^afor their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who ¹will believe in Me through their word;

21 ^a"that they all may be one, as ^bYou, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 "And the ^aglory which You gave Me I have given them, ^athat they may be one just as We are one:

23 "I in them, and You in Me; ^athat they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24 ^a"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; ^bfor You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 "O righteous Father! ^aThe world has not known You, but ^bI have known You; and ^cthese have known that You sent Me.

26 ^a"And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love ^bwith which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

18 When Jesus had spoken these words, ^aHe went out with His disciples over ^bthe Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

2 And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; ^afor Jesus often met there with His disciples.

3 ^aThen Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, ^aknowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, ^a"Whom are you seeking?"

5 They answered Him, ^a"Jesus ¹of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, ^a"I am He." And Judas, who ^bbetrayed Him, also stood with them.

6 Now when He said to them, ^a"I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

7 Then He asked them again, ^a"Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

8 Jesus answered, ^a"I have told you

² ^aLuke 21:37; 22:39 ³ ^aLuke 22:47-53

⁴ ^aJohn 6:64; 13:1, 3; 19:28 ⁵ ^aMatt. 21:11

^bPs. 41:9 ¹Lit. the Nazarene

that I am *He*. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way.”

9 that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, *“Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.”*

10 “Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus.

11 So Jesus said to Peter, *“Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?”*

Before the High Priest

12 Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.

13 And “they led Him away to ^bAn-nas first, for he was the father-in-law of ^cCaiaphas who was high priest that year.

14 “Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was ¹expedient that one man should die for the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

15 “And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so *did* ^banother¹ disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

16 “But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

17 Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not also *one* of this Man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am *not*.”

18 Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

Jesus Questioned by the High Priest

19 The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

20 Jesus answered him, *“I spoke openly to the world. I always taught ^ain synagogues and ^cin the temple, where ¹the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.*

21 “Why do you ask Me? Ask *those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said.*”

22 And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by ^cstruck¹ Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, “Do You answer the high priest like that?”

23 Jesus answered him, *“If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?”*

9 ^a[John 6:39; 17:12]

10 ^aMatt. 26:51

11 ^aMatt. 20:22; 26:39

13 ^aMatt. 26:57
^bLuke 3:2
^cMatt. 26:3

14 ^aJohn 11:50
¹advanta-
geous

15 ^aMark 14:54 ^bJohn 20:2-5 ¹M the other

16 ^aMatt. 26:69

17 ^aMatt. 26:34

20 ^aLuke 4:15
^bJohn 6:59
^cMark 14:49
¹NU all the
Jews meet

21 ^aMark 12:37

22 ^aJer. 20:2
¹Lit. gave Je-
sus a slap,

24 ^aMatt. 26:57
^bJohn 11:49

25 ^aLuke 22:58-62

27 ^aJohn 13:38

28 ^aMark 15:1
^bActs 10:28;
11:3 ¹The gov-
ernor’s
headquarters

29 ^aMatt. 27:11-14

30 ¹a criminal

32 ^aMatt. 20:17-19; 26:2
^bJohn 3:14;
8:28; 12:32, 33

33 ^aMatt. 27:11
¹The govern-
or’s
headquarters

36 ^a1 Tim. 6:13
^b[Dan. 2:44;
7:14]

37 ^a[Matt. 5:17; 20:28]
^bIs. 55:4
^c[John 14:6]
^dJohn 8:47;
10:27

38 ^aJohn 19:4, 6

39 ^aLuke 23:17-25

24 “Then Annas sent Him bound to ^bCaiaphas the high priest.

Peter Denies Twice More

25 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. “Therefore they said to him, “You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not!”

26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of *him* whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?”

27 Peter then denied again; and “immediately a rooster crowed.

In Pilate’s Court

28 “Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. ^bBut they themselves did not go into the ¹Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

29 “Pilate then went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this Man?”

30 They answered and said to him, “If He were not ¹an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you.”

31 Then Pilate said to them, “You take Him and judge Him according to your law.” Therefore the Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”

32 “that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, ^bsignifying by what death He would die.

33 “Then Pilate entered the ¹Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

34 Jesus answered him, *“Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?”*

35 Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?”

36 “Jesus answered, *“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”*

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, *“You say ¹rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear ^bwitness to the truth. Everyone who ^cis of the truth ^dhears My voice.”*

38 Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.

Taking the Place of Barabbas

39 “But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the

Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

40 "Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!"
 bNow Barabbas was a robber.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

19 So then "Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.

2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.

3 "Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they "struck Him with their hands.

4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

Pilate's Decision

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"

6 "Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" "But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

13 "When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called *The Pavement*, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

16 "Then he delivered Him to them

40 aActs 3:14
 bLuke 23:19

CHAPTER 19

1 aMatt. 20:19;
 27:26

3 Is. 50:6 1NU
 And they came up to Him and said

4 aJohn 18:33,
 38

6 aActs 3:13

7 aLev. 24:16
 bMatt.
 26:63-66 1NU
 the law

9 aIs. 53:7

10 authority

11 a[Luke
 22:53] bRom.
 13:1

12 aLuke 23:2

13 a1 Sam.
 15:24

14 aMatt. 27:62

15 a[Gen.
 49:10]

16 aLuke 23:24
 1NU omits
 and led Him
 away

17 aMark
 15:21, 22
 bNum. 15:36

18 aIs. 53:12

19 aMatt. 27:37

23 aLuke 23:34

24 aPs. 22:18

25 aMark
 15:40 bLuke
 24:18

26 aJohn
 13:23; 20:2;
 21:7, 20, 24
 bJohn 2:4

27 aJohn 1:11;
 16:32

28 aPs. 22:15
 1M seeing

29 aPs. 69:21;
 Matt. 27:48,
 50

30 aJohn 17:4

to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.

The King on a Cross

17 "And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,

18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

19 "Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

23 "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

a "They divided My garments among them,
 And for My clothing they cast lots."

Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Behold Your Mother

25 "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

It Is Finished

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"

And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

31 ^aTherefore, because it was the Preparation Day, ^bthat the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a ^chigh day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, *they did not break His legs.*

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately ^bblood and water came out.

35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is ^atrue; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may ^bbelieve.

36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, *^a"Not one of His bones shall be broken."*

37 And again another Scripture says, *^a"They shall look on Him whom they pierced."*

Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb

38 ^aAfter this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, ^bfor fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

39 And ^aNicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of ^bmyrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and ^abound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

42 So ^athere they laid Jesus, ^bbecause of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

The Empty Tomb

20 Now on the ^afirst day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the ^bstone had been taken away from the tomb.

2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the ^aother disciple, ^bwhom Jesus loved, and said to them, *"They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."*

3 ^aPeter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.

4 So they both ran together, and

31 ^aMark 15:42 ^bDeut. 21:23 ^cEx. 12:16

33 ^a[Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12]; Ps. 34:20

34 ^a[1 John 5:6, 8]

35 ^aJohn 21:24 ^b[John 20:31]

36 ^a[Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12]; Ps. 34:20

37 ^aPs. 22:16, 17; Zech. 12:10; 13:6

38 ^aLuke 23:50-56 ^b[John 7:13; 9:22; 12:42]

39 ^aJohn 3:1, 2; 7:50 ^bMatt. 2:11

40 ^aJohn 20:5, 7

42 ^aIs. 53:9 ^bJohn 19:14, 31

CHAPTER 20

1 ^aMatt. 28:1-8 ^bMatt. 27:60, 66; 28:2

2 ^aJohn 21:23, 24 ^bJohn 13:23; 19:26; 21:7, 20, 24

3 ^aLuke 24:12

5 ^aJohn 19:40

7 ^aJohn 11:44 ^bface cloth

8 ^aJohn 21:23, 24

9 ^aPs. 16:10 ^bunderstand

11 ^aMark 16:5

14 ^aMatt. 28:9 ^bJohn 21:4

16 ^aJohn 10:3 ^bNU adds in Hebrew

17 ^aHeb. 4:14 ^bHeb. 2:11 ^cJohn 16:28; 17:11 ^dEph. 1:17

18 ^aLuke 24:10, 23 ^bNU discipules, "I have seen the Lord."

19 ^aLuke 24:36 ^bJohn 9:22; 19:38 ^cJohn 14:27; 16:33 ^dNU omits assembled

20 ^aActs 1:3 ^bJohn 16:20, 22

the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw ^athe linen cloths lying *there*; yet he did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*,

7 and ^athe ^bhandkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

8 Then the ^aother disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.

9 For as yet they did not ^bknow the ^cScripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord

11 ^aBut Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 Then they said to her, *"Woman, why are you weeping?"* She said to them, *"Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."*

14 ^aNow when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and ^bdid not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, *"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"* She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, *"Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."*

16 Jesus said to her, *"^aMary!"* She turned and said to ^bHim, *"Rabboni!"* (which is to say, Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, *"Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ^aascended to My Father; but go to ^bMy brethren and say to them, ^c'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to ^dMy God and your God.'*"

18 ^aMary Magdalene came and told the ^bdisciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* He had spoken these things to her.

The Apostles Commissioned

19 ^aThen, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were ^bassembled, for ^cfear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, *"^aPeace be with you."*

20 When He had said this, He ^ashowed them *His* hands and *His* side. ^bThen the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

21 So Jesus said to them again, **"Peace to you! ^aAs the Father has sent Me, I also send you."**

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, **"Receive the Holy Spirit."**

23 **"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."**

Seeing and Believing

24 Now Thomas, ^ccalled the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, **"Peace to you!"**

27 Then He said to Thomas, **"Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and ^creach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be ^bunbelieving, but believing."**

28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, **"¹Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. ^aBlessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

That You May Believe

30 And ^atruly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 ^abut these are written that ^byou may believe that Jesus ^cis the Christ, the Son of God, ^dand that believing you may have life in His name.

Breakfast by the Sea

21 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the ^aSea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself:

2 Simon Peter, ^aThomas called the Twin, ^bNathanael of ^cCana in Galilee, ^dthe sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and ¹immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples ^adid not know that it was Jesus.

5 Then ^aJesus said to them, **"Children, have you any food?"** They answered Him, "No."

6 And He said to them, **"^aCast the net on the right side of the boat, and**

21 ^a[Matt. 28:18-20]; John 17:18, 19; [2 Tim. 2:2]; Heb. 3:1

23 ^aMatt. 16:19; 18:18

24 ^aJohn 11:16

27 ^aPs. 22:16; Zech. 12:10; 13:6; 1 John 1:1 ^bMark 16:14

29 ^a2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Pet. 1:8 ¹NU, M omit Thomas

30 ^aJohn 21:25

31 ^aLuke 1:4 ^bJohn 19:35; 1 John 5:13 ^cLuke 2:11; 1 John 5:1 ^dJohn 3:15, 16; 5:24; [1 Pet. 1:8, 9]

CHAPTER 21

1 ^aMatt. 26:32; Mark 14:28; John 6:1

2 ^aJohn 20:24 ^bJohn 1:45-51 ^cJohn 2:1 ^dMatt. 4:21; Mark 1:19; Luke 5:10

3 ¹NU omits immediately

4 ^aLuke 24:16; John 20:14

5 ^aLuke 24:41 ^bLuke 5:4, 6, 7

7 ^aJohn 13:23; 20:2

12 ^aActs 10:41

14 ^aJohn 20:19, 26

15 ^aActs 20:28; 1 Tim. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:2 ¹NU John ²have affection for

16 ^aMatt. 2:6; Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:2, 4 ^bPs. 79:13; Matt. 10:16; 15:24; 25:33; 26:31 ¹NU John ²have affection for

17 ^aJohn 2:24, 25; 16:30 ¹NU John ²have affection for

18 ^aJohn 13:36; Acts 12:3, 4

19 ^a2 Pet. 1:13, 14 ^b[Matt. 4:19; 16:24]; John 21:22

20 ^aJohn 13:23; 20:2

you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

7 Therefore ^athat disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.

9 Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, **"Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."**

11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

12 Jesus said to them, **"^aCome and eat breakfast."** Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

14 This is now ^athe third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Jesus Restores Peter

15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, **"Simon, son of ¹Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"** He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I ²love You." He said to him, **"^aFeed My lambs."**

16 He said to him again a second time, **"Simon, son of ¹Jonah, do you love Me?"** He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I ²love You." He said to him, **"^aTend My ^bsheep."**

17 He said to him the third time, **"Simon, son of ¹Jonah, do you ²love Me?"** Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, **"Do you ²love Me?"** And he said to Him, "Lord, ^aYou know all things; You know that I ²love You." Jesus said to him, **"Feed My sheep."**

18 **"Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."**

19 This He spoke, signifying ^aby what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, **"^bFollow Me."**

The Beloved Disciple and His Book

20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple ^awhom Jesus loved fol-

lowing, ^bwho also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what *about* this man?"

22 Jesus said to him, "If I ¹will that he remain *'till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.'*"

23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will

20 ^bJohn 13:25

22 ^a[Matt. 16:27, 28; 25:31; 1 Cor. 4:5; 11:26; Rev. 2:25; 3:11; 22:7, 20] ¹desire

24 ^aJohn 19:35; 3 John 12

25 ^aJohn 20:30 ^bAmos 7:10

that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

24 This is the disciple who "testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

25 ^aAnd there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, ^bI suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

THE ACTS

of the Apostles

JESUS' last recorded words have come to be known as the Great Commission: "You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (1:8). The Book of Acts, written by Luke, is the story of the men and women who took that commission seriously and began to spread the news of a risen Savior to the most remote corners of the known world.

Each section of the book (1—7; 8—12; 13—28) focuses on a particular audience, a key personality, and a significant phase in the expansion of the gospel message.

As the second volume in a two-part work by Luke, this book probably had no separate title. But all available Greek manuscripts designate it by the title *Praxeis*, "Acts," or by an expanded title like "The Acts of the Apostles." *Praxeis* was commonly used in Greek literature to summarize the accomplishments of outstanding men. While the apostles are mentioned collectively at several points, this book really records the acts of Peter (1—12) and of Paul (13—28).

Prologue

THE former account I made, O ^aTheophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 ^auntil the day in which ¹He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit ^bhad given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

3 ^ato whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many ¹infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit Promised

4 ^aAnd being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "*which*," He said, "*you have ^bheard from Me;*"

5 ^a"for John truly baptized with water, ^bbut you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aLuke 1:3

2 ^aMark 16:19

^bMatt. 28:19

¹He ascended

into heaven.

3 ^aMark 16:12,

14 ¹unmistakable

4 ^aLuke 24:49

^b[John 14:16,

17, 26; 15:26]

5 ^aMatt. 3:11

^b[Joel 2:28]

7 ^a1 Thess. 5:1

^bMatt. 24:36

8 ^a[Acts 2:1, 4]

^bLuke 24:49

^cLuke 24:48

^dActs 8:1, 5,

14 ^eCol. 1:23

¹NU My wit-

nesses

9 ^aLuke 24:50,

51 ^bActs 1:2

10 ^aJohn 20:12

11 ^aDan. 7:13;

[Matt. 24:30;

26:64; Mark

14:62; Luke

21:27; Rev.

1:7; 14:14]

12 ^aLuke

24:52

7 And He said to them, "*It is not for you to ^bknow times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.*"

8 ^a"But you shall receive power ^bwhen the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and ^cyou shall be ¹witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and ^aSamaria, and to the ^cend of the earth."

Jesus Ascends to Heaven

9 ^aNow when He had spoken these things, while they watched, ^bHe was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them ^ain white apparel,

11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, ^awill so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

The Upper Room Prayer Meeting

12 ^aThen they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,

which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they had entered, they went up ^ainto the upper room where they were staying: ^bPeter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and ^cSimon the Zealot; and ^dJudas the son of James.

14 ^aThese all continued with one ¹accord in prayer ²and supplication, with ^bthe women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with ^cHis brothers.

Matthias Chosen

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the ¹disciples (altogether the number ^aof names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,

16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, ^awhich the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, ^bwho became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;

17 "for ^che was numbered with us and obtained a part in ^bthis ministry."

18 ^a(Now this man purchased a field with ^bthe ¹wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his ²entrails gushed out.

19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.)

20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

*^a'Let his dwelling place be
¹desolate,
And let no one live in it';*

and,

^b'Let another take his ²office.'

21 "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 "beginning from the baptism of John to that day when ^aHe was taken up from us, one of these must ^bbecome a witness with us of His resurrection."

23 And they proposed two: Joseph called ^aBarsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, ^awho know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen

25 ^a"to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

26 And they cast their lots, and the

13 ^aActs 9:37, 39; 20:8 ^bMatt. 10:2-4 ^cLuke 6:15 ^dJude 1

14 ^aActs 2:1, 46 ^bLuke 23:49, 55 ^cMatt. 13:55 ^dpurpose or mind ²NU omits and supplication

15 ^aRev. 3:4 ¹NU brethren

16 ^aPs. 41:9; 55:12-14, 20; Matt. 26:14-16; 21-25; 47-50 ^bLuke 22:47

17 ^aMatt. 10:4 ^bActs 1:25

18 ^aMatt. 27:3-10 ^bMark 14:21 ¹reward of unrighteousness ²intestines

20 ^aPs. 69:25 ^bPs. 109:8; John 17:12; ¹deserted ²Gr. episkopen, position of overseer

22 ^aActs 1:9 ^bActs 1:8; 2:32

23 ^aActs 15:22

24 ^a1 Sam. 16:7

25 ^aActs 1:17

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aLev. 23:15 ^bActs 1:14 ¹NU together

2 ^aActs 4:31

3 ¹Or tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each

4 ^aActs 1:5 ^bMark 16:17

5 ^aActs 8:2

6 ^aActs 4:32

7 ^aActs 1:11

8 ¹dialect

9 ^a1 Pet. 1:1

11 ¹Arabians

15 ^a1 Thess. 5:7 ¹9 A.M.

17 ^aJoel 2:28-32 ^bActs 10:45 ^cActs 21:9

lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When ^athe Day of Pentecost had fully come, ^bthey were all ¹with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and ^ait filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them ¹divided tongues, as of fire, and ^aone sat upon each of them.

4 And ^athey were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began ^bto speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Crowd's Response

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, ^adevout men, from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound occurred, the ^amultitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak ^aGalileans?"

8 "And how is it that we hear, each in our own ¹language in which we were born?"

9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and ^aCappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 "Cretans and ¹Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

Peter's Sermon

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

15 "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, ^asince it is only ¹the third hour of the day.

16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 *'And ^ait shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
^bThat I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and ^cyour daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,*

- Your old men shall dream dreams.*
- 18 *And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days;*
“And they shall prophesy.
 19 *“I will show wonders in heaven above*
And signs in the earth beneath:
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.
 20 *“The sun shall be turned into darkness,*
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.
 21 *And it shall come to pass*
That “whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.”

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you ^{by} miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

- 23 “Him, ^{being} delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, ^{by} you ^{have} taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;
 24 [“]whom God raised up, having ^{loosed} the ^{pains} of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.
 25 “For David says concerning Him:

*“I foresaw the LORD always before my face,
 For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.*

- 26 *Therefore my heart rejoiced,*
and my tongue was glad;
Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.
 27 *For You will not leave my soul in “Hades,*
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see ^{corruption}.
 28 *You have made known to me the ways of life;*
You will make me full of joy in Your presence.”

29 “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you ^{of} the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
 30 “Therefore, being a prophet, ^{and} knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, ^{according to} the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,
 31 “he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, ^{that} His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corrup-

18 ^a1 Cor. 12:10

19 ^aJoel 2:30

20 ^aMatt. 24:29

21 ^aRom. 10:13

22 ^aJohn 3:2; 5:6

23 ^aLuke 22:22

^bActs 5:30

¹NU omits

have taken

24 ^a[Rom. 8:11]

¹destroyed or

abolished

²Lit. birth

pangs

25 ^aPs. 16:8–11

27 ^aActs 2:31.

32; Heb. 13:20

^aActs

13:30–37

29 ^aActs 13:36

30 ^aPs. 132:11

¹NU He

would seat

one on his

throne,

31 ^aPs. 16:10;

Is. 53:10

32 ^aActs 2:24

^bActs 1:8; 3:15

33 ^aPs. 110:1;

[Acts 5:31]

^b[Heb. 10:12]

^c[John 14:26]

^dMatt. 3:11;

Acts 2:1–11.

17; 10:45 ¹Pos-

sibly by

34 ^aPs. 68:18;

110:1;

John 20:17;

1 Cor. 15:25;

Eph. 1:20;

Heb. 1:13

37 ^aLuke 3:10,

12, 14

38 ^aLuke 24:47

¹forgiveness

39 ^aJoel 2:28,

32 ^bEph. 2:13

40 ¹crooked

41 ¹NU omits

gladly

42 ^aActs 1:14

¹teaching

43 ^aActs 2:22

44 ^aActs 4:32,

34, 37; 5:2

45 ^aIs. 58:7

¹would sell

²distributed

46 ^aActs 1:14

^bLuke 24:53

^cActs 2:42;

20:7

47 ^aActs 5:14

¹NU omits to

the church

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aActs 2:46

^bPs. 55:17

2 ^aActs 14:8

32 ^a“This Jesus God has raised up,
^bof which we are all witnesses.

33 “Therefore ^{being} exalted ^{to} the right hand of God, and ^{having} received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ^{poured} out this which you now see and hear.

34 “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

“The LORD said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand,

35 *Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”*

36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

37 Now when they heard *this*, ^{they} were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

38 Then Peter said to them, [“]Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the ^{remission} of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 “For the promise is to you and ^{to} your children, and ^{to} all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

A Vital Church Grows

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this ^{perverse} generation.”

41 Then those who ^{gladly} received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to *them*.

42 [“]And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ ^{doctrine} and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 Then fear came upon every soul, and ^{many} wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

44 Now all who believed were together, and ^{had} all things in common,

45 and ^{sold} their possessions and goods, and ^{divided} them among all, as anyone had need.

46 [“]So continuing daily with one accord ⁱⁿ the temple, and ^{breaking} bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And ^{the} Lord added ^{to} the church daily those who were being saved.

A Lame Man Healed

3 Now Peter and John went up together ^{to} the temple at the hour of prayer, ^{the} ninth hour.

2 And ^a a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful,

^bto ask alms from those who entered the temple;
3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: ^aIn the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 So he, ^aleaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

9 ^aAnd all the people saw him walking and praising God.

10 Then they knew that it was he who ^asat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Preaching in Solomon's Portico

11 Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch ^awhich is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

12 So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

13 ^a"The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, ^bglorified His Servant Jesus, whom you ^cdelivered up and ^ddenied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go.

14 "But you denied ^athe Holy One ^band the Just, and ^casked for a murderer to be granted to you,

15 "and killed the ¹Prince of life, ^awhom God raised from the dead, ^bof which we are witnesses.

16 ^a"And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 "Yet now, brethren, I know that ^ayou did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers.

18 "But ^athose things which God foretold ^bby the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

19 ^a"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,
20 "and that He may send ¹Jesus

2 ^bJohn 9:8
¹Beg

6 ^aActs 4:10

8 ^aIs. 35:6

9 ^aActs 4:16,
21

10 ^aJohn 9:8

11 ^aJohn 10:23

13 ^aJohn 5:30
^bJohn 7:39;
12:23; 13:31
^cMatt. 27:2
^dMatt. 27:20

14 ^aMark 1:24
^bActs 7:52
^cJohn 18:40

15 ^aActs 2:24
^bActs 2:32 ¹Or
Originator

16 ^aMatt. 9:22

17 ^aLuke 23:34

18 ^aActs 26:22
^b1 Pet. 1:10

19 ^a[Acts 2:38;
26:20]

20 ¹NU, M
Christ Jesus
²NU, M
ordained for
you before

21 ^aActs 1:11
^bMatt. 17:11
^cLuke 1:70
¹Or time

22 ^aDeut.
18:15, 18, 19

24 ^aLuke 24:25
¹NU, M *pro-*
claimed

25 ^a[Rom. 9:4,
8] ^bGen. 12:3;
18:18; 22:18;
26:4; 28:14

26 ^a[Rom.
1:16; 2:9]
^bMatt. 1:21

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aMatt. 22:23

6 ^aLuke 3:2

7 ^aMatt. 21:23

8 ^aLuke 12:11,
12

10 ^aActs 2:22;
3:6, 16 ^bActs
2:24

Christ, who was ²preached to you before.

21 ^a"whom heaven must receive until the times of ^brestoration of all things, ^cwhich God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since ¹the world began.

22 "For Moses truly said to the fathers, ^a*'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.'*

23 *'And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'*

24 "Yes, and ^aall the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also ¹foretold these days.

25 ^a"You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ^b*'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'*

26 "To you ^afirst, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, ^bin turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

Peter and John Arrested

4 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the ^aSadducees came upon them,

2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Addressing the Sanhedrin

5 And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes,

6 as well as ^aAnnas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, ^a"By what power or by what name have you done this?"

8 "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:

9 "If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well,

10 "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, ^athat by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, ^bwhom God raised from the dead, by Him

this man stands here before you whole.

11 "This is the ^astone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone."

12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The Name of Jesus Forbidden

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident² to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

17 "But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

18 "So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.

20 "For we cannot but speak the things which ^bwe have seen and heard."

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.

22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

Prayer for Boldness

23 And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, ^aYou are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

25 "who ¹by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

^a*"Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain things?"*

26 *The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together*

11 ^aPs. 118:22;
Is. 28:16;
1 Pet. 2:4-8

12 ^a[1 Tim. 2:5, 6]

13 ^a[1 Cor. 1:27]

14 ^aActs 3:11

16 ^aJohn 11:47
^bActs 3:7-10
¹remarkable
sign ²well known

18 ^aActs 5:28, 40

19 ^aActs 5:29

20 ^aActs 1:8;
2:32 ^b[1 John 1:1, 3]

21 ^aActs 5:26
^bMatt. 15:31
^cActs 3:7, 8

23 ^aActs 2:44-46; 12:12

24 ^aEx. 20:11

25 ^aPs. 2:1, 2
¹NU through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father, Your servant David,

27 ^aLuke 22:2;
23:1, 8 ^b[Luke 1:35] ^cJohn 10:36

28 ^aActs 2:23;
3:18

29 ^aActs 4:13, 31; 9:27;
13:46; 14:3;
19:8; 26:26

30 ^aActs 2:43;
5:12 ^bActs 3:6,
16 ^cActs 4:27

31 ^aActs 2:2, 4;
16:26 ^bActs 4:29

32 ^aRom. 15:5,
6 ^bActs 2:44

33 ^a[Acts 1:8]
^bActs 1:22
^cRom. 6:15

34 ^aActs 2:45

35 ^aActs 4:37;
5:2 ^bActs 2:45;
6:1

36 ¹NU Joseph
²Or Consolation

37 ^aActs 4:34,
35; 5:1, 2

CHAPTER 5

3 ^aDeut. 23:21
^bLuke 22:3

Against the LORD and against His Christ.

27 "For truly against ^bYour holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together

28 "to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

29 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

30 "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Sharing in All Things

32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

36 And Joseph, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,

37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Lying to the Holy Spirit

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.

2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

4 "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

5 Then Ananias, hearing these

words, ^afell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

6 And the young men arose and ^awrapped him up, carried *him* out, and buried *him*.

7 Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

8 And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much."

9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together ^ato test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out."

10 ^aThen immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband.

11 ^aSo great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

Continuing Power in the Church

12 And ^athrough the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. ^bAnd they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

13 Yet ^anone of the rest dared join them, ^bbut the people esteemed them highly.

14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, ^athat at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing ^asick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Imprisoned Apostles Freed

17 ^aThen the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with ¹indignation,

18 ^aand laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

19 But at night ^aan angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people ^aall the words of this life."

21 And when they heard *that*, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. ^aBut the high priest and those with him came and called the ¹council together, with all the ²elders of the children of Israel, and

5 ^aEzek. 11:13; Acts 5:10, 11
6 ^aJohn 19:40

9 ^aMatt. 4:7; Acts 5:3, 4
10 ^aEzek. 11:13; Acts 5:5

11 ^aActs 2:43; 5:5; 19:17

12 ^aActs 2:43; 4:30; 6:8; 14:3; 15:12; [Rom. 15:19]; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:4

24 ^bActs 3:11; 4:32

13 ^aJohn 9:22
^bActs 2:47; 4:21

15 ^aMatt. 9:21; 14:36; Acts 19:12

16 ^aMark 16:17, 18; [John 14:12]

17 ^aMatt. 3:7; Acts 4:1, 2, 6
¹jealousy

18 ^aLuke 21:12; Acts 4:3; 16:37

19 ^aMatt. 1:20, 24; 2:13, 19; 28:2; Luke 1:11; 2:9; Acts 12:7; 16:26

20 ^a[John 6:63, 68; 17:3; 1 John 5:11]

21 ^aActs 4:5, 6
¹Sanhedrin
²council of elders or senate

23 ¹NU, M omit *outside*

24 ^aLuke 22:4; Acts 4:1; 5:26
¹NU omits the *high priest*

25 ¹NU, M omit *saying*

26 ^aMatt. 21:26
28 ^aActs 4:17, 18
^bActs 2:23, 36
^aMatt. 23:35

29 ^aActs 4:19
30 ^aActs 3:13, 15
^bActs 10:39; 13:29; [Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24]

31 ^aMark 16:19; [Acts 2:33, 36; Phil. 2:9-11]
^bActs 3:15; Rev. 1:5
^aMatt. 1:21

32 ^aLuke 24:47; [Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14]

33 ^aJohn 15:26, 27; Acts 15:28; Rom. 8:16; Heb. 2:4
^bActs 2:4; 10:44

34 ^aActs 22:3
35 ¹be careful

36 ¹followed

sent to the prison to have them brought.

Apostles on Trial Again

22 But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported,

23 saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing ¹outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!"

24 Now when ¹the high priest, ^athe captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be.

25 So one came and told them, ¹saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, ^afor they feared the people, lest they should be stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them,

28 saying, ^a"Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, ^band intend to bring this Man's ^cblood on us!"

29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: ^a"We ought to obey God rather than men."

30 ^a"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by ^bhanging on a tree.

31 ^a"Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* ^bPrince and ^cSavior, ^dto give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

32 "And ^awe are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit ^bwhom God has given to those who obey Him."

Gamaliel's Advice

33 When they heard *this*, they were ^afurious¹ and plotted to kill them.

34 Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named ^aGamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while.

35 And he said to them: "Men of Israel, ¹take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men.

36 "For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, ¹joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing.

37 "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.

38 "And now I say to you, keep

away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing;

39 "but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found ^bto fight against God."

40 And they agreed with him, and when they had ^ccalled for the apostles ^band beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 So they departed from the presence of the council, ^crejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for ¹His name.

42 And daily ^cin the temple, and in every house, ^bthey did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Seven Chosen to Serve

6 Now in those days, ^awhen the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the ^bHellenists,¹ because their widows were neglected ^cin the daily distribution.

2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, ^a"It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

3 "Therefore, brethren, ^aseek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this ^bbusiness;

4 "but we ^awill give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, ^aa man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and ^bPhilip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and ^cNicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

6 whom they set before the apostles; and ^awhen they had prayed, ^bthey laid hands on them.

7 Then ^athe word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many ^bof the priests were obedient to the faith.

Stephen Accused of Blasphemy

8 And Stephen, full of ¹faith and power, did great ^awonders and signs among the people.

9 Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen.

10 And ^athey were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

11 ^aThen they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

12 And they stirred up the people,

39 ^a1 Cor. 1:25
^bActs 7:51; 9:5

40 ^aActs 4:18
^bMatt. 10:17

41 ^a[1 Pet. 4:13-16] ¹NU the name; M the name of Jesus

42 ^aActs 2:46
^bActs 4:20, 29

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aActs 2:41;
4:4 ^bActs 9:29;

11:20 ^cActs 4:35; 11:29
¹Greek-speaking Jews

2 ^aEx. 18:17

3 ^a1 Tim. 3:7
^b1 Tim. 3:8-13

4 ^aActs 2:42

5 ^aActs 6:3;
11:24 ^bActs 8:5, 26; 21:8

^cRev. 2:6, 15
6 ^aActs 1:24
^b[2 Tim. 1:6]

7 ^aActs 12:24
^bJohn 12:42

8 ^aActs 2:43;
5:12; 8:15;

14:3 ¹NU grace

10 ^aLuke 21:15

11 ^a1 Kin. 21:10, 13

13 ¹NU omits blasphemous

14 ^aActs 10:38;
25:8

CHAPTER 7

2 ^aActs 22:1
^bPs. 29:3

^cGen. 11:31, 32

3 ^aGen. 12:1

4 ^aGen. 11:31;
15:7 ^bGen. 11:32

5 ^aGen. 12:7;
13:15; 15:3;

18; 17:8; 26:3

6 ^aGen. 15:13,
14, 16; 47:11,

12 ^bEx. 1:8-14; 12:40,
41

7 ^aGen. 15:14
^bEx. 14:13-31

^cEx. 3:12

8 ^aGen. 17:9-14 ^bGen. 21:1-5 ^cGen. 25:21-26

^dGen. 29:31-30:24; 35:18,
22-26

9 ^aGen. 37:4,
11, 28 ^bGen. 37:28 ^cGen. 39:2, 21, 23

10 ^aGen. 41:38-44

11 ^aGen. 41:54;
42:5 ¹affliction

12 ^aGen. 42:1, 2

13 ^aGen. 45:4,
16

the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council.

13 They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak ¹blasphemous words against this holy place and the law;

14 ^a"for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us."

15 And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.

Stephen's Address: The Call of Abraham

7 Then the high priest said, "Are these things so?"

2 And he said, ^a"Brethren and fathers, listen: The ^bGod of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in ^cHaran,

3 "and said to him, ^a'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.'

4 "Then ^ahe came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was ^bdead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.

5 "And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, ^aHe promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.

6 "But God spoke in this way: ^a'that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into ^bbondage and oppress them four hundred years.

7 ^a'And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will ^bjudge,' said God, ^c'and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.'

8 ^a"Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; ^band so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; ^cand Isaac begot Jacob, and ^dJacob begot the twelve patriarchs.

The Patriarchs in Egypt

9 ^a"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, ^bsold Joseph into Egypt. ^cBut God was with him

10 "and delivered him out of all his troubles, ^aand gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 ^a"Now a famine and great ¹trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 ^a"But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13 "And the ^asecond time Joseph was made known to his brothers,

and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh.

14 "Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and ^ball his relatives to *him*, ^cseventy-five people.

15 "So Jacob went down to Egypt; ^band he died, he and our fathers.

16 "And ^cthey were carried back to Shechem and laid in ^bthe tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, *the father of Shechem*.

God Delivers Israel by Moses

17 "But when ^cthe time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, ^bthe people grew and multiplied in Egypt

18 "till another king ^aarose who did not know Joseph.

19 "This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, ^amaking them expose their babies, so that they might not live.

20 "At this time Moses was born, and ^bwas well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months.

21 "But ^awhen he was set out, ^bPharaoh's daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son.

22 "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was ^amighty in words and deeds.

23 "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

24 "And seeing one of *them* suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian.

25 "For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.

26 "And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and *tried* to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?'

27 "But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, '*a*Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?'

28 'Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?'

29 "Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he ^bhad two sons.

30 "And when forty years had passed, an Angel ¹of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.

31 "When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him,

32 "saying, '*a*I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

14 ^aGen. 45:9, 27 ^bDeut. 10:22 ¹Or seventy, Ex. 1:5

15 ^aGen. 46:1-7 ^bGen. 49:33

16 ^aJosh. 24:32 ^bGen. 23:16

17 ^aGen. 15:13 ^bEx. 1:7-9

18 ^aEx. 1:8

19 ^aEx. 1:22

20 ^aEx. 2:1, 2 ^bHeb. 11:23

21 ^aEx. 2:3, 4 ^bEx. 2:5-10

22 ^aLuke 24:19

23 ^aEx. 2:11, 12

27 ^aEx. 2:14

29 ^aHeb. 11:27 ^bEx. 2:15, 21, 22; 4:20; 18:3

30 ^aEx. 3:1-10 ¹NU omits of the Lord

32 ^aEx. 3:6, 15

33 ^aEx. 3:5, 7, 8, 10

34 ^aEx. 2:24, 25 ^bPs. 105:26

35 ^aEx. 2:14 ^bEx. 14:21

36 ^aEx. 12:41; 33:1 ^bPs. 105:27 ^cEx. 14:21 ^bEx. 16:1, 35

37 ^aDeut. 18:15, 18, 19 ^bMatt. 17:5 ¹NU, M omit Him you shall hear

38 ^aEx. 19:3 ^bGal. 3:19

^cDeut. 5:27 ^dHeb. 5:12

¹Gr. *ekklesia*, assembly or church ²sayings

39 ^aPs. 95:8-11

40 ^aEx. 32:1, 23

41 ^aDeut. 9:16 ^bEx. 32:6, 18, 19

42 ^a[2 Thess. 2:11] ^{b2} Kin. 21:3 ^cAmos 5:25-27

43 ^aJer. 25:9-12

44 ^a[Heb. 8:5]

45 ^aJosh. 3:14; 18:1; 23:9

And Moses trembled and dared not look.

33 ^a*'Then the LORD said to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."*

34 *"I have surely ^aseen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will ^bsend you to Egypt."*

35 "This Moses whom they rejected, saying, '*a*Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer ^bby the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush.

36 ^a"He brought them out, after he had ^bshown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, ^cand in the Red Sea, ^dand in the wilderness forty years.

Israel Rebels Against God

37 "This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, '*a*The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. ^bHim¹ you shall hear.'

38 ^a"This is he who was in the ¹congregation in the wilderness with ^bthe Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, ^cthe one who received the living ^aoracles² to give to us,

39 "whom our fathers ^awould not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt,

40 ^a"saying to Aaron, '*Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.*'

41 ^a"And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and ^brejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 "Then ^aGod turned and gave them up to worship ^bthe host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets:

^c'Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?'

43 *You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of your god Remphan, Images which you made to worship; And ^aI will carry you away beyond Babylon.'*

God's True Tabernacle

44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses ^ato make it according to the pattern that he had seen,

45 ^a"which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with

Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, ^bwhom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the ^cdays of David,

46 ^a“who found favor before God and ^basked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob.

47 ^a“But Solomon built Him a house.

48 “However, ^athe Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:

49 *‘Heaven^a is My throne,
And earth is My footstool.
What house will you build for
Me? says the LORD,
Or what is the place of My
rest?’*

50 *Has My hand not ^amade all
these things?’*

Israel Resists the Holy Spirit

51 “You ^astiff-necked^d and ^buncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so do you.

52 ^a“Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of ^bthe Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, 53 ^a“who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.”

Stephen the Martyr

54 ^aWhen they heard these things they were ^ccut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth.

55 But he, ^abeing full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the ^bglory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,

56 and said, “Look! ^aI see the heavens opened and the ^bson of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord;

58 and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. And ^athe witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, “Lord Jesus, ^areceive my spirit.”

60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, ^a“Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Saul Persecutes the Church

8 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and ^athey were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to *his burial*, and ^amade great lamentation over him.

45 ^bPs. 44:2 ^c2 Sam. 6:2-15

46 ^a2 Sam. 7:1-13 ^b1 Chr. 22:7

47 ^a1 Kin. 6:1-38; 8:20, 21

48 ^a1 Kin. 8:27

49 ^aIs. 66:1, 2

50 ^aPs. 102:25

51 ^aEx. 32:9 ^bLev. 26:41 ^c1stubborn

52 ^a2 Chr. 36:16 ^bActs 3:14; 22:14

53 ^aEx. 20:1

54 ^aActs 5:33 ^b1furious

55 ^aActs 6:5 ^b[Ex. 24:17]

56 ^aMatt. 3:16 ^bDan. 7:13

58 ^aActs 22:20

59 ^aPs. 31:5

60 ^aMatt. 5:44

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aActs 8:4; 11:19

2 ^aGen. 23:2

3 ^aPhil. 3:6

4 ^aMatt. 10:23

5 ^aActs 6:5; 8:26, 30 ^bOr *a*

7 ^aMark 16:17

9 ^aActs 8:11; 13:6 ^bActs 5:36 ^c1magic ^dOr *nation*

11 ^b1magic arts

12 ^aActs 1:3; 8:4

14 ^aActs 5:12, 29, 40

15 ^aActs 2:38; 19:2

16 ^aActs 19:2 ^bMatt. 28:19 ^cActs 10:48; 19:5

17 ^aActs 6:6; 19:6

20 ^a[Matt. 10:8] ^b[Acts 2:38; 10:45; 11:17]

3 As for Saul, ^ahe made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison.

Christ Is Preached in Samaria

4 Therefore ^athose who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

5 Then ^aPhilip went down to ¹the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.

6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For ^aunclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

The Sorcerer's Profession of Faith

9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously ^apracticed ¹sorcery in the city and ^bastonished ²the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,

10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the great power of God.”

11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his ¹sorceries for a long time.

12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things ^aconcerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

The Sorcerer's Sin

14 Now when the ^aapostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them ^athat they might receive the Holy Spirit.

16 For ^aas yet He had fallen upon none of them. ^bThey had only been baptized in ^cthe name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then ^athey laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

19 saying, “Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

20 But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because ^ayou thought that ^bthe gift of God could be purchased with money!

21 “You have neither part nor

portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 "Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

23 "For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."

24 Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."

25 So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

Christ Is Preached to an Ethiopian

26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.

27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;

And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,

So He opened not His mouth.

33 *In His humiliation His justice was taken away,*
And who will declare His generation?

For His life is taken from the earth."

34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

37 Then Philip said, "If you be-

21 ^aJer. 17:9

22 ^aDan. 4:27;
2 Tim. 2:25

23 ^aHeb. 12:15

24 ^aGen. 20:7,
17; Ex. 8:8;
Num. 21:7;

1 Kin. 13:6;
Job 42:8;
James 5:16

26 ^aActs 6:5

¹Or a deserted place

27 ^aPs. 68:31;
87:4; Is. 56:3;
Zeph. 3:10

¹1 Kin. 8:41,
42; John 12:20

32 ^aIs. 53:7, 8

^bMatt. 26:62,
63; 27:12, 14;
John 19:9

33 ^aLuke
23:1-25 ^bLuke
23:33-46

35 ^aLuke
24:27; Acts
17:2; 18:28;
28:23

36 ^aActs 10:47;
16:33

37 ^aMatt.
28:19; [Mark
16:16; Rom.
10:9, 10]

^bMatt. 16:16;
John 6:69;
9:35, 38; 11:27
¹NU, M omit
v. 37. It is
found in
Western texts,
including the
Latin tradi-
tion.

39 ^a1 Kin.
18:12; 2 Kin.
2:16; Ezek.
3:12, 14;
2 Cor. 12:2

40 ^aActs 21:8

¹Same as
Heb. Ashdod

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aActs 7:57;
8:1, 3; 26:10,
11; Gal. 1:13;
1 Tim. 1:13

2 ^aActs 22:5

3 ^aActs 22:6;
26:12, 13;
1 Cor. 15:8

4 ^a[Matt.
25:40]

5 ¹NU, M omit
the rest of v. 5
and begin v. 6
with But arise
and go

7 ^aDan. 10:7;
John 12:29;
[Acts 22:9;
26:13]

10 ^aActs 22:12

11 ^aActs 21:39;
22:3

13 ^aActs 9:1
¹bad things

lieve with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, ^b"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

The Damascus Road: Saul Converted

9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Ananias Baptizes Saul

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.

12 "And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.

14 "And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all ^awho call on Your name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for ^ahe is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before ^bGentiles, ^ckings, and the ^dchildren¹ of Israel.
16 "For ^aI will show him how many things he must suffer for My ^bname's sake."

17 ^aAnd Ananias went his way and entered the house; and ^blaying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord ¹Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and ^cbe filled with the Holy Spirit."

18 Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. ^aThen Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

Saul Preaches Christ

20 Immediately he preached ¹the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, ^aand confounded the Jews who dwell in Damascus, proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

Saul Escapes Death

23 Now after many days were past, ^athe Jews plotted to kill him.

24 ^aBut their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night and ^alet *him* down through the wall in a large basket.

Saul at Jerusalem

26 And ^awhen Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.

27 ^aBut Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, ^band how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 So ^ahe was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out.

29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the ^aHellenists,¹ ^bbut they attempted to kill him.

30 When the brethren found out,

14 ^aActs 7:59; 9:2, 21

15 ^aEph. 3:7, 8
^bRom. 1:5;
11:13 ^aActs
25:22, 23; 26:1
^cRom. 1:16;
9:1-5 ¹Lit.
^dsons

16 ^aActs 20:23
^b2 Cor. 4:11

17 ^aActs 22:12,
13 ^bActs 8:17
^cActs 2:4;
4:31; 8:17;
13:52 ¹M
omits *Jesus*

19 ^aActs 26:20

20 ¹NU *Jesus*

21 ^aGal. 1:13,
23

22 ^aActs 18:28

23 ^a2 Cor.
11:26

24 ^a2 Cor.
11:32

25 ^aJosh. 2:15

26 ^aActs 22:
17-20; 26:20

27 ^aActs 4:36;
13:2 ^bActs
9:20, 22

28 ^aGal. 1:18

29 ^aActs 6:1;
11:20 ^b2 Cor.
11:26 ¹Greek-
speaking
Jews

31 ^aActs 5:11;
8:1; 16:5

^bEph. 4:16,
29 ¹Ps. 34:9

^cJohn 14:16
^aActs 16:5
¹NU church...
was ²built up

32 ^aActs 8:14

34 ^a[Acts 3:6,
16; 4:10]

35 ^a1 Chr.
5:16; 27:29
^bActs 11:21;
15:19

36 ^a1 Tim. 2:10
¹Lit., in
Aram.,

Gazelle ²Lit.,
in Gr., *Gazelle*

37 ^aActs 1:13;
9:39

40 ^aMatt. 9:25
^bActs 7:60
^cMark 5:41, 42

42 ^aJohn 11:45

43 ^aActs 10:6

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1 ^aActs 8:40;
23:23 ¹Cohort

2 ^aActs 8:2;
9:22; 22:12
^b[Acts 10:22,
35; 13:16, 26]
¹charitable
gifts

they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

The Church Prospers

31 ^aThen the ¹churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were ^bedified.² And walking in the ^cfear of the Lord and in the ^dcomfort of the Holy Spirit, they were ^emultiplied.

Aeneas Healed

32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went ^athrough all *parts of the country*, that he also came down to the saints who dwell in Lydda.

33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bed-ridden eight years and was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, ^aJesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and ^aSharon saw him and ^bturned to the Lord.

Dorcas Restored to Life

36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named ¹Tabitha, which is translated ²Dorcas. This woman was full ^aof good works and charitable deeds which she did.

37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid *her* in ^aan upper room.

38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring *him* not to delay in coming to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought *him* to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

40 But Peter ^aput them all out, and ^bkneelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he ^csaid, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

41 Then he gave her *his* hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, ^aand many believed on the Lord.

43 So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with ^aSimon, a tanner.

Cornelius Sends a Delegation

10 There was a certain man in ^aCaesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian ¹Regiment,

2 ^aa devout *man* and one who ^bfeared God with all his household, who gave ¹alms generously to the

people, and prayed to God always.

3 About ¹the ninth hour of the day ^ahe saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

5 "Now ^asend men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.

6 "He is lodging with ^aSimon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. ^bHe¹ will tell you what you must do."

7 And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually.

8 So when he had explained all *these* things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Peter's Vision

9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, ^aPeter went up on the housetop to pray, about ¹the sixth hour.

10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance

11 and ^asaw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.

12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.

13 And a voice came to him, "*Rise, Peter; kill and eat.*"

14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! ^aFor I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

15 And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, "*What God has ¹cleansed you must not call common.*"

16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

Summoned to Caesarea

17 Now while Peter ¹wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate.

18 And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there.

19 While Peter thought about the vision, ^athe Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you.

20 ^a"Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

21 Then Peter went down to the men ¹who had been sent to him from

3 ^aActs 10:30; 11:13 ¹3 P.M.

5 ^aActs 11:13, 14

6 ^aActs 9:43 ^bActs 11:14 ¹NU, M omit the rest of v. 6.

9 ^aActs 10:9-32; 11:5-14 ¹Noon

11 ^aEzek. 1:1; Matt. 3:16; Acts 7:56;

Rev. 4:1; 19:11

14 ^aLev. 11:4; 20:25; Deut. 14:3, 7; Ezek. 4:14

15 ^a[Matt. 15:11; Mark 7:19]; Acts 10:28; [Rom. 14:14]; 1 Cor. 10:25; [1 Tim. 4:4; Titus 1:15]

¹Declared clean

17 ¹was perplexed

19 ^aActs 11:12

20 ^aActs 15:7-9

21 ¹NU, M omit who had been sent to him from Cornelius

22 ^aActs 22:12

23 ^aActs 10:45; 11:12

26 ^aActs 14:14, 15; Rev. 19:10; 22:8

28 ^aJohn 4:9; 18:28; Acts 11:3; Gal. 2:12

^b[Acts 10:14, 35; 15:8, 9]

30 ^aActs 1:10 ^bMatt. 28:3; Mark 16:5

¹NU Four days ago to this hour, at the ninth hour

31 ^aDan. 10:12 ^bHeb. 6:10 ¹charitable gifts

32 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 32.

34 ^aDeut. 10:17; 2 Chr. 19:7; Rom. 2:11; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9

35 ^aActs 15:9; [1 Cor. 12; 13; Eph. 2:13]

^bPs. 15:1, 2

36 ^a[Is. 57:19; Eph. 2:14; [Col. 1:20]

^bMatt. 28:18; Acts 2:36; Rom. 10:12; 1 Cor. 15:27

¹Lit. sons

Cornelius, and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?"

22 And they said, "Cornelius *the* centurion, a just man, one who fears God and ^ahas a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you."

23 Then he invited them in and lodged *them*. On the next day Peter went away with them, ^aand some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

Peter Meets Cornelius

24 And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped *him*.

26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, ^a"Stand up; I myself am also a man."

27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together.

28 Then he said to them, "You know how ^aunlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But ^bGod has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 "Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?"

30 So Cornelius said, ¹"Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, ^aa man stood before me ¹in bright clothing,

31 "and said, 'Cornelius, ^ayour prayer has been heard, and ^byour ¹alms are remembered in the sight of God.

32 'Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. ¹When he comes, he will speak to you.'

33 "So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God."

Preaching to Cornelius' Household

34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ^a"In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

35 "But ^ain every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is ^baccepted by Him.

36 "The word which *God* sent to the ¹children of Israel, ^apreaching peace through Jesus Christ—^bHe is Lord of all—

37 "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea,

and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

39 "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

40 "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

42 "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

43 "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

45 "And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,

47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

48 "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

Peter Defends God's Grace

11 Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him,

3 saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!"

4 But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying:

5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me.

6 "When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.

7 "And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.'

37 Luke 4:14

38 Luke 4:18

bMatt. 4:23

cJohn 3:2;

8:29

39 Acts 1:8

bActs 2:23

1NU, M they

also

40 Hos. 6:2;

Acts 2:24;

1 Cor. 15:4

41 John

14:17, 19, 22;

15:27 bLuke

24:30, 41-43

42 Matt. 28:19

bJohn 5:22, 27

c1 Pet. 4:5

43 Zech. 13:1

bGal. 3:22

cActs 13:38,

39 forgiveness

44 Acts 4:31

45 Acts 10:23

bActs 11:18

1The Jews

47 Acts 2:4;

10:44; 11:17;

15:8

48 1 Cor.

1:14-17 bActs

2:38; 8:16;

19:5

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2 Acts 10:45

3 Acts 10:28

bGal. 2:12

4 Luke 1:3

5 Acts 10:9

12 John

16:13 bActs

10:23

13 Acts 10:30

15 Acts 2:1-4;

15:7-9

16 John 1:26,

33 bIs. 44:3

17 Acts 15:8,

9 bActs 10:47

18 Rom.

10:12, 13;

15:9, 16

19 Acts 8:1, 4

20 Acts 6:1;

9:29

21 Luke 1:66

bActs 9:35;

14:1

22 Acts 4:36;

9:27

23 Acts 13:43;

14:22

24 Acts 6:5

bActs 5:14;

11:21

25 Acts 9:11,

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8 "But I said, 'Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.'

9 "But the voice answered me again from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.'

10 "Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 "At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea.

12 "Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

13 "And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter,

14 'who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.'

15 "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.

16 "Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

17 "If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

Barnabas and Saul at Antioch

19 "Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only.

20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.

26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was

that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Relief to Judea

27 And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch.

28 Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.

29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Herod's Violence to the Church

12 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.

2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

4 So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

Peter Freed from Prison

5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.

7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.

8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me."

9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

27 ^{a1} Cor. 12:28

28 ^a Acts 21:10
^b Acts 18:2

29 ^{a1} Cor. 16:1

30 ^a Acts 12:25

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2 ^a Matt. 4:21;
20:23

3 ^a Ex. 12:15;
23:15

4 ^a John 21:18
¹ Gr. *tetrads*,
squad of
four

5 ¹ NU *con-*
stantly or
earnestly

6 ¹ guarding

7 ^a Acts 5:19

9 ^a Ps. 126:1
^b Acts 10:3, 17;
11:5

10 ^a Acts 5:19;
16:26

11 ^a [Ps. 34:7]
^b Job 5:19

12 ^a Acts 4:23
^b Acts 13:5, 13;
15:37 ^c Acts
12:5

15 ^a [Matt.
18:10]

17 ^a Acts 13:16;
19:33; 21:40

18 ¹ distur-
bance

20 ^a Matt. 11:21
^b Ezek. 27:17
¹ who was in
charge of the
king's bed-
chamber ² Lit.
nourished

23 ^{a2} Sam.
24:16, 17 ^b Ps.
115:1
¹ breathed his
last

24 ^a Acts 6:7;
19:20

25 ^a Acts 11:30
^b Acts 11:30
^c Acts 13:5, 13
^d Acts 12:12;
15:37 ¹ NU, M
to

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1 ^a Acts 14:26

11 And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

12 So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.

13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer.

14 When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate.

15 But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."

16 Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren." And he departed and went to another place.

18 Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter.

19 But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there.

Herod's Violent Death

20 Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's country.

21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them.

22 And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Barnabas and Saul Appointed

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

13 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain

prophets and teachers: ^bBarnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, ^cLucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work ^bto which I have called them."

3 Then, ^ahaving fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Preaching in Cyprus

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to ^aCyprus.

5 And when they arrived in Salamis, ^athey preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had ^bJohn as their assistant.

6 Now when they had gone through ^tthe island to Paphos, they found ^aa certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus,

7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

8 But ^aElymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) ¹withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, ^afilled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, ^ayou son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?

11 "And now, indeed, ^athe hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

At Antioch in Pisidia

13 Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and ^aJohn, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and ^awent into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.

15 And ^aafter the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men *and* brethren, if you have ^bany word of ¹exhortation for the people, say on."

1 ^bActs 11:22

^cRom. 16:21

2 ^aGal. 1:15; 2:9 ^bHeb. 5:4

3 ^aActs 6:6

4 ^aActs 4:36

5 ^a[Acts 13:46] ^bActs 12:25; 15:37

6 ^aActs 8:9 ¹NU *the whole island*

8 ^aEx. 7:11 ¹opposed

9 ^aActs 2:4; 4:8

10 ^aMatt. 13:38

11 ^a1 Sam. 5:6

13 ^aActs 15:38

14 ^aActs 16:13

15 ^aLuke 4:16 ^bHeb. 13:22 ¹encouragement

16 ^aActs 10:35

17 ^aDeut. 7:6-8 ^bActs 7:17

^cEx. 14:8 ¹M omits *Israel*

²Mighty power

18 ^aNum. 14:34

19 ^aDeut. 7:1 ^bJosh. 14:1, 2; 19:51

20 ^aJudg. 2:16 ^b1 Sam. 3:20

21 ^a1 Sam. 8:5 ^b1 Sam. 10:20-24

22 ^a1 Sam. 15:23, 26, 28 ^b1 Sam. 16:1, 12, 13 ^cPs. 89:20 ^a1 Sam. 13:14

23 ^aIs. 11:1 ^bPs. 132:11

^c[Matt. 1:21] ¹M *salvation, after*

24 ^a[Luke 3:3]

25 ^aMark 1:7 ^bJohn 1:20, 27

26 ^aPs. 66:16 ^bMatt. 10:6 ¹stock ²message

27 ^aLuke 23:34

28 ^aMatt. 27:22, 23

29 ^aLuke 18:31 ^bMatt. 27:57-61

30 ^aMatt. 12:39, 40; 28:6

31 ^aActs 1:3, 11

32 ^a[Gen. 3:15]

16 Then Paul stood up, and motioning with *his* hand said, "Men of Israel, and ^ayou who fear God, listen:

17 "The God of this people ¹Israel ^achose our fathers, and exalted the people ^bwhen they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with ²an uplifted arm He ^abrought them out of it.

18 "Now ^afor a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness.

19 "And when He had destroyed ^aseven nations in the land of Canaan, ^bHe distributed their land to them by allotment.

20 "After that ^aHe gave *them* judges for about four hundred and fifty years, ^buntil Samuel the prophet.

21 ^a"And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them ^bSaul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

22 "And ^awhen He had removed him, ^bHe raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ^c*'I have found David the son of Jesse, ^aa man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'*

23 ^a"From this man's seed, according ^bto the promise, God raised up for Israel ^aa Savior—Jesus—

24 ^a"after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 "And as John was finishing his course, he said, ^a"Who do you think I am? I am not *He*. But behold, ^bthere comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose."

26 "Men and brethren, sons of the ¹family of Abraham, and ^athose among you who fear God, ^bto you the ²word of this salvation has been sent.

27 "For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, ^abecause they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled *them* in condemning *Him*.

28 ^a"And though they found no cause for death *in Him*, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.

29 ^a"Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, ^bthey took *Him* down from the tree and laid *Him* in a tomb.

30 ^a"But God raised Him from the dead.

31 ^a"He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.

32 "And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers.

33 "God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

a 'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.'

34 "And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to ¹corruption, He has spoken thus:

a 'I will give you the sure ²mercies of David.'

35 "Therefore He also says in another Psalm:

a 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'

36 "For David, after he had served ¹his own generation by the will of God, ^afell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and ²saw corruption;

37 "but He whom God raised up ¹saw no corruption.

38 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that ^athrough this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

39 "and ^aby Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 "Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

41 '*Behold,^a you despisers, Marvel and perish!
For I work a work in your days,
A work which you will by no means believe,
Though one were to declare it to you.*'"

Blessing and Conflict at Antioch

42 ¹So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, ^apersuaded them to continue in ^bthe grace of God.

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they ^aopposed the things spoken by Paul.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, ^a"It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but ^bsince you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, ^cwe turn to the Gentiles.

47 "For so the Lord has commanded us:

a 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles,

³³ ^aPs. 2:7;
Heb. 1:5

³⁴ ^aIs. 55:3
¹the state of decay ²blessings

³⁵ ^aPs. 16:10;
Acts 2:27

³⁶ ^aActs 2:29
¹in his ²underwent decay

³⁷ ¹underwent no decay

³⁸ ^aJer. 31:34

³⁹ ^aIs. 53:11;
John 3:16j

⁴¹ ^aHab. 1:5

⁴² ¹Or And when they went out of the synagogue of the Jews; NU And when they went out, they begged

⁴³ ^aActs 11:23
^bTitus 2:11;
Heb. 12:15;
1 Pet. 5:12

⁴⁵ ^aActs 18:6;
1 Pet. 4:4;
Jude 10

⁴⁶ ^aMatt. 10:6;
Acts 3:26;
Rom. 1:16

^bEx. 32:10;
Deut. 32:21;
Is. 55:5; Matt. 21:43; Rom. 10:19 ^cActs 18:6

⁴⁷ ^aIs. 42:6;
49:6; Luke 2:32

⁴⁸ ^a[Acts 2:47]

⁵⁰ ^aActs 7:52;
2 Tim. 3:11

⁵¹ ^aMatt. 10:14; Mark 6:11; [Luke 9:5]

⁵² ^aMatt. 5:12;
John 16:22;
^bActs 2:4; 4:8;
31; 13:9

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¹ ^aJohn 7:35;
Acts 18:4;
Rom. 1:14, 16;
1 Cor. 1:22

² ¹embittered ²Lit. souls

³ ^aMark 16:20;
Acts 4:29;
20:32; Heb. 2:4 ^bActs 5:12

⁴ ^aLuke 12:51
^bActs 13:2, 3

⁵ ^a2 Tim. 3:11

⁶ ^aMatt. 10:23

⁸ ^aActs 3:2

⁹ ¹Lit. Who

¹⁰ ^a[Is. 35:6]

¹¹ ^aActs 8:10;
28:6

¹² ¹Jupiter
²Mercury

That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. ^aAnd as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, ^araised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

51 ^aBut they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium.

52 And the disciples ^awere filled with joy and ^bwith the Holy Spirit.

At Iconium

14 Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the ^aGreeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and ¹poisoned their ²minds against the brethren.

3 Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, ^awho was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and ^bwonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was ^adivided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the ^bapostles.

5 And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, ^ato abuse and stone them,

6 they became aware of it and ^afled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region.

7 And they were preaching the gospel there.

Idolatry at Lystra

8 ^aAnd in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

9 This man heard Paul speaking. ¹Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, ^a"Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

11 Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, ^a"The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!"

12 And Barnabas they called ¹Zeus, and Paul, ²Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the

gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out

15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.

16 "who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 "Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

18 And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

Stoning, Escape to Derbe

19 Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. 20 However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

Strengthening the Converts

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

28 So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

Conflict over Circumcision

15 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the

13 ^aDan. 2:46

14 ^aMatt. 26:65

15 ^aActs 10:26

^bJames 5:17

^c1 Cor. 8:4

^d1 Thess. 1:9

^eRev. 14:7

16 ^aPs. 81:12

17 ^aRom. 1:19,

20 ^bDeut.

11:14 ^cPs.

145:16

19 ^aActs 13:45,

50; 14:2-5

^b2 Cor. 11:25

^c[2 Cor.

12:1-4]

21 ^aMatt. 28:19

22 ^aActs 11:23

^b[2 Tim. 2:12;

3:12]

23 ^aTitus 1:5

27 ^aActs 15:4,

12 ^b2 Cor. 2:12

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1 ^aGal. 2:12

^bPhil. 3:2

2 ^aGal. 2:1

3 ^aRom. 15:24

^bActs 14:27;

15:4, 12

7 ^aActs 10:20

8 ^aActs 1:24

^bActs 2:4;

10:44, 47

ⁱbore witness

to

9 ^aRom. 10:12

^bActs 10:15,

28

10 ^aMatt. 23:4

11 ^aRom. 3:4;

5:15 ⁱNU, M

omit *Christ*

12 ^aActs 14:27;

15:3, 4

13 ^aActs 12:17

ⁱstopped

speaking

14 ^aActs 15:7

16 ^aAmos 9:11,

12

brethren, ^b"Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.

4 And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them.

5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

The Jerusalem Council

6 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.

7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

8 "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,

9 "and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 "Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.

13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me:

14 "Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

15 "And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:

16 *'After this I will return
And will rebuild the tabernacle
of David, which has fallen
down;
I will rebuild its ruins,
And I will set it up;*

17 *So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.*

18 ^{1a}Known to God from eternity are all His works.

19 "Therefore ^aI judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who ^bare turning to God, ^cbut that we ^awrite to them to abstain ^bfrom things polluted by idols, ^cfrom ¹sexual immorality, ^dfrom things strangled, and ^efrom blood.
21 "For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, ^ebeing read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

The Jerusalem Decree

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, *namely*, Judas who was also named ^aBarsabas,¹ and Silas, leading men among the brethren.

23 They wrote this *letter* by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

Greetings.

24 Since we have heard that ^asome who went out from us have troubled you with words, ^bunsettling your souls, ^csaying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"—to whom we gave no *such* commandment—

25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one ^aaccord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 ^amen who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:
29 ^athat you abstain from things offered to idols, ^bfrom blood, from things strangled, and from ^csexual¹ immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

Continuing Ministry in Syria

30 So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.

17 ¹NU LORD, who makes these things

18 ¹NU (continuing v. 17) known from eternity (of old).¹

19 ^aActs 15:28; 21:25
 ^b1 Thess. 1:9

20 ^aActs 21:25
 ^b1 Cor. 8:1; 10:20, 28]
 ^c1 Cor. 6:9]
 ^dLev. 3:17 ¹Or fornication

21 ^aActs 13:15, 27

22 ^aActs 1:23
 ¹NU, M Barsabbas

24 ^aTitus 1:10, 11
 ^bGal. 1:7; 5:10 ¹NU omits saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"

25 ¹purpose or mind

26 ^aActs 13:50; 14:19

29 ^aActs 15:20; 21:25
 ^bLev. 17:14
 ^cCol. 3:5
 ¹Or fornication

32 ^aEph. 4:11
 ^bActs 14:22; 18:23

33 ^aHeb. 11:31
 ¹NU those who had sent them

34 ¹NU, M omit v. 34.

35 ^aActs 13:1

37 ^aActs 12:12, 25 ¹resolved

38 ^aActs 13:13

39 ^aActs 4:36; 13:4

40 ^aActs 11:23; 14:26
 ¹committed

41 ^aActs 16:5

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1 ^aActs 14:6

^bRom. 16:21

^c2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15

3 ^a[Gal. 2:3; 5:2]

4 ^aActs 15:19-21
 ^bActs 15:28, 29

5 ^aActs 2:47; 15:41

6 ^aGal. 1:1, 2
 ¹The Roman province of Asia

31 When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement.

32 Now Judas and Silas, themselves being ^aprophets also, ^bexhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words.

33 And after they had stayed *there* for a time, they were ^asent back with greetings from the brethren to ^bthe apostles.

34 ¹However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there.

35 ^aPaul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Division over John Mark

36 Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are doing."

37 Now Barnabas ^awas determined to take with them ^aJohn called Mark.

38 But Paul insisted that they should not take with them ^athe one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.

39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to ^aCyprus;

40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, ^abeing ¹commended by the brethren to the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, ^astrengthening the churches.

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

16 Then he came to ^aDerbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, ^anamed Timothy, ^athe son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.

2 He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he ^atook *him* and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the ^adecrees to keep, ^bwhich were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem.

5 ^aSo the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

The Macedonian Call

6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of ^aGalatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in ¹Asia.

7 After they had come to Mysia,

they tried to go into Bithynia, but the ¹Spirit did not permit them.

8 So passing by Mysia, they ^acame down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A ^aman of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go ^ato Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Lydia Baptized at Philippi

11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis,

12 and from there to ^aPhilippi, which is the ¹foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.

13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there*.

14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of ^aThyatira, who worshiped God. ^bThe Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So ^ashe persuaded us.

Paul and Silas Imprisoned

16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl ^apossessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters ^bmuch profit by fortune-telling.

17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."

18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, ^agreatly ¹annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." ^bAnd he came out that very hour.

19 But ^awhen her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and ^bdragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, ^aexceedingly trouble our city;

21 "and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe."

22 Then the multitude rose up to-

7 ¹NU adds of Jesus

8 ^aActs 16:11; 20:5; 2 Cor. 2:12; 2 Tim. 4:13

9 ^aActs 10:30

10 ^a2 Cor. 2:13

12 ^aActs 20:6; Phil. 1:1; 1 Thess. 2:2
¹Lit. first

14 ^aRev. 1:11; 2:18, 24 ^bLuke 24:45

15 ^aGen. 19:3; 33:11; Judg. 19:21; Luke 24:29; [Heb. 13:2]

16 ^aLev. 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:11; 1 Sam. 28:3, 7; 2 Kin. 21:6; 1 Chr. 10:13; Is. 8:19
^bActs 19:24

18 ^aMark 1:25, 34 ^bMark 16:17
¹distressed

19 ^aActs 16:16; 19:25, 26
^bMatt. 10:18

20 ^a1 Kin. 18:17; Acts 17:8

22 ^a2 Cor. 6:5; 11:23, 25; 1 Thess. 2:2

26 ^aActs 4:31
^bActs 5:19; 12:7, 10

30 ^aLuke 3:10; Acts 2:37; 9:6; 22:10

31 ^a[John 3:16; 36; 6:47; Acts 13:38, 39; Rom. 10:9-11; 1 John 5:10]

34 ^aMatt. 5:4; Luke 5:29; 19:6

35 ¹lictors, lit. rod bearers

37 ^aActs 22:25-29

gether against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes ^aand commanded *them* to be beaten with rods.

23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.

24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

The Philippian Jailer Saved

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 ^aSuddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately ^ball the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.

28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

30 And he brought them out and said, ^a"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 So they said, ^a"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized.

34 Now when he had brought them into his house, ^ahe set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Paul Refuses to Depart Secretly

35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the ¹officers, saying, "Let those men go."

36 So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace."

37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us openly, uncondemned ^aRomans, and have thrown us into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out."

38 And the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans.

39 Then they came and pleaded with them and brought *them* out,

and asked *them* to depart from the city.

40 So they went out of the prison and entered *the house of* Lydia; and when they had seen the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.

Preaching Christ at Thessalonica

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to *Thessalonica*, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."

4 And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

Assault on Jason's House

5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming *envious*, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

7 "Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus."

8 And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things.

9 So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Ministering at Berea

10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds.

39 ^aMatt. 8:34

40 ^aActs 16:14

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1 ^aActs 17:11, 13; 20:4; 27:2; Phil. 4:16;
1 Thess. 1:1;
2 Thess. 1:1;
2 Tim. 4:10

2 ^aLuke 4:16; Acts 9:20; 13:5, 14; 14:1; 16:13; 19:8;
^b1 Thess. 2:1-16

3 ^aLuke 24:26, 46; Acts 18:5, 28; Gal. 3:1

4 ^aActs 28:24
^bActs 15:22, 27, 32, 40

5 ^aActs 13:45
^bActs 17:6, 7;
9; Rom. 16:21
¹NU omits *who were not persuaded* ¹M omits *becoming envious*

6 ^a[Acts 16:20]

7 ^aLuke 23:2; John 19:12;
1 Pet. 2:13
¹welcomed

10 ^aActs 9:25; 17:14

11 ^aIs. 34:16; Luke 16:29;
John 5:39 ¹Lit. *noble*

14 ^aMatt. 10:23

15 ^aActs 18:5

16 ^a2 Pet. 2:8
¹full of idols

18 ^a1 Cor. 15:12 ¹NU, M add also ²Lit. *seed picker*, an idler who makes a living picking up scraps

19 ¹Lit. *Hill of Ares, or Mars' Hill*

22 ¹Lit. *Hill of Ares, or Mars' Hill*

24 ^aIs. 42:5; Acts 14:15
^bDeut. 10:14;

Ps. 115:16;
Matt. 11:25
^c1 Kin. 8:27;
Acts 7:48-50

25 ^aGen. 2:7; Is. 42:5; Dan. 5:23

26 ^aDeut. 32:8; Job 12:23; Dan. 4:35 ¹NU omits *blood*

27 ^a[Rom. 1:20] ^bDeut. 4:7; Ps. 139:7, 10; Jer. 23:23, 24; [Acts 14:17]

14 ^aThen immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there.

15 So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.

The Philosophers at Athens

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.

17 Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.

18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbling want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak?"

20 "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."

21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

Addressing the Areopagus

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;

23 "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

24 "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

25 "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

27 "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

28 “for ^ain Him we live and move and have our being, ^bas also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’

29 “Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, ^awe ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.

30 “Truly, ^athese times of ignorance God overlooked, but ^bnow commands all men everywhere to repent,

31 “because He has appointed a day on which ^aHe will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by ^braising Him from the dead.”

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this *matter*.”

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Ministering at Corinth

18 After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth.

2 And he found a certain Jew named ^aAquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.

3 So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them ^aand worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.

4 ^aAnd he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

5 ^aWhen Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was ^bcompelled ¹by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews *that Jesus is the Christ*.

6 But ^awhen they opposed him and blasphemed, ^bhe shook *his* garments and said to them, ^c“Your blood *be* upon your own heads; ^dI *am* clean.” From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

7 And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain man named ¹Justus, *one* who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue.

8 ^aThen Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

9 Now ^athe Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “**Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;**

10 ^a“**for I am with you, and no one**

28 ^a[Heb. 1:3]
^bTitus 1:12

29 ^aIs. 40:18,
19

30 ^a[Rom. 3:25]
^bTitus 2:11, 12]

31 ^aActs 10:42
^bActs 2:24

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2 ^a1 Cor. 16:19

3 ^aActs 20:34

4 ^aActs 17:2

5 ^aActs 17:14,
15 ^bActs 18:28
¹Or *in his spirit* or *in the Spirit*

6 ^aActs 13:45
^bNeh. 5:13
^c2 Sam. 1:16
^d[Ezek. 3:18,
19] ^eActs 13:46–48;
28:28

7 ¹NU *Titius Justus*

8 ^a1 Cor. 1:14

9 ^aActs 23:11

10 ^aJer. 1:18,
19

12 ¹Gr. *bema*

15 ^aActs 23:29;
25:19

17 ^a1 Cor. 1:1
¹NU *they all*

18 ^aActs 21:24
^bRom. 16:1
¹Lit. *many days*

21 ^aActs 19:21;
20:16 ^b1 Cor. 4:19 ¹NU *omits I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem*

22 ^aActs 8:40
¹To Jerusalem

23 ^aGal. 1:2;
^bActs 14:22;
15:32, 41 ¹*successively*

24 ^aTitus 3:13

25 ^aRom. 12:11
^bActs 19:3

will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.”

11 And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him to the ¹judgment seat,

13 saying, “This *fellow* persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.”

14 And when Paul was about to open *his* mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked crimes, O Jews, there would be reason why I should bear with you.

15 “But if it is a ^aquestion of words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; for I do not want to be a judge of such *matters*.”

16 And he drove them from the judgment seat.

17 Then ¹all the Greeks took “Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat *him* before the judgment seat. But Gallio took no notice of these things.

Paul Returns to Antioch

18 So Paul still remained ¹a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila *were* with him. ^aHe had *his* hair cut off at ^bCenchrea, for he had taken a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they asked *him* to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent,

21 but took leave of them, saying, ^a“¹I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, ^bGod willing.” And he sailed from Ephesus.

22 And when he had landed at ^aCaesarea, and ¹gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch.

23 After he had spent some time *there*, he departed and went over the region of ^aGalatia and Phrygia ¹in order, ^bstrengthening all the disciples.

Ministry of Apollos

24 ^aNow a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being ^afervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, ^bthough he knew only the baptism of John.

26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

27 And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, ^ahe greatly helped those who had believed through grace; 28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, ^ashowing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

Paul at Ephesus

19 And it happened, while ^aApollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through ^bthe upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, ^a"We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, ^a"Into John's baptism."

4 Then Paul said, ^a"John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized ^ain the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had ^alaid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and ^bthey spoke with tongues and prophesied.

7 Now the men were about twelve in all.

8 ^aAnd he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading ^bconcerning the things of the kingdom of God.

9 But ^awhen some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil ^bof the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10 And ^athis continued for two years, so that all who dwell in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Miracles Glorify Christ

11 Now ^aGod worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 ^aso that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 ^aThen some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists ^btook it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, ^a"We ^bexorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul ^cpreaches."

14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

27 ^{a1} Cor. 3:6

28 ^aActs 9:22; 17:3; 18:5

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1 ^{a1} Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6 ^bActs 18:23

2 ^{a1} Sam. 3:7

3 ^aActs 18:25

4 ^aMatt. 3:11

5 ^aActs 8:12, 16; 10:48

6 ^aActs 6:6; 8:17 ^bActs 2:4; 10:46

8 ^aActs 17:2; 18:4 ^bActs 1:3; 28:23

9 ^{a2} Tim. 1:15 ^bActs 9:2; 19:23; 22:4; 24:14

10 ^aActs 19:8; 20:31

11 ^aMark 16:20

12 ^aActs 5:15

13 ^aMatt. 12:27 ^bMark 9:38 ^{c1} Cor. 1:23; 2:2 ¹NU ¹ ²adjure, solemnly command

16 ¹M and they over-powered them ²NU both of them

17 ^aLuke 1:65; 7:16

18 ^aMatt. 3:6

20 ^aActs 6:7; 12:24

21 ^aRom. 15:25 ^bActs 20:22 ^cActs 20:1; ^dRom. 1:13; 15:22-29

22 ^{a1} Tim. 1:2 ^bRom. 16:23

23 ^{a2} Cor. 1:8 ^bActs 9:2

24 ^aActs 16:16, 19 ¹Gr. Artemis

26 ^aIs. 44:10-20

27 ¹NU she be deposed from her magnificence

29 ^aRom. 16:23 ^bCol. 4:10

31 ¹Asiarchs, rulers of Asia, the province

16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, ¹over-powered them, and prevailed against ²them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and ^afear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many who had believed came ^aconfessing and telling their deeds.

19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned *them* in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

20 ^aSo the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

The Riot at Ephesus

21 ^aWhen these things were accomplished, Paul ^bpurposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through ^cMacedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, ^dI must also see Rome."

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, ^aTimothy and ^bErastus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time.

23 And ^aabout that time there arose a great commotion about ^bthe Way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of ¹Diana, brought ^ano small profit to the craftsmen.

25 He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: "Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade.

26 "Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that ^athey are not gods which are made with hands.

27 "So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and ¹her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship."

28 Now when they heard *this*, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

29 So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized ^aGaius and ^bAristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions.

30 And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him.

31 Then some of the ¹officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater.

32 Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly

was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together.

33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And ^aAlexander ^bmotioned with his hand, and wanted to make his defense to the people.

34 But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

35 And when the city clerk had quieted the crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great goddess ¹Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from ²Zeus?"

36 "Therefore, since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly.

37 "For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of ¹your goddess.

38 "Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a ¹case against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another.

39 "But if you have any other inquiry to make, it shall be determined in the lawful assembly.

40 "For we are in danger of being ¹called in question for today's uproar, there being no reason which we may give to account for this disorderly gathering."

41 And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

Journeys in Greece

20 After the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to *himself*, embraced *them*, and ^adeparted to go to Macedonia.

2 Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to ^aGreece

3 and stayed three months. And ^awhen the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

4 And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia—also ^aAristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and ^bGaius of Derbe, and ^cTimothy, and ^dTychicus and ^eTrophimus of Asia.

5 These men, going ahead, waited for us at ^aTroas.

6 But we sailed away from Philippi after ^athe Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them ^bat Troas, where we stayed seven days.

Ministering at Troas

7 Now on ^athe first day of the week, when the disciples came together ^bto break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them

33 ^{a2} Tim. 4:14
^b Acts 12:17

35 ¹ Gr.
Artemis
² heaven

37 ¹ NU *our*

38 ¹ Lit. *matter*

40 ¹ Or
charged with
rebellion con-
cerning today

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1 ^{a1} Tim. 1:3

2 ^a Acts 17:15;
18:1

3 ^{a2} Cor. 11:26

4 ^a Col. 4:10
^b Acts 19:29

^c Acts 16:1
^d Eph. 6:21
^{e2} Tim. 4:20

5 ^{a2} Tim. 4:13

6 ^a Ex. 12:14,
15 ^{b2} Tim.
4:13

7 ^{a1} Cor. 16:2
^b Acts 2:42, 46;
20:11

8 ^a Acts 1:13
¹ NU, *M we*

10 ^{a1} Kin.
17:21 ^b Matt.
9:23, 24

13 ¹ arranged
it

16 ^a Acts 18:21;
19:21; 21:4
^b Acts 24:17
^c Acts 2:1

18 ^a Acts 18:19;
19:1, 10; 20:4,
16

19 ^a Acts 20:3

20 ^a Acts 20:27

21 ^a Acts 18:5;
19:10 ^b Mark
1:15

22 ^a Acts 19:21

23 ^a Acts 21:4,
11

24 ^a Acts 21:13
^{b2} Tim. 4:7
¹ NU *But I do*
not count my
life of any
value or dear
to myself
² *course*

and continued his message until midnight.

8 There were many lamps ^ain the upper room where ¹they were gathered together.

9 And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

10 But Paul went down, ^afell on him, and embracing *him* said, ^b"Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him."

11 Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed.

12 And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

From Troas to Miletus

13 Then we went ahead to the ship and sailed to Assos, there intending to take Paul on board; for so he had ¹given orders, intending himself to go on foot.

14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

15 We sailed from there, and the next day came opposite Chios. The following day we arrived at Samos and stayed at Trogyllium. The next day we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for ^ahe was hurrying ^bto be at Jerusalem, if possible, on ^cthe Day of Pentecost.

The Ephesian Elders Exhorted

17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, ^afrom the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

19 "serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me ^aby the plotting of the Jews;

20 "how ^aI kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

21 ^a"testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, ^brepentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 "And see, now ^aI go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 "except that ^athe Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

24 ^{1a} "But ^anone of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, ^bso that I may finish my ²race

with joy, and the ministry ^awhich I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

25 "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.

26 "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am ^ainnocent¹ of the blood of all men.

27 "For I have not ¹shunned to declare to you ^athe whole counsel of God.

28 ^a"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit ^bhas made you overseers, to shepherd the church ¹of God ^awhich He purchased ^awith His own blood.

29 "For I know this, that after my departure ^asavage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 "Also ^afrom among yourselves men will rise up, speaking ¹perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

31 "Therefore watch, and remember that ^afor three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and ^ato the word of His grace, which is able ^bto build you up and give you ^aan inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

34 ¹"Yes, you yourselves know ^athat these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

35 "I have shown you in every way, ^aby laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ^a'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

37 Then they all ^awept ¹freely, and ^bfell on Paul's neck and kissed him, ³⁸ sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Warnings on the Journey to Jerusalem

21 Now it came to pass, that when we had departed from them and set sail, running a straight course we came to Cos, the following day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

2 And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

3 When we had sighted Cyprus, we passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload her cargo.

4 And finding ¹disciples, we stayed

24 ^aActs 1:17
^aGal. 1:1

26 ^aActs 18:6
¹Lit. clean

27 ^aLuke 7:30
¹avoided
declaring

28 ^a1 Pet. 5:2
^b1 Cor. 12:28
^cEph. 1:7, 14
^dHeb. 9:14 ¹M
of the Lord
and God

29 ^aMatt. 7:15

30 ^a1 Tim. 1:20
¹misleading

31 ^aActs 19:8,
10; 24:17

32 ^aHeb. 13:9
^bActs 9:31
^c[Heb. 9:15]

34 ^aActs 18:3
¹NU, M omit
Yes

35 ^aRom. 15:1

37 ^aActs 21:13
^bGen. 45:14
¹Lit. much

CHAPTER 21

4 ^a[Acts 20:23;
21:12] ¹NU
the disciples

5 ^aActs 9:40;
20:36

6 ^aJohn 1:11

8 ^aActs 8:40;
21:16 ^bEph.
4:11 ^cActs 6:5
¹NU omits
who were
Paul's com-
panions

9 ^aJoel 2:28

10 ^aActs 11:28

11 ^aActs 20:23;
21:33; 22:25

13 ^aActs 20:24,
37

14 ^aLuke 11:2;
22:42

15 ¹made
preparations

17 ^aActs 15:4

18 ^aGal. 1:19;
2:9

19 ^aRom.
15:18, 19
^bActs 1:17;
20:24

20 ^aActs 15:1;
22:3

there seven days. ^aThey told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.

5 When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till we were out of the city. And ^awe knelt down on the shore and prayed.

6 When we had taken our leave of one another, we boarded the ship, and they returned ^ahome.

7 And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day.

8 On the next day we ¹who were Paul's companions departed and came to ^aCaesarea, and entered the house of Philip ^bthe evangelist, ^awho was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

9 Now this man had four virgin daughters ^awho prophesied.

10 And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named ^aAgabus came down from Judea.

11 When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, ^a'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

12 Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, ^a"What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

14 So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, ^a"The will of the Lord be done."

Paul Urged to Make Peace

15 And after those days we ¹packed and went up to Jerusalem.

16 Also some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us and brought with them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge.

17 ^aAnd when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18 On the following day Paul went in with us to ^aJames, and all the elders were present.

19 When he had greeted them, ^ahe told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles ^athrough his ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all ^azealous for the law;

21 "but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews

who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children nor to walk according to the customs.

22 ¹“What then?” The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come.

23 “Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow.

24 “Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may ^ashave *their* heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but *that* you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law.

25 “But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided ¹that they should observe no such thing, except² that they should keep themselves from *things* offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from ²sexual immorality.”

Arrested in the Temple

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with them, ^aentered the temple ^bto announce the ¹expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them.

27 Now when the seven days were almost ended, ^athe Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and ^blaid hands on him,

28 crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man ^awho teaches all *men* everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.”

29 (For they had ¹previously seen ^aTrophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And ^aall the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut.

31 Now as they were ^aseeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the ¹garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 ^aHe immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

33 Then the ^acommander came near and took him, and ^bcommanded *him* to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done.

34 And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another. So when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he com-

22 ¹NU *What then is to be done? They will certainly hear*

24 ^aNum. 6:2, 13, 18; Acts 18:18

25 ^aActs 15:19, 20, 29 ¹NU *omits that they should observe no such thing, except ¹fornication*

26 ^aJohn 11:55; Acts 21:24; 24:18 ^bNum.

6:13; Acts 24:18 ¹c*ompletion*

27 ^aActs 20:19; 24:18 ^bActs 26:21

28 ^a[Matt. 24:15]; Acts 6:13; 24:6

29 ^aActs 20:4 ¹M *omits previously*

30 ^a2 Kin. 11:15; Acts 16:19; 26:21

31 ^a2 Cor. 11:23 ¹c*ohort*

32 ^aActs 23:27; 24:7

33 ^aActs 24:7 ^bActs 20:23; 21:11; Eph. 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:16; 2:9

36 ^aLuke 23:18; John 19:15; Acts 22:22

38 ^aActs 5:36

39 ^aActs 9:11; 22:3; 2 Cor. 11:22; Phil. 3:4-6

¹i*nsignificant*

40 ^aActs 12:17 ^bJohn 5:2; Acts 22:2

CHAPTER 22

1 ^aActs 7:2

2 ^aActs 21:40

3 ^aActs 21:39; 2 Cor. 11:22

^bDeut. 33:3

^aActs 5:34; ^aActs 23:6; 26:5; Phil. 3:6

^aActs 21:20; Gal. 1:14

¹[Rom. 10:2]

4 ^aActs 8:3; 26:9-11; Phil. 3:6; 1 Tim. 1:13

5 ^aActs 23:14; 24:1; 25:15

^bLuke 22:66; Acts 4:5;

1 Tim. 4:14

^cActs 9:2

6 ^aActs 9:3; 26:12, 13

9 ^aDan. 10:7; Acts 9:7 ¹NU *omits and were afraid*

manded him to be taken into the barracks.

35 When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, ^a“Away with him!”

Addressing the Jerusalem Mob

37 Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, “May I speak to you?” He replied, “Can you speak Greek?”

38 ^a“Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?”

39 But Paul said, ^a“I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no ¹mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people.”

40 So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and ^amotioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to *them* in the ^bHebrew language, saying,

22 “Brethren^a and fathers, hear ^amy defense before you now.”

2 And when they heard that he spoke to them in the ^aHebrew language, they kept all the more silent. Then he said:

3 ^a“I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city ^bat the feet of ^aGamaliel, taught ^aaccording to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and ^awas zealous toward God ^aas you all are today.

4 ^a“I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women,

5 “as also the high priest bears me witness, and ^aall the council of the elders, ^bfrom whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus ^cto bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.

6 “Now ^ait happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me.

7 “And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?*’

8 “So I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘*I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.*’

9 “And ^athose who were with me indeed saw the light ^aand were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me.

10 “So I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘*Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.*’

11 “And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by

the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 "Then ^acertain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, ^bhaving a good testimony with all the ^cJews who dwell *there*,

13 "came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him.

14 "Then he said, "The God of our fathers ^bhas chosen you that you should ^cknow His will, and ^dsee the Just One, ^eand hear the voice of His mouth.

15 ^a"For you will be His witness to all men of ^bwhat you have seen and heard.

16 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, ^aand wash away your sins, ^bcalling on the name of the Lord.'

17 "Now ^ait happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance

18 "and ^asaw Him saying to me, ^b'*Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.*'

19 "So I said, 'Lord, ^athey know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and ^bbeat those who believe on You.

20 "And when the blood of Your martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by ^bconsenting ^cto his death, and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.'

21 "Then He said to me, '*Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.*'"

Paul's Roman Citizenship

22 And they listened to him until this word, and *then* they raised their voices and said, ^a"Away with such a fellow from the earth, for ^bhe is not fit to live!"

23 Then, as they cried out and ^ctore off *their* clothes and threw dust into the air,

24 the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, and said that he should be examined under scourging, so that he might know why they shouted so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, ^a"Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

26 When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the commander, saying, "Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman."

27 Then the commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He said, "Yes."

28 The commander answered, "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship." And Paul said, "But I was born a citizen."

29 Then immediately those who were about to examine him with-

12 ^aActs 9:17
^bActs 10:22
^c1 Tim. 3:7

14 ^aActs 3:13;
5:30 ^bActs
9:15; 26:16
^cActs 3:14;
7:52 ^d1 Cor.
9:1; 15:8 ^eGal.
1:12

15 ^aActs 23:11
^bActs 4:20;
26:16

16 ^aHeb. 10:22
^bRom. 10:13

17 ^aActs 9:26;
26:20

18 ^aActs 22:14
^bMatt. 10:14

19 ^aActs 8:3;
22:4 ^bMatt.
10:17

20 ^aActs
7:54—8:1
^bLuke 11:48
^cNU omits to
his death

21 ^aActs 9:15

22 ^aActs 21:36
^bActs 25:24

23 ^aLit. *threw*

25 ^aActs 16:37

CHAPTER 23

1 ^a2 Tim. 1:3

2 ^aJohn 18:22

3 ^aDeut.
25:1, 2

5 ^aLev. 5:17,
18 ^bEx. 22:28

6 ^aPhil. 3:5
^bActs 24:15,
21; 26:6; 28:20

8 ^aMatt. 22:23

9 ^aActs 25:25;
26:31 ^bActs
22:6, 7, 17, 18
^cActs 5:39

^dNU *what if a
spirit or an
angel has
spoken to
him?* omitting
the last clause

11 ^aActs 18:9;
27:23, 24

^bActs 21:18,
19; 22:1—21
^cActs 28:16,
17, 23 ^dTake
courage

12 ^aActs 23:21,
30; 25:3 ^bActs
9:23, 24; 25:3;
26:21; 27:42

drew from him; and the commander was also afraid after he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

The Sanhedrin Divided

30 The next day, because he wanted to know for certain why he was accused by the Jews, he released him from *his* bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

23 Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, ^aI have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him ^ato strike him on the mouth.

3 Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and ^ado you command me to be struck contrary to the law?"

4 And those who stood by said, "Do you revile God's high priest?"

5 Then Paul said, ^a"I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, ^b'*You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.*'"

6 But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Men and brethren, ^aI am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; ^bconcerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!"

7 And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the assembly was divided.

8 ^a"For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.

9 Then there arose a loud outcry. And the scribes of the Pharisees' party arose and protested, saying, ^a"We find no evil in this man; ^bbut ^cif a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, ^dlet us not fight against God."

10 Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring *him* into the barracks.

The Plot Against Paul

11 But ^athe following night the Lord stood by him and said, ^b"*Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in ^cJerusalem, so you must also bear witness at ^dRome.*"

12 And when it was day, ^asome of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had ^bkilled Paul.

13 Now there were more than forty who had formed this conspiracy.

14 They came to the chief priests and elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves under a great oath that we will eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

15 "Now you, therefore, together with the council, suggest to the commander that he be brought down to you tomorrow, as though you were going to make further inquiries concerning him; but we are ready to kill him before he comes near."

16 So when Paul's sister's son heard of their ambush, he went and entered the barracks and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to tell him."

18 So he took him and brought him to the commander and said, "Paul the prisoner called me to him and asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to say to you."

19 Then the commander took him by the hand, went aside, and asked privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?"

20 And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask that you bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more fully about him.

21 "But do not yield to them, for more than forty of them lie in wait for him, men who have bound themselves by an oath that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him; and now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you."

22 So the commander let the young man depart, and commanded him, "Tell no one that you have revealed these things to me."

Sent to Felix

23 And he called for two centurions, saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night; 24 "and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring him safely to Felix the governor."

25 He wrote a letter in the following manner:

26 Claudius Lysias,

To the most excellent governor Felix:

Greetings.

27 "This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them. Coming with the troops I rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman.

28 "And when I wanted to know the reason they accused him, I

14 ^aActs 4:5, 23; 6:12; 22:5; 24:1; 25:15

15 ¹NU omits tomorrow

20 ^aActs 23:12

23 ^aActs 8:40; 23:33

27 ^aActs 21:30, 33; 24:7

28 ^aActs 22:30

29 ^aActs 18:15; 25:19 ^bActs 25:25; 26:31

30 ^aActs 23:20 ^bActs 24:8; 25:6 ¹NU there would be a plot against the man

33 ^aActs 8:40 ^bActs 23:26-30

34 ^aActs 6:9; 21:39

35 ^aActs 24:1, 10; 25:16 ^bMatt. 27:27 ¹Headquarters

CHAPTER 24

1 ^aActs 21:27 ^bActs 23:2, 30, 35; 25:2

2 ¹Or reforms are

4 ¹graciousness

5 ^{a1} Pet. 2:12, 15

6 ^aActs 21:28 ^bJohn 18:31 ¹NU ends the sentence here and omits the rest of v. 6, all of v. 7, and the first clause of v. 8.

7 ^aActs 21:33; 23:10

8 ^aActs 23:30

9 ¹NU, M joined the attack

brought him before their council.

29 I found out that he was accused concerning questions of their law, ^bbut had nothing charged against him deserving of death or chains.

30 And when it was told me that the Jews lay in wait for the man, I sent him immediately to you, and ^balso commanded his accusers to state before you the charges against him. Farewell.

31 Then the soldiers, as they were commanded, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 The next day they left the horsemen to go on with him, and returned to the barracks.

33 When they came to Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him.

34 And when the governor had read it, he asked what province he was from. And when he understood that he was from Cilicia,

35 he said, "I will hear you when your accusers also have come." And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium.

Accused of Sedition

24 Now after five days Ananias the high priest came down with the elders and a certain orator named Tertullus. These gave evidence to the governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called upon, Tertullus began his accusation, saying: "Seeing that through you we enjoy great peace, and prosperity is being brought to this nation by your foresight,

3 "we accept it always and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 "Nevertheless, not to be tedious to you any further, I beg you to hear, by your courtesy, a few words from us.

5 "For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

6 "He even tried to profane the temple, and we seized him, and wanted to judge him according to our law.

7 "But the commander Lysias came by and with great violence took him out of our hands,

8 "commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him."

9 And the Jews also assented, maintaining that these things were so.

The Defense Before Felix

10 Then Paul, after the governor had nodded to him to speak, answered: "Inasmuch as I know that you have been for many years a judge of this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself,

11 "because you may ascertain that it is no more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem ^ato worship. 12 ^a"And they neither found me in the temple disputing with anyone nor inciting the crowd, either in the synagogues or in the city.

13 "Nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me.

14 "But this I confess to you, that according to ^athe Way which they call a sect, so I worship the ^bGod of my fathers, believing all things which are written in ^cthe Law and in the Prophets.

15 ^a"I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, ^bthat there will be a resurrection ^cof the dead, both of *the just* and *the unjust*.

16 ^a"This *being* so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

17 "Now after many years ^aI came to bring alms and offerings to my nation,

18 ^a"in the midst of which some Jews from Asia found me ^bpurified in the temple, neither with a mob nor with tumult.

19 ^a"They ought to have been here before you to object if they had anything against me.

20 "Or else let those who are *here* themselves say ⁱif they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council,

21 "unless *it is* for this one statement which I cried out, standing among them, ^a"Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you this day."

Felix Procrastinates

22 But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of *the Way*, he adjourned the proceedings and said, "When ^bLysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case."

23 So he commanded the centurion to keep Paul and to let *him* have liberty, and ^atold him not to forbid any of his friends to provide for or visit him.

24 And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the ^afaith in Christ.

25 Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

11 ^aActs 21:15, 18, 26, 27; 24:17

12 ^aActs 25:8; 28:17

14 ^aAmos 8:14; Acts 9:2; 24:22
^b2 Tim. 1:3
^cActs 26:22; 28:23

15 ^aActs 23:6; 26:6, 7; 28:20
^b[Dan. 12:2; John 5:28, 29; 11:24] ¹NU omits *of the dead*

16 ^aActs 23:1

17 ^aActs 11:29, 30; Rom. 15:25-28; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-4; 9:1, 2, 12; Gal. 2:10

18 ^aActs 21:27; 26:21 ^bActs 21:26

19 ^a[Acts 23:30; 25:16]

20 ¹NU, M *what wrongdoing they found*

21 ^a[Acts 23:6; 24:15; 28:20]

22 ^aActs 9:2; 18:26; 19:9, 23; 22:4 ^bActs 23:26; 24:7

23 ^aActs 23:16; 27:3; 28:16

24 ^a[John 3:15; 5:24; 11:25; 12:46; 20:31; Rom. 10:9]

26 ^aEx. 23:8
¹NU omits *that he might release him*

27 ^aEx. 23:2; Acts 12:3; 23:35; 25:9, 14

CHAPTER 25

1 ^aActs 8:40; 25:4, 6, 13

2 ^aActs 24:1; 25:15 ¹NU *chief priests*

3 ^aActs 23:12, 15

5 ^aActs 18:14; 25:18

7 ^aMark 15:3; Luke 23:2, 10; Acts 24:5, 13

8 ^aActs 6:13; 24:12; 28:17

9 ^aActs 12:2; 24:27 ^bActs 25:20

11 ^aActs 18:14; 23:29; 25:25; 26:31 ^bActs 26:32; 28:19

26 Meanwhile he also hoped that ^amoney would be given him by Paul. ⁱthat he might release him. Therefore he sent for him more often and conversed with him.

27 But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, ^awanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

Paul Appeals to Caesar

25 Now when Festus had come to the province, after three days he went up from ^aCaesarea to Jerusalem.

2 ^aThen the ¹high priest and the chief men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they petitioned him.

3 asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem—^awhile *they* lay in ambush along the road to kill him.

4 But Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself was going *there* shortly.

5 "Therefore," he said, "let those who have authority among you go down with *me* and accuse this man, to see ⁱif there is any fault in him."

6 And when he had remained among them more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought.

7 When he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood about ^aand laid many serious complaints against Paul, which they could not prove,

8 while he answered for himself, ^a"Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all."

9 But Festus, ^awanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, ^b"Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?"

10 So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know.

11 ^a"For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. ^bI appeal to Caesar."

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!"

Paul Before Agrippa

13 And after some days King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to greet Festus.

14 When they had been there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before

the king, saying: “There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix,

15 “about whom the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, when I was in Jerusalem, asking for a judgment against him.

16 “To them I answered, ‘It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction before the accused meets the accusers face to face, and has opportunity to answer for himself concerning the charge against him.’

17 “Therefore when they had come together, without any delay, the next day I sat on the judgment seat and commanded the man to be brought in.

18 “When the accusers stood up, they brought no accusation against him of such things as I supposed,

19 “but had some questions against him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 “And because I was uncertain of such questions, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters.

21 “But when Paul appealed to be reserved for the decision of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I could send him to Caesar.”

22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I also would like to hear the man myself.” “Tomorrow,” he said, “you shall hear him.”

23 So the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and had entered the auditorium with the commanders and the prominent men of the city, at Festus’ command Paul was brought in.

24 And Festus said: “King Agrippa and all the men who are here present with us, you see this man about whom the whole assembly of the Jews petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying out that he was not fit to live any longer.

25 “But when I found that he had committed nothing deserving of death, and that he himself had appealed to Augustus, I decided to send him.

26 “I have nothing certain to write to my lord concerning him. Therefore I have brought him out before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the examination has taken place I may have something to write.

27 “For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to specify the charges against him.”

Paul’s Early Life

26 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You are permitted to speak for yourself.” So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself: 2 “I think myself happy, King

14 ^aActs 24:27

15 ^aActs 24:1; 25:2, 3

16 ^aActs 25:4, 5 ^bNU omits *to destruction*, although it is implied

17 ^aActs 25:6, 10

18 ¹*suspected*

19 ^aActs 18:14, 15; 23:29

21 ^aActs 25:11, 12

22 ^aActs 9:15

23 ^aActs 9:15 ¹*pageantry*

24 ^aActs 25:2, 3, 7 ^bActs 21:36; 22:22

25 ^aActs 23:9, 29; 26:31 ^bActs 25:11, 12

CHAPTER 26

2 ^a[1 Pet. 3:14; 4:14] ^b[1 Pet. 3:15, 16] ^cActs 21:28; 24:5, 6

5 ^a[Acts 22:3; 23:6; 24:15, 21]; Phil. 3:5

6 ^aActs 23:6 ^b[Gen. 3:15; 22:18; 26:4; 49:10; Deut. 18:15; 2 Sam. 7:12; Ps. 132:11; Is. 4:2; 7:14; 9:6; 40:10; Jer. 23:5; 33:14–16; Ezek. 34:23; 37:24; Dan. 9:24]; Acts 13:32; Rom. 15:8; [Titus 2:13]

7 ^aJames 1:1 ^bLuke 2:37; 1 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:5 ^cPhil. 3:11

9 ^aJohn 16:2; 1 Cor. 15:9; 1 Tim. 1:12, 13 ^bActs 2:22; 10:38 ¹*against*

10 ^aActs 8:1–3; 9:13; Gal. 1:13 ^bActs 9:14

11 ^aMatt. 10:17; Acts 22:19

12 ^aActs 9:3–8; 22:6–11; 26:12–18

16 ^aActs 22:15; Eph. 3:6–8

17 ^aActs 22:21 ¹*rescue* ²NU, M omit *now*

Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews,

3 “especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

4 “My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know.

5 “They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 ^a“And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers.

7 “To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. For this hope’s sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

8 “Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

9 ^a“Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 ^a“This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.

11 ^a“And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

Paul Recounts His Conversion

12 ^a“While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 “at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.

14 “And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

15 “So I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.’

16 ^a“But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.

17 ^a“I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,

18 ^a“to open their eyes, in order ^{to} turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, ^{that} they may receive forgiveness of sins and ^{an} inheritance among those who are ^{sanctified}¹ by faith in Me.”

Paul's Post-Conversion Life

19 “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 “but ^adeclared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do ^bworks befitting repentance.

21 “For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

22 “Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those ^awhich the prophets and ^bMoses said would come—

23 ^a“that the Christ would suffer, ^bthat He would be the first to rise from the dead, and ^cwould proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”

Agrippa Parries Paul's Challenge

24 Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, ^ayou are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!”

25 But he said, “I am not ¹mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason.

26 “For the king, before whom I also speak freely, ^aknows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner.

27 “King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.”

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

29 And Paul said, ^a“I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.”

30 When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them;

31 and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, ^a“This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains.”

32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been set ^afree ^bif he had not appealed to Caesar.”

The Voyage to Rome Begins

27 And when ^ait was decided that we should sail to Italy, they

18 ^aIs. 35:5; 42:7, 16; Luke 1:79; [John 8:12; 2 Cor. 4:4]; Eph. 1:18; 1 Thess. 5:5 ²2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 4:18; 5:8; [Col. 1:13]; 1 Pet. 2:9 ^cLuke 1:77 ^dEph. 1:11; Col. 1:12 ^eActs 20:32 ¹set apart

20 ^aActs 9:19, 20, 22; 11:26 ^bMatt. 3:8; Luke 3:8

22 ^aLuke 24:27; Acts 24:14; 28:23; Rom. 3:21 ^bJohn 5:46

23 ^aLuke 24:26 ^b1 Cor. 15:20, 23; Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5 ^cIs. 42:6; 49:6; Luke 2:32; 2 Cor. 4:4

24 ^a2 Kin. 9:11; John 10:20; 1 Cor. 1:23; 2:13, 14; 4:10]

25 ¹out of my mind

26 ^aActs 26:3

29 ^a1 Cor. 7:7

31 ^aActs 23:9, 29; 25:25

32 ^aActs 28:18 ^bActs 25:11

CHAPTER 27

1 ^aActs 25:12, 25

2 ^aActs 19:29

3 ^aActs 24:23; 28:16

6 ^aActs 28:11

7 ^aActs 2:11; 27:12, 21; Titus 1:5, 12

9 ^aLev. 16:29–31; 23:27–29; Num. 29:7 ¹The Day of Atonement, late September or early October

14 ¹A southeast wind that stirs up broad waves; NU *Euraquilon*, a northeaster

15 ¹be driven

16 ¹NU *Cauda*

17 ¹M *Syrtes*

delivered Paul and some other prisoners to one named Julius, a centurion of the Augustan Regiment.

2 So, entering a ship of Adramyttium, we put to sea, meaning to sail along the coasts of Asia. ^aAristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with us.

3 And the next day we landed at Sidon. And Julius ^atreated Paul kindly and gave ^{him} liberty to go to his friends and receive care.

4 When we had put to sea from there, we sailed under ^{the} shelter of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6 There the centurion found ^aan Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and he put us on board.

7 When we had sailed slowly many days, and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, the wind not permitting us to proceed, we sailed under ^{the} shelter of ^aCrete off Salmone.

8 Passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

Paul's Warning Ignored

9 Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous ^abecause ^{the} Fast was already over, Paul advised them,

10 saying, “Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives.”

11 Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul.

12 And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there.

In the Tempest

13 When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained ^{their} desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called ¹Euroclydon.

15 So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let ^{her} ¹drive.

16 And running under ^{the} shelter of an island called ¹Clauda, we secured the skiff with difficulty.

17 When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the ¹Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven.

18 And because we were exceed-

ingly tempest-tossed, the next day they lightened the ship.

19 On the third day we threw the ship's tackle overboard with our own hands.

20 Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.

21 But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss.

22 "And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

23 "For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,

24 "saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

25 "Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

26 "However, we must run aground on a certain island."

27 Now when the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven up and down in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors sensed that they were drawing near some land.

28 And they took soundings and found it to be twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little farther, they took soundings again and found it to be fifteen fathoms.

29 Then, fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come.

30 And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, when they had let down the skiff into the sea, under pretense of putting out anchors from the prow,

31 Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."

32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the skiff and let it fall off.

33 And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing.

34 "Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."

35 And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat.

36 Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves.

37 And in all we were two hundred and seventy-six persons on the ship.

19 ^aJon. 1:5

22 ¹courage

23 ^aActs 18:9; 23:11; 2 Tim. 4:17 ^bDan. 6:16; Rom. 1:9; 2 Tim. 1:3

25 ^aLuke 1:45; Rom. 4:20, 21; 2 Tim. 1:12

26 ^aActs 28:1

29 ¹Or wished

34 ^{a1} Kin. 1:52; [Matt. 10:30; Luke 12:7; 21:18]

35 ^{a1} Sam. 9:13; Matt. 15:38; Mark 8:6; John 6:11; [1 Tim. 4:3, 4]

37 ^aActs 2:41; 7:14; Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 3:20

40 ¹cast off

41 ^{a2} Cor. 11:25 ^{1A} reef

44 ^aActs 27:22, 31

CHAPTER 28

1 ^aActs 27:26

2 ^aActs 28:4; Rom. 1:14; 1 Cor. 14:11; Col. 3:11 ¹Lit. barbarians

5 ^aMark 16:18; Luke 10:19

6 ^aActs 12:22; 14:11

7 ¹Magistrate

8 ^aActs 9:40; [James 5:14, 15] ^bMatt. 9:18; Mark 5:23; 6:5; 7:32; 16:18; Luke 4:40; Acts 19:11, 12; [1 Cor. 12:9, 28]

38 So when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship and threw out the wheat into the sea.

Shipwrecked on Malta

39 When it was day, they did not recognize the land; but they observed a bay with a beach, onto which they planned to run the ship if possible.

40 And they let go the anchors and left them in the sea, meanwhile loosing the rudder ropes; and they hoisted the mainsail to the wind and made for shore.

41 But striking a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim away and escape.

43 But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, kept them from their purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land,

44 and the rest, some on boards and some on parts of the ship. And so it was that they all escaped safely to land.

Paul's Ministry on Malta

28 Now when they had escaped, they then found out that the island was called Malta.

2 And the natives showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live."

5 But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.

6 However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

7 In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days.

8 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

9 So when this was done, the rest

of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.
10 They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary.

Arrival at Rome

11 After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers, which had wintered at the island.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days.

13 From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli,

14 where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome.

15 And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

16 Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

Paul's Ministry at Rome

17 And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. So when they had come together, he said to them: "Men and brethren, though I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,

18 "who, when they had examined me, wanted to let me go, because there was no cause for putting me to death.

19 "But when the Jews spoke against it, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything of which to accuse my nation.

20 "For this reason therefore I have called for you, to see you and speak with you, because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain."

21 Then they said to him, "We nei-

10 ^aMatt. 15:6
^b[Phil. 4:19]

11 ^aActs 27:6
¹Gr. *Dioskouroi*, Zeus's sons Castor and Pollux

14 ^aRom. 1:8

16 ^aActs 23:11;
24:25; 27:3

17 ^aActs 23:29;
24:12, 13;
26:31 ^bActs
21:33

18 ^aActs 22:24;
24:10; 25:8;
26:32

19 ^aActs 25:11,
21, 25 ¹The
ruling authorities

20 ^aActs 26:6,
7 ^bEph. 3:1;
4:1; 6:20

22 ^a[1 Pet.
2:12; 3:16;
4:14, 16]

23 ^aLuke 24:27
^bActs 26:6, 22

24 ^aActs 14:4;
19:9

25 ¹NU your

26 ^aIs. 6:9, 10;
Matt. 13:14,
15; Luke 8:10;
Rom. 11:8

28 ^aIs. 42:6;
49:6; Rom.
11:11

29 ¹NU omits
v. 29.

31 ^aActs 4:31;
Eph. 6:19

ther received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came reported or spoken any evil of you.

22 "But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere."

23 So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.

25 So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,

26 "saying,

*"Go to this people and say:
"Hearing you will hear, and
shall not understand;
And seeing you will see, and
not perceive;*

27 *For the hearts of this people
have grown dull.
Their ears are hard of hearing,
And their eyes they have
closed,
Lest they should see with their
eyes and hear with their ears,
Lest they should understand
with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them."*

28 "Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed and had a great dispute among themselves.

30 Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,

31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

ROMANS

ROMANS, Paul's greatest work, is placed first among his thirteen epistles in the New Testament. While the four Gospels present the words and works of Jesus Christ, Romans explores the significance of His sacrificial death. Using a question-and-answer format, Paul records the most systematic presentation of doctrine in the Bible. Romans is more than a book of theology; it is also a book of practical exhortation. The good news of Jesus Christ is more than facts to be believed; it is also a life to be lived—a life of righteousness befitting the person, "justified freely by [God's] grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (3:24).

Although some manuscripts omit "in Rome" in 1:7, 15, the title *Pros Romaious*, "To the Romans," has been associated with the epistle almost from the beginning.

Greeting

PAUL, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, ^acalled to be an apostle, ^bseparated to the gospel of God ^cwhich He promised before ^dthrough His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ^econcerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who ^fwas ^gborn of the seed of David according to the flesh, ^hand ⁱdeclared to be the Son of God with power according ^jto the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. ^kThrough Him ^lwe have received grace and apostleship for ^mobedience to the faith among all nations ⁿfor His name, ^oamong whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

⁷ To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, ^acalled to be saints:

^bGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Desire to Visit Rome

⁸ First, ^aI thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that ^byour faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

⁹ For ^aGod is my witness, ^bwhom I serve ^cwith my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that ^dwithout ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

¹⁰ making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that ^aI may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—

¹² that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by ^athe mutual faith both of you and me.

¹³ Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but ^awas hindered until now), that I might have some

CHAPTER 1

¹ ^{a1} Tim. 1:11
^b Acts 9:15;
13:2
² ^a Acts 26:6
^b Gal. 3:8
³ ^a Ps. 89:3, 4;
132:11; Is.
11:1; Gal. 4:4
¹ came
⁴ ^a Ps. 2:7;
Acts 9:20;
13:33 ^b [Ps.
16:10, 11;
Heb. 9:14]
⁵ ^a Eph. 3:8
^b Acts 6:7
^c Acts 9:15
⁷ ^{a1} Cor. 1:2;
24 ^{b1} Cor. 1:3
⁸ ^{a1} Cor. 1:4
^b Rom. 16:19
⁹ ^a Rom. 9:1
^b Acts 27:23
^{c1} Thess. 3:10
¹ Or in
¹¹ ^a Rom. 15:29
¹² ^a Titus 1:4
¹³ ^{a1} [Thess.
2:18] ^b Phil.
4:17
¹⁶ ^a Ps. 40:9, 10
^{b1} Cor. 1:18;
24 ^c Acts 3:26
¹ NU omits of
Christ
¹⁷ ^a Rom. 3:21;
9:30 ^b Hab. 2:4
¹⁸ ^a [Acts
17:30]
^{b2} Thess. 2:10
¹ hold down
¹⁹ ^a [Acts
14:17; 17:24]
^b [John 1:9]
¹ evident
² among
²⁰ ^a Ps. 19:1–6
¹ divine
nature, deity
²¹ ^a Jer. 2:5
²² ^a Jer. 10:14
²³ ^{a1} Tim.
1:17; 6:15, 16
^b Deut. 4:16–18
¹ perishable
²⁴ ^a Eph. 4:18;
19 ^{b1} Cor. 6:18
^c Lev. 18:22

^bfruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.

¹⁴ I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

¹⁵ So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

The Just Live by Faith

¹⁶ For ^aI am not ashamed of the gospel ¹of Christ, for ^bit is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, ^cfor the Jew first and also for the Greek.

¹⁷ For ^ain it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ^b"The just shall live by faith."

God's Wrath on Unrighteousness

¹⁸ ^aFor the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and ^bunrighteousness of men, who ^csuppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because ^awhat may be known of God is ^bmanifest ^cin them, for ^dGod has shown it to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world ^aHis invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, ^beven His eternal power and ^cGodhead, so that they are without excuse,

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but ^abecame futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² ^aProfessing to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and changed the glory of the ^aincorruptible ^bGod into an image made like ^ccorruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ ^aTherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, ^bto dishonor their bodies ^camong themselves,

25 who exchanged ^athe truth of God ^bfor the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to ^avile passions. For even their ¹women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

27 Likewise also the ¹men, leaving the natural use of the ²woman, burned in their lust for one another, ¹men with ¹men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things ^awhich are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, ¹sexual immorality, wickedness,

²covetousness, ³maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers,

30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 ¹undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, ²unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, ^aknowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things ^bare deserving of death, not only do the same but also ^aapprove of those who practice them.

God's Righteous Judgment

2 Therefore you are ^ainexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, ^bfor in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you despise ^athe riches of His goodness, ^bforbearance, and ^clongsuffering, ^anot knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But in accordance with your hardness and your ¹impenitent heart ^ayou are ²treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6 who ^a"will render to each one according to his deeds";

7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

8 but to those who are self-seeking and ^ado not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,

9 tribulation and anguish, on ev-

25 ^{a1} Thess. 1:9 ^{b1s.} 44:20

26 ^a Lev. 18:22 ¹ Lit. *females*

27 ¹ Lit. *males* ² Lit. *female*

28 ^a Eph. 5:4

29 ¹ NU omits *sexual immorality* ² greed ³ malice

31 ¹ without understanding ² NU omits *unforgiving*

32 ^a [Rom. 2:2] ^b [Rom. 6:21] ^c Hos. 7:3

CHAPTER 2

1 ^a [Rom. 1:20] ^b [Matt. 7:1-5]

4 ^a [Eph. 1:7, 18; 2:7]

^b [Rom. 3:25] ^c Ex. 34:6 ^{d1s.} 30:18

5 ^a [Deut. 32:34] ¹ unrepentant ² storing

6 ^a Ps. 62:12; Prov. 24:12

8 ^a [2 Thess. 1:8]

9 ^{a1} Pet. 4:17 ¹ Gentile

10 ^a [1 Pet. 1:7]

11 ^a Deut. 10:17

13 ^a [James 1:22, 25]

15 ^{a1} Cor. 5:1 ^b Acts 24:25

16 ^a [Matt. 25:31] ^b Acts 10:42; 17:31 ^{c1} Tim. 1:11

17 ^a John 8:33 ^b Mic. 3:11 ^{c1s.} 48:1, 2 ¹ NU But if ² rely

18 ^a Deut. 4:8 ^b Phil. 1:10

19 ^a Matt. 15:14

20 ^a [2 Tim. 3:5]

21 ^a Matt. 23:3

22 ^a Mal. 3:8

23 ^a Rom. 2:17; 9:4

24 ^a Ezek. 16:27 ^{b1s.} 52:5; Ezek. 36:22

25 ^a [Gal. 5:3]

26 ^a [Acts 10:34]

27 ^a [Matt. 12:41] ¹ Lit. *letter*

28 ^a [Gal. 6:15]

ery soul of man who does evil, of the Jew ^afirst and also of the ¹Greek;

10 ^abut glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For ^athere is no partiality with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law

13 (for ^anot the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;

14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

15 who show the ^awork of the law written in their hearts, their ^bconscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*)

16 ^ain the day when God will judge the secrets of men ^bby Jesus Christ, ^aaccording to my gospel.

The Jews Guilty as the Gentiles

17 ¹Indeed ^ayou are called a Jew, and ^brest² on the law, ^aand make your boast in God,

18 and ^aknow *His* will, and ^bapprove the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law,

19 and ^aare confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, ^ahaving the form of knowledge and truth in the law.

21 ^aYou, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?

22 You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, ^ado you rob temples?

23 You who ^amake your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?

24 For ^a"the name of God is ^bblasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.

Circumcision of No Avail

25 ^aFor circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26 Therefore, ^aif an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, ^ajudge you who, *even with your* ¹written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law?

28 For ^ahe is not a Jew who is one

outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but *he* is a Jew *who is one inwardly*; and *circumcision is that of the heart*, *in the Spirit*, not in the letter; *whose praise is not from men but from God*.

God's Judgment Defended

3 What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?

2 Much in every way! Chiefly because *to them were committed the oracles of God*.

3 For what if *some did not believe*? *Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect*?

4 *“Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:*

*“That You may be justified in Your words,
And may overcome when You are judged.”*

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is God unjust who inflicts wrath?* (*I speak as a man*.)

6 Certainly not! For then *how will God judge the world*?

7 For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?

8 *And why not say, “Let us do evil that good may come?”—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.*

All Have Sinned

9 What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that *they are all under sin*. 10 As it is written:

“There is none righteous, no, not one;

11 *There is none who understands;
There is none who seeks after God.*

12 *They have all turned aside;
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good,
no, not one.”*

13 *“Their throat is an open tomb;
With their tongues they have practiced deceit”;*

^b“The poison of asps is under their lips”;

14 *“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.”*

15 *“Their feet are swift to shed blood;*

16 *Destruction and misery are in their ways;*

29 ^a[1 Pet. 3:4]
^bPhil. 3:3
^cDeut. 30:6
^d[1 Cor. 4:5]
¹A play on words—*Jew* is literally *praise*.

CHAPTER 3

2 ^aDeut. 4:5–8
¹*sayings, Scriptures*

3 ^aHeb. 4:2
^b[2 Tim. 2:13]

4 ^aJob 40:8
^b[John 3:33]
^cPs. 62:9 ^dPs. 51:4 ¹Found true

5 ^aGal. 3:15

6 ^a[Gen. 18:25]

8 ^aRom. 5:20
¹Lit. *judgment*

9 ^aGal. 3:22

10 ^aPs. 14:1–3;
53:1–3; Eccl. 7:20

13 ^aPs. 5:9 ^bPs. 140:3 ¹*grave*

14 ^aPs. 10:7

15 ^aProv. 1:16;
Is. 59:7, 8

18 ^aPs. 36:1

19 ^aJohn 10:34
^bJob 5:16
¹*accountable*

20 ^a[Gal. 2:16]

21 ^aActs 15:11
^bJohn 5:46
^c1 Pet. 1:10

22 ^a[Col. 3:11]
¹NU omits *and on all*

23 ^aGal. 3:22

24 ^a[Eph. 2:8]
^b[Heb. 9:12,
15] ¹*without any cost*

25 ^aLev. 16:15
^bCol. 1:20

^cActs 14:16;
17:30 ¹*mercy seat*

27 ^a[1 Cor. 1:29]

28 ^aGal. 2:16
¹*declared righteous*

30 ^a[Gal. 3:8,
20]

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aIs. 51:2

^bJames 2:21
¹Or (fore)father

according to the flesh has found?

2 ^aRom. 3:20,
27

3 ^aGen. 15:6
¹*imputed, credited, reckoned, counted*

4 ^aRom. 11:6
¹*according to*

17 *And the way of peace they have not known.”*

18 *“There^a is no fear of God before their eyes.”*

19 Now we know that whatever *the law says*, it says to those who are under the law, that *every mouth may be stopped*, and all the world may become *guilty before God*.

20 Therefore *by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight*, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

God's Righteousness Through Faith

21 But now *the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed*, *being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets*,

22 *even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ*, to all *and on all who believe*. For *there is no difference*;

23 for *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*,

24 *being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*,

25 *whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed*,

26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Boasting Excluded

27 *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.*

28 Therefore we conclude *that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law*.

29 Or is *He* the God of the Jews only? *Is He* not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

30 since *there is one God* who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

Abraham Justified by Faith

4 What then shall we say that *Abraham our father¹* has found according to the flesh?

2 For if Abraham was *justified by works*, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? *“Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”*

4 Now *to him who works*, the wages are not counted *as grace* but *as debt*.

David Celebrates the Same Truth

5 But to him who ^adoes not work but believes on Him who justifies ^athe ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.

6 just as David also ^adescribes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

- 7 *"Blessed^a are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;*
8 *Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin."*

Abraham Justified Before Circumcision

9 Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness.

10 How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.

11 And ^ahe received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had while still uncircumcised*, that ^ahe might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,

12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only *are* of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father ^aAbraham *had while still uncircumcised*.

The Promise Granted Through Faith

13 For the promise that he would be the ^aheir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For ^aif those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect,

15 because ^athe law brings about wrath; for where there is no law *there is* no transgression.

16 Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* ^aaccording to grace, ^bso that the promise might be ¹sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, ^awho is the father of us all

17 (as it is written, ^a*"I have made you a father of many nations"*) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, ^bwho gives life to the dead and calls those ^athings which do not exist as though they did;

18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to

5 ^a[Eph. 2:8, 9]
^bJosh. 24:2

6 ^aPs. 32:1, 2

7 ^aPs. 32:1, 2

11 ^aGen. 17:10
^bLuke 19:9

12 ^aRom. 4:18–22

13 ^aGen. 17:4–6; 22:17

14 ^aGal. 3:18

15 ^aRom. 3:20

16 ^a[Rom. 3:24] ^b[Gal. 3:22] ^cIs. 51:2
¹certain

17 ^aGen. 17:5
^b[Rom. 8:11]
^cRom. 9:26

18 ^aGen. 15:5

19 ^aGen. 17:17
^bHeb. 11:11

21 ^a[Heb. 11:19]

22 ^aGen. 15:6

23 ^aRom. 15:4

24 ^aActs 2:24

25 ^aIs. 53:4, 5
^b[1 Cor. 15:17]

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aIs. 32:17
^b[Eph. 2:14]
¹Some ancient mss. let us have

2 ^a[Eph. 2:18; 3:12] ^b1 Cor. 15:1 ^cHeb. 3:6

3 ^aMatt. 5:11, 12 ^bJames 1:3
¹endurance

4 ^a[James 1:12]
¹approved character

5 ^aPhil. 1:20
^b2 Cor. 1:22

6 ^a[Rom. 4:25; 5:8; 8:32] ¹at the right time

8 ^aIs. 53:5; John 3:16; 15:13]

9 ^aEph. 2:13
^b1 Thess. 1:10

10 ^a[Rom. 8:32] ^b2 Cor. 5:18 ^cJohn 14:19

11 ^a[Gal. 4:9]

12 ^a[1 Cor. 15:21] ^bGen. 2:17

what was spoken, ^a*"So shall your descendants be."*

19 And not being weak in faith, ^ahe did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), ^band the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised ^aHe was also able to perform.

22 And therefore ^a*"it was accounted to him for righteousness."*

23 Now ^ait was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him,

24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe ^ain Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 ^awho was delivered up because of our offenses, and ^bwas raised because of our justification.

Faith Triumphs in Trouble

5 Therefore, ^ahaving been justified by faith, ¹we have ^bpeace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace ^bin which we stand, and ^crejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only *that*, but ^awe also glory in tribulations, ^bknowing that tribulation produces ¹perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, ¹character; and character, hope.

5 ^aNow hope does not disappoint, ^bbecause the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Christ in Our Place

6 For when we were still without strength, ¹in due time ^aChrist died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But ^aGod demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified ^aby His blood, we shall be saved ^afrom wrath through Him.

10 For ^aif when we were enemies ^bwe were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved ^bby His life.

11 And not only *that*, but we also ^arejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

12 Therefore, just as ^athrough one man sin entered the world, and ^bdeath through sin, and thus death

spread to all men, because all sinned—

13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but ^asin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, ^awho is a type of Him who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the ¹offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded ^ato many.

16 And the gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For the judgment *which came* from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift *which came* from many ¹offenses resulted in justification.

17 For if by the one man's ¹offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore, as through ¹one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through ^aone² Man's righteous act *the free gift came* ^bto all men, resulting in justification of life.

19 For as by one Man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by ^aone Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

20 Moreover ^athe law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace ^babounded much more,

21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6 What shall we say then? ^aShall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we who ^adied to sin live any longer in it?

3 Or do you not know that ^aas many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus ^bwere baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we were ^aburied with Him through baptism into death, that ^bjust as Christ was raised from the dead by ^athe glory of the Father, ^aeven so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 ^aFor if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His resurrection*,

6 knowing this, that ^aour old man was crucified with Him, that ^bthe body of sin might be ¹done away

13 ^{a1} John 3:4

14 ^a[1 Cor. 15:21, 22]

15 ^a[Is. 53:11]
¹trespass or false step

16 ¹trespasses

17 ¹trespass

18 ^a[Is. 53:11, 12; 1 Cor. 15:21, 45]

^b[John 12:32]
¹Or one trespass ²Or one righteous act

19 ^a[Phil. 2:8]

20 ^aJohn 15:22
^{b1} Tim. 1:14

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aRom. 3:8; 6:15

2 ^a[Gal. 2:19]

3 ^a[Gal. 3:27]
^{b1} [1 Cor. 15:29]

4 ^aCol. 2:12
^{b1} Cor. 6:14
^cJohn 2:11
^d[Gal. 6:15]

5 ^aPhil. 3:10

6 ^aGal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14
^bCol. 2:11
¹rendered inoperative

7 ^{a1} Pet. 4:1
¹cleared

8 ^{a2} Tim. 2:11

9 ^aRev. 1:18

10 ^aHeb. 9:27
^bLuke 20:38

11 ^a[Rom. 6:2; 7:4, 6] ^b[Gal. 2:19]
¹consider

12 ^aPs. 19:13

13 ^aCol. 3:5
^{b1} Pet. 2:24; 4:2 ¹Or weapons

14 ^a[Gal. 5:18]

15 ^{a1} Cor. 9:21

16 ^{a2} Pet. 2:19

17 ^{a2} Tim. 1:13
¹entrusted

18 ^aJohn 8:32

19 ¹unto sanctification

20 ^aJohn 8:34

21 ^aRom. 7:5
^bRom. 1:32

22 ^aRom. 6:18; 8:2 ¹unto sanctification

23 ^aGen. 2:17
^{b1} Pet. 1:4
¹free gift

with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

7 For ^ahe who has died has been ¹freed from sin.

8 Now ^aif we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

9 knowing that ^aChrist, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

10 For *the death* that He died, ^aHe died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, ^bHe lives to God.

11 Likewise you also, ¹reckon yourselves to be ^adead indeed to sin, but ^balive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 ^aTherefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

13 And do not present your ^amembers as ¹instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but ^bpresent yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as ¹instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For ^asin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God

15 What then? Shall we sin ^abecause we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

16 Do you not know that ^ato whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?

17 But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart ^athat form of doctrine to which you were ¹delivered.

18 And ^ahaving been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

19 I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading* to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness ¹for holiness.

20 For when you were ^aslaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 ^aWhat fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For ^bthe end of those things is death.

22 But now ^ahaving been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit ¹to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

23 For ^athe wages of sin is death, but ^bthe ¹gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Freed from the Law

7 Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law ¹has dominion over a man as long as he lives?

2 For ^athe woman who has a husband is bound by the law to *her* husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of *her* husband.

3 So then ^aif, while *her* husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become ^adead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should ^bbear fruit to God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law ^awere at work in our members ^bto bear fruit to death.

6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve ^ain the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

Sin's Advantage in the Law

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, ^aI would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, ^b"*You shall not covet.*"

8 But ^asin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all *manner* of evil desire. For ^bapart from the law sin was dead.

9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

10 And the commandment, ^awhich was to *bring* life, I found to *bring* death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed *me*.

12 Therefore ^athe law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

Law Cannot Save from Sin

13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, ^asold under sin.

15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. ^aFor what I will to do,

CHAPTER 7

¹rules

2 ^a1 Cor. 7:39

3 ^a[Matt. 5:32]

4 ^aRom. 8:2;

Gal. 2:19;

5:18; [Col.

2:14] ^bGal.

5:22

5 ^aRom. 6:13

^bRom. 6:21;

Gal. 5:19;

James 1:15

6 ^aRom. 2:29;

2 Cor. 3:6

7 ^aRom. 3:20

^bEx. 20:17;

Deut. 5:21;

Acts 20:33

8 ^aRom. 4:15

^b1 Cor. 15:56

10 ^aLev. 18:5;

Ezek. 20:11,

13, 21; Luke

10:28; Rom.

10:5; 2 Cor.

3:7; Gal. 3:12

12 ^aPs. 19:8

14 ^a1 Kin.

21:20, 25;

2 Kin. 17:17;

Rom. 6:16

15 ^aRom. 7:19;

[Gal. 5:17]

18 ^a[Gen. 6:5;

8:21]

22 ^aPs. 1:2

^b[2 Cor. 4:16;

Eph. 3:16;

1 Pet. 3:4]

23 ^aRom. 6:19;

[Gal. 5:17];

James 4:1;

1 Pet. 2:11

^bRom. 6:13, 19

24 ^a[Rom. 8:11;

1 Cor. 15:51,

52; 1 Thess.

4:14-17]

25 ^a1 Cor.

15:57

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aGal. 5:16

¹NU omits the

rest of v. 1.

2 ^aRom. 6:18,

22 ^b1 Cor.

15:45] ^cRom.

7:24, 25

3 ^aActs 13:39;

[Heb. 7:18]

^b[2 Cor. 5:21;

Gal. 3:13]

4 ^a[Rom. 6:4;

2 Cor. 5:7];

Gal. 5:16, 25;

Eph. 4:1; 5:2,

15; [1 John

1:7; 2:6]

5 ^aJohn 3:6

^b[Gal. 5:22-25]

6 ^aGal. 6:8

¹fleshly

7 ^aJames 4:4

^b1 Cor. 2:14

¹fleshly

that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it* is good.

17 But now, *it* is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

18 For I know that ^ain me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.

19 For the good that I will to *do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not to *do*, that I practice.

20 Now if I do what I will not to *do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

22 For I ^adelight in the law of God according to ^bthe inward man.

23 But ^aI see another law in ^bmy members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me ^afrom this body of death?

25 ^aI thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Free from Indwelling Sin

8 *There* is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, ^awho¹ do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2 For ^athe law of ^bthe Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from ^cthe law of sin and death.

3 For ^awhat the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, ^bGod *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who ^ado not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

5 For ^athose who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, ^bthe things of the Spirit.

6 For ^ato be ^bcarnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because ^athe ^bcarnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, ^bnor indeed can be.

8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of ^aHim who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, ^bHe who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies ¹through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Sonship Through the Spirit

12 ^aTherefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13 For ^aif you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you ^bput to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For ^aas many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For ^ayou did not receive the spirit of bondage again ^bto fear, but you received the ^cSpirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ^d“Abba,¹ Father.”

16 ^aThe Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then ^aheirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, ^bif indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

From Suffering to Glory

18 For I consider that ^athe sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For ^athe earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For ^athe creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of ¹corruption into the glorious ^aliberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation ^agroans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23 Not only *that*, but we also who have ^athe firstfruits of the Spirit, ^beven we ourselves groan ^cwithin ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the ^aredemption of our body.

24 For we were saved in this hope, but ^ahope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For ^awe do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but ^bthe Spirit Himself makes intercession ¹for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now ^aHe who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the

11 ^aActs 2:24

b1 Cor. 6:14

1Or because of

12 ^a[Rom. 6:7, 14]

13 ^aGal. 6:8

bEph. 4:22

14 ^a[Gal. 5:18]

15 ^aHeb. 2:15

b2 Tim. 1:7

c[Is. 56:5]

dMark 14:36

1Lit., in Aram., Father

16 ^aEph. 1:13

17 ^aActs 26:18

bPhil. 1:29

18 ^a2 Cor. 4:17

19 ^a[2 Pet. 3:13]

20 ^aGen. 3:17–19

21 ^a[2 Cor. 3:17]

1decay

22 ^aJer. 12:4, 11

23 ^a2 Cor. 5:5

b2 Cor. 5:2, 4

c[Luke 20:36]

dEph. 1:14;

4:30

24 ^aHeb. 11:1

26 ^aMatt. 20:22

bEph. 6:18

1NU omits for us

27 ^a1 Chr. 28:9

b1 John 5:14

28 ^a2 Tim. 1:9

29 ^a2 Tim. 2:19

bEph. 1:5, 11

c[2 Cor. 3:18]

dHeb. 1:6

30 ^a[1 Pet. 2:9;

3:9] b[Gal. 2:16]

cJohn 17:22

31 ^aNum. 14:9

32 ^aRom. 5:6,

10 b[Rom. 4:25]

33 ^aIs. 50:8, 9

34 ^aJohn 3:18

bMark 16:19

cHeb. 7:25;

9:24

36 ^aPs. 44:22

37 ^a1 Cor. 15:57

38 ^a[Eph. 1:21]

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1 ^a2 Cor. 1:23

2 ^aRom. 10:1

3 ^aEx. 32:32

1Or relatives

4 ^aEx. 4:22

b1 Sam. 4:21

cActs 3:25

dPs. 147:19

eHeb. 9:1, 6

f[Acts 2:39;

13:32]

Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints ^baccording to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those ^awho are the called according to His purpose.

29 For whom ^aHe foreknew, ^bHe also predestined ^cto be conformed to the image of His Son, ^dthat He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also ^acalled; whom He called, these He also ^bjustified; and whom He justified, these He also ^cglorified.

God's Everlasting Love

31 What then shall we say to these things? ^aIf God is for us, who can be against us?

32 ^aHe who did not spare His own Son, but ^bdelivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? ^aIt is God who justifies.

34 ^aWho is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, ^bwho is even at the right hand of God, ^cwho also makes intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 ^aYet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor ^aprincipalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Israel's Rejection of Christ

9 I ^atell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

2 ^athat I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

3 For ^aI could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my ¹countrymen according to the flesh,

4 who are Israelites, ^ato whom *pertain* the adoption, ^bthe glory, ^cthe covenants, ^dthe giving of the law, ^ethe service of God, and ^fthe promises;

5 ^aof whom are the fathers and from ^bwhom, according to the flesh, Christ came, ^cwho is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

Israel's Rejection and God's Purpose

6 ^aBut it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For ^bthey are not all Israel who are of Israel, ^cnor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, ^d*"In Isaac your seed shall be called."*

8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but ^ethe children of the promise are counted as the seed.

9 For this is the word of promise: ^f*"At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."*

10 And not only this, but when ^gRebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac

11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of ^hHim who calls),

12 it was said to her, ⁱ*"The older shall serve the younger."*

13 As it is written, ^j*"Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."*

Israel's Rejection and God's Justice

14 What shall we say then? ^k*Is there unrighteousness with God?* Certainly not!

15 For He says to Moses, ^l*"I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."*

16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

17 For ^mthe Scripture says to the Pharaoh, ⁿ*"For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."*

18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He ^ohardens.

19 You will say to me then, ^p*"Why does He still find fault? For ^qwho has resisted His will?"*

20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? ^r*"Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?'"*

21 Does not the ^spotter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make ^tone vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering ^uthe vessels of wrath ^vprepared for destruction,

23 and that He might make known ^wthe riches of His glory on the vessels

5 ^aDeut. 10:15
^b[Luke 1:34, 35; 3:23] ^cJer. 23:6

6 ^aNum. 23:19
^b[Gal. 6:16]

7 ^a[Gal. 4:23]
^bGen. 21:12

8 ^aGal. 4:28

9 ^aGen. 18:10, 14

10 ^aGen. 25:21

11 ^a[Rom. 4:17; 8:28]

12 ^aGen. 25:23

13 ^aMal. 1:2, 3

14 ^aDeut. 32:4

15 ^aEx. 33:19

17 ^aGal. 3:8
^bEx. 9:16

18 ^aEx. 4:21

19 ^a2 Chr. 20:6

20 ^aIs. 29:16

21 ^aProv. 16:4
^b2 Tim. 2:20

22 ^a[1 Thess. 5:9]
^b[1 Pet. 2:8]

23 ^a[Col. 1:27]
^b[Rom. 8:28-30]

24 ^a[Rom. 8:28] ^bRom. 3:29

25 ^aHos. 2:23

26 ^aHos. 1:10

27 ^aIs. 10:22,
23 ^bRom. 11:5

28 ^aIs. 10:23;
28:22 ^bNU the LORD will finish the work and cut it short upon the earth

29 ^aIs. 1:9 ^bIs. 13:19 ^cLit., in Heb., Hosts

30 ^aRom. 4:11
^bRom. 1:17;
3:21; 10:6

31 ^a[Rom. 10:2-4] ^b[Gal. 5:4] ^cNU omits of righteousness

32 ^a[Is. 8:14, 15; 1 Cor. 1:23] ^bNU by works, omitting of the law

33 ^aIs. 8:14;
28:16 ^bRom. 5:5; 10:11

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aNU them

2 ^aActs 21:20

3 ^a[Rom. 1:17]
^b[Phil. 3:9]

of mercy, which He had ^bprepared beforehand for glory,

24 even us whom He ^ccalled, ^dnot of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

25 As He says also in Hosea:

^e*"I will call them My people, who were not My people, And her beloved, who was not beloved."*

26 ^f*"And^a it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them,*

^g*'You are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God."*

27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel:

^a*"Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea,*

^b*The remnant will be saved.*

28 ^c*For^h He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness,*

^d*Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth."*

29 And as Isaiah said before:

^e*"Unless the LORD ofⁱ Sabaoth had left us a seed,*

^f*We would have become like Sodom,*

^g*And we would have been made like Gomorrah."*

Present Condition of Israel

30 What shall we say then? ^hThat Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, ⁱeven the righteousness of faith;

31 but Israel, ^jpursuing the law of righteousness, ^khas not attained to the law ^lof righteousness.

32 Why? Because ^mthey did not seek it by faith, but as it were, ⁿby the works of the law. For ^othey stumbled at that stumbling stone.

33 As it is written:

^a*"Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And^b whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*

Israel Needs the Gospel

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for ⁱIsrael is that they may be saved.

2 For I bear them witness ^jthat they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of ^kGod's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own ^lbrighteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

4 For "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, *"The man who does those things shall live by them."*

6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, *"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"* (that is, to bring Christ down from above)

7 or, *"Who will descend into the abyss?"* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say? *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"* (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

9 that *"if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, *"Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*

12 For *"there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him."*

13 For *"whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

Israel Rejects the Gospel

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear *"without a preacher?"*

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,
Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, *"LORD, who has believed our report?"*

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed:

*"Their sound has gone out to all the earth,
And their words to the ends of the world."*

19 But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says:

"I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation,

4 ^a[Gal. 3:24; 4:5]

5 ^aLev. 18:5

6 ^aDeut. 30:12-14

7 ^aDeut. 30:13

8 ^aDeut. 30:14

9 ^aLuke 12:8

11 ^aIs. 28:16

12 ^aRom. 3:22, 29 ^bActs 10:36 ^cEph. 1:7

13 ^aJoel 2:32 ^bActs 9:14

14 ^aTitus 1:3

15 ^aIs. 52:7; Nah. 1:15 ¹NU omits *preach the gospel of peace, Who*

16 ^aIs. 53:1

18 ^aPs. 19:4 ^{b1}Kin. 18:10

19 ^aDeut. 32:21 ^bTitus 3:3

20 ^aIs. 65:1

21 ^aIs. 65:2

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1 ^aJer. 46:28 ^{b1}Sam. 12:22 ^{c2}Cor. 11:22

2 ^a[Rom. 8:29]

3 ^{a1}Kin. 19:10, 14

4 ^{a1}Kin. 19:18

5 ^aRom. 9:27

6 ^aRom. 4:4 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 6.

7 ^aRom. 9:31 ^{b2}Cor. 3:14

8 ^aIs. 29:10, 13 ^bDeut. 29:3, 4

9 ^aPs. 69:22, 23

11 ^aIs. 42:6, 7 ^bRom. 10:19 ¹trespass

*I will move you to anger by a
foolish nation."*

20 But Isaiah is very bold and says:

*"I was found by those who did not seek Me;
I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me."*

21 But to Israel he says:

*"All day long I have stretched out My hands
To a disobedient and contrary people."*

Israel's Rejection Not Total

11 I say then, *"has God cast away His people?"* *"Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."*

2 God has not cast away His people whom *"He foreknew."* Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,

3 *"LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life?"*

4 But what does the divine response say to him? *"I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."*

5 *"Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace."*

6 And *"if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work."*

7 What then? *"Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded."*

8 Just as it is written:

*"God has given them a spirit of stupor,
Eyes that they should not see
And ears that they should not hear,
To this very day."*

9 And David says:

*"Let their table become a snare and a trap,
A stumbling block and a recompense to them."*

10 *Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see,
And bow down their back always."*

Israel's Rejection Not Final

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But *"through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles."*

12 Now if their ¹fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as ^aI am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry.

14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and ^asave some of them.

15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance *be* ^abut life from the dead?

16 For if ^athe firstfruit is holy, the lump is also *holy*; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 And if ^asome of the branches were broken off, ^band you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and ¹fatness of the olive tree.

18 ^ado not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."

20 Well said. Because of ^aunbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.

21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.

22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, ¹goodness, ^aif you continue in His goodness. Otherwise ^byou also will be cut off.

23 And they also, ^aif they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be ^awise in your own ¹opinion, that ^bblindness in part has happened to Israel ^cuntil the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

26 And so all Israel will be ¹saved, as it is written:

*^a"The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away
ungodliness from Jacob;*

27 *For ^athis is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins."*

28 Concerning the gospel *they* are enemies for your sake, but concern-

12 ¹trespass

13 ^aActs 9:15; 22:21

14 ^{a1} Cor. 9:22

15 ^a[Is. 26:16-19]

16 ^aLev. 23:10

17 ^aJer. 11:16
^b[Eph. 2:12]
¹richness

18 ^a[1 Cor. 10:12]

20 ^aHeb. 3:19

22 ^{a1} Cor. 15:2
^b[John 15:2]
¹NU adds of God

23 ^a[2 Cor. 3:16]

25 ^aRom. 12:16
^{b2} Cor. 3:14
^cLuke 21:24
¹estimation

26 ^aIs. 59:20;
21 ¹Or delivered

27 ^aIs. 27:9

28 ^aDeut. 7:8; 10:15

29 ^aNum. 23:19

30 ^a[Eph. 2:2]

32 ^a[Gal. 3:22]
¹shut them all up in

34 ^aIs. 40:13;
Jer. 23:18 ^bJob 36:22

35 ^aJob 41:11

36 ^aHeb. 2:10
^bHeb. 13:21

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1 ^{a2} Cor. 10:1-4 ^bHeb. 10:18, 20
¹urge
²rational

2 ^{a1} John 2:15
^bEph. 4:23
^c[1 Thess. 4:3]

3 ^aGal. 2:9
^bProv. 25:27
^c[Eph. 4:7]

4 ^{a1} Cor. 12:12-14

5 ^a[1 Cor. 10:17]

6 ^a[John 3:27]
^bActs 11:27

7 ^aEph. 4:11

8 ^aActs 15:32
^b[Matt. 6:1-3]
^c[Acts 20:28]
^{d2} Cor. 9:7

9 ^{a1} Tim. 1:5
^bPs. 34:14

ing the election *they are* ^abeloved for the sake of the fathers.

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are ^airrevocable.

30 For as you ^awere once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God has ¹committed them ^aall to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 *"For who has known the ^amind of the LORD?
Or ^bwho has become His counselor?"*

35 *"Or ^awho has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?"*

36 For ^aof Him and through Him and to Him are all things, ^bto whom be glory forever. Amen.

Living Sacrifices to God

12 I ^abeseech¹ you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies ^aa living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your ²reasonable service.*

2 And ^ado not be conformed to this world, but ^bbe transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may ^aprove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Serve God with Spiritual Gifts

3 For I say, ^athrough the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, ^bnot to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt ^ato each one a measure of faith.

4 For ^aas we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

5 so ^awe, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is ^agiven to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us ^bprophecy* in proportion to our faith;

7 or ministry, *let us use it in our ministering*; ^ahe who teaches, in teaching;

8 ^ahe who exhorts, in exhortation; ^bhe who gives, with liberality; ^che who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, ^dwith cheerfulness.

Behave Like a Christian

9 ^aLet love be without hypocrisy. ^bAbhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

10 ^aBe kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, ^bin honor giving preference to one another;

11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12 ^arejoicing in hope, ^bpatient¹ in tribulation, ^ccontinuing steadfastly in prayer;

13 ^adistributing to the needs of the saints, ^bgiven¹ to hospitality.

14 ^aBless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

15 ^aRejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

16 ^aBe of the same mind toward one another. ^bDo not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

17 ^aRepay no one evil for evil. ^bHave¹ regard for good things in the sight of all men.

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, ^alive peaceably with all men.

19 Beloved, ^ado not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, ^b*"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,"* says the Lord.

20 Therefore

^a"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him a drink;

For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but ^aovercome evil with good.

Submit to Government

13 Let every soul be ^asubject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

2 Therefore whoever resists ^athe authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will ^bbring judgment on themselves.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? ^aDo what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

5 Therefore ^ayou must be subject, not only because of wrath ^bbut also for conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

7 ^aRender therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*,

¹⁰ ^aHeb. 13:1
^bPhil. 2:3

¹² ^aLuke 10:20
^bLuke 21:19
^cLuke 18:1

¹persevering

¹³ ^{a1} Cor. 16:1
^{b1} Tim. 3:2

¹Lit. pursuing

¹⁴ ^a[Matt. 5:44]

¹⁵ ^{a1} Cor. 12:26]

¹⁶ ^a[Phil. 2:2; 4:2] ^bJer. 45:5

¹⁷ ^a[Matt. 5:39] ^{b2} Cor. 8:21 ¹Or Provide good

¹⁸ ^aHeb. 12:14

¹⁹ ^aLev. 19:18
^bDeut. 32:35

²⁰ ^aProv. 25:21, 22

²¹ ^a[Rom. 12:1, 2]

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¹ ^{a1} Pet. 2:13

² ^a[Titus 3:1]
¹Lit. receive

³ ^{a1} Pet. 2:14

⁵ ^aEcccl. 8:2
^{b1} Pet. 2:13, 19]

⁷ ^aMatt. 22:21

⁸ ^a[Gal. 5:13, 14]

⁹ ^aEx. 20:13-17;
Deut. 5:17-21

^bLev. 19:18
¹NU omits

"You shall not bear false witness,"

¹⁰ ^a[Matt. 7:12; 22:39, 40]

¹¹ ^{a1} Cor. 15:34]

¹² ^aEph. 5:11
^b[Eph. 6:11, 13]

¹³ ^aPhil. 4:8
^bProv. 23:20

^{c1} Cor. 6:9]
^dJames 3:14

¹decently

¹⁴ ^aGal. 3:27
^b[Gal. 5:16]

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¹ ^{a1} Cor. 8:9; 9:22]

² ^a[Titus 1:15]

³ ^a[Col. 2:16]

⁴ ^aJames 4:11, 12

⁵ ^aGal. 4:10

⁶ ^aGal. 4:10
^{b1} Tim. 4:3]

¹NU omits the rest of this sentence.

⁷ ^a[Gal. 2:20]

⁸ ^{a2} Cor. 5:14, 15

customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Love Your Neighbor

8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for ^ahe who loves another has fulfilled the law.

9 For the commandments, ^a*"You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal,"*¹ *"You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet,"* and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, ^b*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore ^alove is the fulfillment of the law.

Put on Christ

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time ^ato awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. ^aTherefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and ^blet us put on the armor of light.

13 ^aLet us walk ^bproperly, as in the day, ^bnot in revelry and drunkenness, ^cnot in lewdness and lust, ^dnot in strife and envy.

14 But ^aput on the Lord Jesus Christ, and ^bmake no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

The Law of Liberty

14 Receive^a one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

2 For one believes he ^amay eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables.

3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and ^alet not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

4 ^aWho are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

5 ^aOne person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who ^aobserves the day, observes *it* to the Lord; ^band he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for ^bhe gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

7 For ^anone of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.

8 For if we ^alive, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For ^ato this end Christ died ¹and rose and lived again, that He might be ^bLord of both the dead and the living.

10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For ^awe shall all stand before the judgment seat of ¹Christ.

11 For it is written:

*^a"As I live, says the LORD,
Every knee shall bow to Me,
And every tongue shall confess
to God."*

12 So then ^aeach of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Therefore let us not judge one another ¹anymore, but rather resolve this, ^anot to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

The Law of Love

14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus ^athat there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. ^aDo not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

16 ^aTherefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;

17 ^afor the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and ^bpeace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who serves Christ in ¹these things ^ais acceptable to God and approved by men.

19 ^aTherefore let us pursue the things *which make for peace* and the things by which ^bone may ¹edify another.

20 ^aDo not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. ^bAll things indeed are pure, ^cbut it is evil for the man who eats with ¹offense.

21 It is good neither to eat ^ameat nor drink wine nor *do anything* by which your brother stumbles ¹or is offended or is made weak.

22 ¹Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. ^aHappy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for ^awhatever is not from faith is ¹sin.

Bearing Others' Burdens

15 We ^athen who are strong ought to bear with the ¹scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 ^aLet each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to ¹edification.

9 ^{a2} Cor. 5:15
^bActs 10:36
¹NU omits
and rose

10 ^{a2} Cor. 5:10
¹NU God

11 ^aIs. 45:23;
Phil. 2:9-11

12 ^{a1} Pet. 4:5

13 ^{a1} Cor. 8:9
¹any longer

14 ^{a1} Cor.
10:25

15 ^{a1} Cor. 8:11

16 ^a[Rom.
12:17]

17 ^{a1} Cor. 8:8
^b[Rom. 8:6]

18 ^{a2} Cor. 8:21
¹NU this
thing

19 ^aRom. 12:18
^{b1} Cor. 14:12
¹build up

20 ^aRom. 14:15
^bActs 10:15

^{c1} Cor. 8:9-12
¹A feeling of
giving offense

21 ^{a1} Cor. 8:13
¹NU omits the
rest of v. 21.

22 ^a[1 John
3:21] ¹NU The
faith which
you have—
have

23 ^aTitus 1:15
¹M puts Rom.
16:25-27 here.

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1 ^a[Gal. 6:1, 2]
¹weaknesses

2 ^{a1} Cor. 9:22;
10:24, 33
¹building up

3 ^aMatt. 26:39
^bPs. 69:9

4 ^{a1} Cor. 10:11
¹perseverance

5 ^{a1} Cor. 1:10

6 ^aActs 4:24

7 ^aRom. 14:1,
3 ^bRom. 5:2

¹NU, M you

8 ^aMatt. 15:24
^{b2} Cor. 1:20

¹minister

9 ^aJohn 10:16
^{b2} Sam. 22:50;
Ps. 18:49

10 ^aDeut.
32:43

11 ^aPs. 117:1

12 ^aIs. 11:1, 10

13 ^aRom.

12:12; 14:17

14 ^{a2} Pet. 1:12

^{b1} Cor. 1:5;
8:1, 7, 10 ¹M
others

15 ^aRom. 1:5;
12:3

16 ^aRom. 11:13
^b[Is. 66:20]

¹Consisting of

3 ^aFor even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, ^b*"The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."*

4 For ^awhatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the ¹patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

5 ^aNow may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

6 that you may ^awith one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glorify God Together

7 Therefore ^areceive one another, just ^bas Christ also received ¹us, to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that ^aJesus Christ has become a ¹servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, ^bto confirm the promises *made to the fathers*,

9 and ^athat the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written:

*^b"For this reason I will confess to
You among the Gentiles,
And sing to Your name."*

10 And again he says:

*^a"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His
people!"*

11 And again:

*^a"Praise the LORD, all you
Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!"*

12 And again, Isaiah says:

*^a"There shall be a root of Jesse;
And He who shall rise to reign
over the Gentiles,
In Him the Gentiles shall hope."*

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all ¹joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

From Jerusalem to Illyricum

14 Now ^aI myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, ^bfilled with all knowledge, able also to admonish ¹one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on *some* points, as reminding you, ^abecause of the grace given to me by God,

16 that ^aI might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the ^boffering ¹of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus ^ain the things *which pertain* to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things ^awhich Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, ^bto make the Gentiles obedient—

19 ^ain mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, ^clest I should build on another man's foundation,

21 but as it is written:

"To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand."

Plan to Visit Rome

22 For this reason ^aI also have been much hindered from coming to you. 23 But now no longer having a place in these parts, and ^ahaving a great desire these many years to come to you,

24 whenever I journey to Spain, ^aI shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, ^aand to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may ^benjoy your *company* for a while.

25 But now ^aI am going to Jerusalem to ^aminister to the saints.

26 For ^ait pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

27 It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For ^aif the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, ^btheir duty is also to minister to them in material things.

28 Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them ^athis fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.

29 ^aBut I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing ^aof the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and ^athrough the love of the Spirit, ^bthat you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,

31 ^athat I may be delivered from those in Judea who ^ado not believe, and that ^bmy service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

32 ^athat I may come to you with joy ^bby the will of God, and may ^cbe refreshed together with you.

33 Now ^athe God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

17 ^aHeb. 2:17; 5:1

18 ^aActs 15:12; 21:19 ^bRom. 1:5

19 ^aActs 19:11

20 ^a[2 Cor. 10:13, 15, 16]

21 ^aIs. 52:15

22 ^aRom. 1:13

23 ^aActs 19:21; 23:11

24 ^aActs 15:3 ^bRom. 1:12 ^cNU omits *I shall come to you and joins Spain with the next sentence.*

25 ^aActs 19:21 ^bserve

26 ^a1 Cor. 16:1

27 ^aRom. 11:17 ^b1 Cor. 9:11

28 ^aPhil. 4:17

29 ^a[Rom. 1:11] ^bNU omits *of the gospel*

30 ^aPhil. 2:1 ^b2 Cor. 1:11

31 ^a2 Tim. 3:11; 4:17 ^b2 Cor. 8:4 ^care disobedient

32 ^aRom. 1:10 ^bActs 18:21 ^c1 Cor. 16:18

33 ^a1 Cor. 14:33

CHAPTER 16

1 ^aActs 18:18

2 ^aPhil. 2:29 ^bPhil. 1:27

3 ^aActs 18:2, 18, 26

5 ^a1 Cor. 16:19 ^b1 Cor. 16:15 ^cNU *Asia*

7 ^aActs 1:13, 26 ^bGal. 1:22

11 ^aOr *relative*

13 ^a2 John 1

16 ^a1 Cor. 16:20 ^bNU *All the churches*

17 ^a[Acts 15:1] ^b[1 Cor. 5:9]

18 ^aPhil. 3:19 ^bCol. 2:4 ^cNU, M omit *Jesus*

19 ^aRom. 1:8 ^bMatt. 10:16 ^cinnocent

Sister Phoebe Commended

16 I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in ^aCenchrea,

2 ^athat you may receive her in the Lord ^bin a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

Greeting Roman Saints

3 Greet ^aPriscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

4 who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

5 Likewise greet ^athe church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is ^bthe firstfruits of ^cAchaia to Christ.

6 Greet Mary, who labored much for us.

7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the ^aapostles, who also ^bwere in Christ before me.

8 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.

9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus.

11 Greet Herodion, my ^acountryman. Greet those who are of the *household* of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord.

13 Greet Rufus, ^achosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them.

15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

16 ^aGreet one another with a holy kiss. ^aThe churches of Christ greet you.

Avoid Divisive Persons

17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those ^awho cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and ^bavoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord ^aJesus Christ, but ^atheir own belly, and ^bby smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For ^ayour obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be ^bwise in what is good, and ^csimple concerning evil.

20 And ^athe God of peace ^bwill crush Satan under your feet shortly. ^cThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Greetings from Paul's Friends

21 ^aTimothy, my fellow worker, and ^bLucius, ^cJason, and ^dSosipater, my countrymen, greet you.

22 I, Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, greet you in the Lord.

23 ^aGaius, my host and *the host* of the whole church, greets you. ^bErastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother.

24 ^aThe¹ grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

20 ^aRom. 15:33
^bGen. 3:15
^c1 Cor. 16:23

21 ^aActs 16:1
^bActs 13:1
^cActs 17:5
^dActs 20:4

23 ^a1 Cor. 1:14
^bActs 19:22

24 ^a1 Thess. 5:28 ¹NU omits v. 24.

25 ^a[Eph. 3:20]
^bRom. 2:16
^cEph. 1:9
^dCol. 1:26; 2:2;
4:3 ¹M puts Rom. 16:25-27 after Rom. 14:23.

Benediction

25 ¹Now ^ato Him who is able to establish you ^baccording to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, ^caccording to the revelation of the mystery ^dkept secret since the world began

26 but ^anow made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for ^bobedience to the faith—

27 to ^aGod, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

26 ^aEph. 1:9 ^bRom. 1:5 27 ^aJude 25

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the

CORINTHIANS

CORINTH, the most important city in Greece during Paul's day, was a bustling hub of worldwide commerce, degraded culture, and idolatrous religion. There Paul founded a church (Acts 18:1-17), and two of his letters are addressed "To the church of God which is at Corinth" (1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1).

First Corinthians reveals the problems, pressures, and struggles of a church called out of a pagan society. Paul addresses a variety of problems in the lifestyle of the Corinthian church: factions, lawsuits, immorality, questionable practices, abuse of the Lord's Supper, and spiritual gifts. In addition to words of discipline, Paul shares words of counsel in answer to questions raised by the Corinthian believers.

The oldest recorded title of this epistle is *Pros Korinthious A*, in effect, the "First to the Corinthians." The A was no doubt a later addition to distinguish this book from Second Corinthians.

Greeting

PAUL, ^acalled to be an apostle of Jesus Christ ^bthrough the will of God, and ^cSosthenes our brother,

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who ^aare ¹sanctified in Christ Jesus, ^bcalled to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ ^cour Lord, ^dboth theirs and ours:

3 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Gifts at Corinth

4 ^aI thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,

5 that you were enriched in every-

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aRom. 1:1
^b2 Cor. 1:1
^cActs 18:17
2 ^a[Acts 15:9]
^bRom. 1:7
^c[1 Cor. 8:6]
^d[Rom. 3:22]

¹set apart
3 ^aRom. 1:7
4 ^aRom. 1:8
5 ^a[1 Cor. 12:8]

¹speech
6 ^a2 Tim. 1:8
¹Or among
7 ^aPhil. 3:20
8 ^a1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23
^bCol. 1:22; 2:7
9 ^aIs. 49:7
^b[John 15:4]
10 ^a2 Cor.

13:11 ¹Have a uniform testimony
²schisms or dissensions

thing by Him ^ain all ¹utterance and all knowledge,

6 even as ^athe testimony of Christ was confirmed ¹in you,

7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly ^awaiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 ^awho will also confirm you to the end, ^bthat you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 ^aGod is faithful, by whom you were called into ^bthe fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sectarianism Is In

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^athat you all ¹speak the same thing, and *that* there be no ²divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are ¹contentions among you.

12 Now I say this, that ^aeach of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of ^bApollos," or "I am of ^cCephas," or "I am of Christ."

13 ^aIs Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized ^anone of you except ^bCrispus and ^cGaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.

16 Yes, I also baptized the household of ^aStephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, ^anot with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

18 For the ¹message of the cross is ^afoolishness to ^bthose who are perishing, but to us ^cwho are being saved it is the ^dpower of God.

19 For it is written:

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."*

20 ^aWhere is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the ¹disputer of this age? ^aHas not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For since, in the ^awisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

22 For ^aJews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

23 but we preach Christ crucified, ^ato the Jews a ¹stumbling block and to the ²Greeks ^bfoolishness,

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ ^athe power of God and ^bthe wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Glory Only in the Lord

26 For ¹you see your calling, brethren, ^athat not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many ²noble, are called.

27 But ^aGod has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the ¹base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

11 ¹quarrels

12 ^a1 Cor. 3:4

^bActs 18:24

^cJohn 1:42

13 ^a2 Cor. 11:4

14 ^aJohn 4:2

^bActs 18:8

^cRom. 16:23

16 ^a1 Cor.

16:15, 17

17 ^a[1 Cor. 2:1,

4, 13]

18 ^a1 Cor. 2:14

^b2 Cor. 2:15

^c[1 Cor. 15:2]

^dRom. 1:16

¹Lit. word

19 ^aIs. 29:14

20 ^aIs. 19:12;

33:18 ^bJob

12:17

¹debater

21 ^aDan. 2:20

22 ^aMatt. 12:38

23 ^aLuke 2:34

^b[1 Cor. 2:14]

¹Gr. skandalon, offense

²NU Gentiles

24 ^a[Rom. 1:4]

^bCol. 2:3

26 ^aJohn 7:48

¹consider

²well-born

27 ^aMatt. 11:25

28 ¹insignificant or lowly

30 ^a[2 Cor.

5:21]

31 ^aJer. 9:23,

24

CHAPTER 2

1 ¹NU mystery

2 ^aGal. 6:14

3 ^aActs 18:1

^b[2 Cor. 4:7]

4 ^a2 Pet. 1:16

^bRom. 15:19

¹NU omits human

5 ^a1 Thess. 1:5

7 ¹predetermined

8 ^aLuke 23:34

^bMatt.

27:33-50

9 ^a[Is. 64:4;

65:17]

10 ^aMatt.

11:25; 13:11;

16:17

11 ^a[James

2:26] ^bRom.

11:33

12 ^a[Rom.

8:15]

13 ¹NU omits Holy

14 ^aMatt. 16:23

29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and ^arighteousness and sanctification and redemption—

31 that, as it is written, ^a"He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

Christ Crucified

2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the ¹testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know anything among you ^aexcept Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

3 ^aI was with you ^bin weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching ^awere not with persuasive words of ¹human wisdom, ^bbut in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the ^apower of God.

Spiritual Wisdom

6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ¹ordained before the ages for our glory,

8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for ^ahad they known, they would not have ^bcrucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written:

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart
of man
The things which God has
prepared for those who love
Him."*

10 But ^aGod has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the ^aspirit of the man which is in him? ^bEven so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but ^athe Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the ¹Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 ^aBut the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor

can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one.

16 For *"who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?"* ^bBut we have the mind of Christ.

Sectarianism Is Carnal

3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to *babes* in Christ.

2 I fed you with *milk* and not with solid food; ^bfor until now you were not able to *receive* it, and even now you are still not able;

3 for you are still carnal. For where *there* are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and *behaving* like *mere* men?

4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

Watering, Working, Warning

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but *ministers* through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?

6 ^aI planted, ^bApollos watered, ^cbut God gave the increase.

7 So then *neither* he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, ^aand each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

9 For *we* are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are ^bGod's building.

10 ^aAccording to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid ^bthe foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than *that* which is laid, ^bwhich is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day *will* declare it, because ^bit will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

16 *Do* you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone *defiles* the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

¹⁶ ^aIs. 40:13
^b[John 15:15]

CHAPTER 3

¹ ^aHeb. 5:13

² ^a1 Pet. 2:2
^bJohn 16:12

³ ¹Lit. walking according to man

⁵ ^a2 Cor. 3:3, 6; 4:1; 5:18; 6:4

⁶ ^aActs 18:4
^bActs 18:24-27
^c[2 Cor. 3:5]

⁷ ^a[Gal. 6:3]

⁸ ^aPs. 62:12

⁹ ^a2 Cor. 6:1
^b[Eph. 2:20-22]

¹⁰ ^aRom. 1:5
^b1 Cor. 4:15

¹¹ ^aIs. 28:16
^bEph. 2:20

¹³ ^a1 Pet. 1:7
^bLuke 2:35

¹⁶ ^a2 Cor. 6:16

¹⁷ ¹destroys

¹⁸ ^aProv. 3:7

¹⁹ ^aJob 5:13

²⁰ ^aPs. 94:11

²¹ ^a[2 Cor. 4:5]

²³ ^a2 Cor. 10:7

CHAPTER 4

¹ ^aCol. 1:25
^bTitus 1:7

³ ¹Lit. day

⁵ ^aMatt. 7:1
^bMatt. 10:26
^c1 Cor. 3:13
^dRom. 2:29
^emotives

⁶ ¹arrogant

⁷ ^aJohn 3:27
¹distinguishes you

⁸ ^aRev. 3:17

⁹ ^aHeb. 10:33
¹Lit. theater

¹⁰ ^aActs 17:18; 26:24 ^b2 Cor. 13:9

Avoid Worldly Wisdom

18 *Let* no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, *"He catches the wise in their own craftiness";*

20 and again, *"The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."*

21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For *all* things are yours:

22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours.

23 And *you* are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Stewards of the Mysteries of God

4 Let a man so consider us, as *servants* of Christ ^aand stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human ^ccourt. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

4 For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.

5 *Therefore* judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to ^blight the hidden things of darkness and ^creveal the ^dcounsels of the hearts. ^eThen each one's praise will come from God.

Fools for Christ's Sake

6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be ^bpuffed up on behalf of one against the other.

7 For who ^bmakes you differ from another? And *what* do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

8 You are already full! *You* are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us—and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you!

9 For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a ^aspectacle ^bto the world, both to angels and to men.

10 We are *fools* for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! ^bWe are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but *we* are dishonored!

11 To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.

12 ^aAnd we labor, working with our own hands. ^bBeing reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; 13 being defamed, we ¹entreat. ^aWe have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

Paul's Paternal Care

14 I do not write these things to shame you, but ^aas my beloved children I warn you.

15 For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for ^ain Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

16 Therefore I urge you, ^aimitate me.

17 For this reason I have sent ^aTimothy to you, ^bwho is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will ^aremind you of my ways in Christ, as I ^ateach everywhere ^ain every church.

18 ^aNow some are ¹puffed up, as though I were not coming to you.

19 ^aBut I will come to you shortly, ^bif the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power.

20 For ^athe kingdom of God is not in word but in ^bpower.

21 What do you want? ^aShall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

Immorality Defiles the Church

5 It is actually reported that ^athere is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even ¹named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's ^awife!

2 ^aAnd you are ¹puffed up, and have not rather ¹mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 ^aFor I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed.

4 In the ^aname of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, ^bwith the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 ^adeliver such a one to ^bSatan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord ¹Jesus.

6 ^aYour glorying is not good. Do you not know that ^alittle leaven leavens the whole lump?

7 Therefore ¹purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed ^aChrist, our ^bPassover, was sacrificed ²for us.

8 Therefore ^alet us keep the feast, ^bnot with old leaven, nor ^awith the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

12 ^aActs 18:3; 20:34 ^bMatt. 5:44

13 ^aLam. 3:45 ¹exhort, encourage

14 ^a1 Thess. 2:11

15 ^aGal. 4:19

16 ^a[1 Cor. 11:1]

17 ^aActs 19:22 ^b1 Tim. 1:2, 18

^c1 Cor. 11:2

^d1 Cor. 7:17

^e1 Cor. 14:33

18 ^a1 Cor. 5:2

¹arrogant

19 ^aActs 19:21;

20:2 ^bActs

18:21

20 ^a1 Thess. 1:5 ^b1 Cor. 2:4

21 ^a2 Cor. 10:2

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aLev. 18:6-8

¹NU omits

named

2 ^a1 Cor. 4:18

^b2 Cor. 7:7-10

¹arrogant

3 ^aCol. 2:5

4 ^a[Matt.

18:20] ^b[John

20:23]

5 ^a1 Tim. 1:20

^b[Acts 26:18]

¹NU omits

Jesus

6 ^a1 Cor. 3:21

^bGal. 5:9

7 ^aIs. 53:7

¹John 19:14

¹clean out

²NU omits for

us

8 ^aEx. 12:15

^bDeut. 16:3

^cMatt. 16:6

9 ^a2 Cor. 6:14

¹associate

10 ^aJohn 17:15

11 ^aMatt. 18:17

^bGal. 2:12

13 ^aDeut. 13:5;

17:7, 12;

19:19; 21:21;

22:21, 24; 24:7

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aDan. 7:22

2 ^aPs. 49:14

3 ^a2 Pet. 2:4

4 ¹courts

7 ^a[Prov.

20:22]

9 ^aGal. 5:21

¹catamites,

those submitting to homo-

sexuals ²male

homosexuals

11 ^a[1 Cor.

12:2] ^bHeb.

10:22 ¹set

apart

Immorality Must Be Judged

9 I wrote to you in my epistle ^anot to ¹keep company with sexually immoral people.

10 Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go ^aout of the world.

11 But now I have written to you not to keep company ^awith anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

12 For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside?

13 But those who are outside God judges. Therefore ^a*“put away from yourselves the evil person.”*

Do Not Sue the Brethren

6 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the ^asaints?

2 Do you not know that ^athe saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Do you not know that we shall ^ajudge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

4 If then you have ¹judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?

5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. ^aWhy do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather *let yourselves be cheated?*

8 No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. ^aNeither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor ¹homosexuals, nor ²sodomites,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were ^asome of you. ^bBut you were washed, but you were ¹sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Glorify God in Body and Spirit

12 ^aAll things are lawful for me, but all things are not ^hhelpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of ²any.

13 ^aFoods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for ^bsexual immorality but ^cfor the Lord, ^dand the Lord for the body.

14 And ^aGod both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up ^bby His power.

15 Do you not know that ^ayour bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make ^{them} members of a harlot? Certainly not!

16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For ^a“the two,” He says, “*shall become one flesh*.”

17 ^aBut he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

18 ^aFlee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins ^bagainst his own body.

19 Or ^ado you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is in you*, whom you have from God, ^band you are not your own?

20 For ^ayou were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body ^{and in your spirit}, which are God's.

Principles of Marriage

7 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: ^a*It is good for a man not to touch a woman*.

2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

3 ^aLet the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

5 ^aDo not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that ^bSatan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6 But I say this as a concession, ^anot as a commandment.

7 For ^aI wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: ^a*It is good for them if they remain even as I am*;

9 but ^aif they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn *with passion*.

12 ^{a1} Cor. 10:23 ¹profitable ²Or anything

13 ^aMatt. 15:17 ^bGal. 5:19 ^{c1} Thess. 4:3 ^d[Eph. 5:23]

14 ^{a2} Cor. 4:14 ^bEph. 1:19

15 ^aRom. 12:5

16 ^aGen. 2:24

17 ^a[John 17:21–23]

18 ^aHeb. 13:4 ^bRom. 1:24

19 ^{a2} Cor. 6:16 ^bRom. 14:7

20 ^{a2} Pet. 2:1 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 20.

CHAPTER 7

1 ^{a1} Cor. 7:8, 26

3 ^aEx. 21:10

5 ^aJoel 2:16 ^{b1} Thess. 3:5

6 ^{a2} Cor. 8:8

7 ^aActs 26:29

8 ^{a1} Cor. 7:1, 26

9 ^{a1} Tim. 5:14

10 ^aMark 10:6–10 ^b[Matt. 5:32]

14 ^aMal. 2:15

15 ^aRom. 12:18

16 ^{a1} Pet. 3:1

17 ^{a1} Cor. 4:17 ¹direct

18 ^aActs 15:1

19 ^a[Gal. 3:28; 5:6; 6:15] ^b[John 15:14]

22 ^a[John 8:36] ^{b1} Pet. 2:16

23 ^{a1} Pet. 1:18, 19

24 ^a[Col. 3:22–24]

25 ^{a2} Cor. 8:8 ^{b1} Tim. 1:13, 16 ^{c1} Tim. 1:12

26 ^{a1} Cor. 7:1, 8

Keep Your Marriage Vows

10 Now to the married I command, yet not I but the ^aLord: ^bA wife is not to depart from *her* husband.

11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to *her* husband. And a husband is not to divorce *his* wife.

12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her.

13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise ^ayour children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases*. But God has called us ^ato peace.

16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will ^asave your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save *your* wife?

Live as You Are Called

17 But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And ^aso I ¹ordain in all the churches.

18 Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? ^aLet him not be circumcised.

19 ^aCircumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but ^bkeeping the commandments of God is *what matters*.

20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.

21 Were you called *while a slave*? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use *it*.

22 For he who is called in the Lord *while a slave* is ^athe Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called *while free* is ^bChrist's slave.

23 ^aYou were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

24 Brethren, let each one remain with ^aGod in that *state* in which he was called.

To the Unmarried and Widows

25 Now concerning virgins: ^aI have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one ^bwhom the Lord in His mercy has made ^ctrustworthy.

26 I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—^athat *it is* good for a man to remain as he is:

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

28 But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.

29 But ^athis I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none,

30 those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess,

31 and those who use this world as not ^amisusing it. For ^bthe form of this world is passing away.

32 But I want you to be without ¹care. ^aHe who is unmarried ²cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.

33 But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife.

34 There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman ^acares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please her husband.

35 And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.

36 But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his ¹virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry.

37 Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his ¹virgin, does well.

38 ^aSo then he who gives ¹her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better.

39 ^aA wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, ^bonly in the Lord.

40 But she is happier if she remains as she is, ^aaccording to my judgment—and ^bI think I also have the Spirit of God.

Be Sensitive to Conscience

8 Now ^aconcerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have ^bknowledge. ^cKnowledge ¹puffs up, but love ²edifies.

2 And ^aif anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

29 ^a1 Pet. 4:7

31 ^a1 Cor. 9:18
^b1 John 2:17]

32 ^a1 Tim. 5:5
¹concern ²is concerned about

34 ^aLuke 10:40

36 ¹Or virgin daughter

37 ¹Or virgin daughter

38 ^aHeb. 13:4
¹NU his own virgin

39 ^aRom. 7:2
^b2 Cor. 6:14

40 ^a1 Cor. 7:6,
25 ^b1 Thess. 4:8

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aActs 15:20
^bRom. 14:14
^cRom. 14:3
¹makes arrogant ²builds up

2 ^a1 Cor. 13:8-12]

4 ^aIs. 41:24
^bDeut. 4:35,
39; 6:4

5 ^aJohn 10:34]

6 ^aMal. 2:10
^bActs 17:28
^cJohn 13:13
^dJohn 1:3
^eRom. 5:11

7 ^a1 Cor. 10:28] ^bRom. 14:14, 22

8 ^aRom. 14:17]

9 ^aGal. 5:13
^bRom. 14:13,
21 ¹cause of offense

10 ^a1 Cor. 10:28

11 ^aRom. 14:15, 20

12 ^aMatt. 25:40

13 ^aRom. 14:21

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aActs 9:15
^b1 Cor. 15:8
^c1 Cor. 3:6;
4:15

2 ^a2 Cor. 12:12
¹certification

4 ^a1 Thess. 2:6, 9]
¹authority

5 ^aMatt. 13:55
^bMatt. 8:14
¹Lit. a sister, a wife

6 ^aActs 4:36

7 ^a2 Cor. 10:4
^bDeut. 20:6
^cJohn 21:15

3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that ^aan idol is nothing in the world, ^band that *there* is no other God but one.

5 For even if there are ^aso-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords),

6 yet ^afor us *there* is one God, the Father, ^bof whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and ^cone Lord Jesus Christ, ^dthrough whom *are* all things, and ^ethrough whom *we live*.

7 However, *there* is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, ^awith consciousness of the idol, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is ^bdefiled.

8 But ^afood does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

9 But ^abeware lest somehow this liberty of yours become ^ba ¹stumbling block to those who are weak.

10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not ^athe conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

11 And ^abecause of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12 But ^awhen you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

13 Therefore, ^aif food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A Pattern of Self-Denial

9 Am ^aI not an apostle? Am I not free? ^bHave I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? ^cAre you not my work in the Lord?

2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are ^athe ¹seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 My defense to those who examine me is this:

4 ^aDo we have no ¹right to eat and drink?

5 Do we have no right to take along ^aa believing wife, as *do* also the other apostles, ^athe brothers of the Lord, and ^bCephas?

6 Or *is it* only Barnabas and I ^awho have no right to refrain from working?

7 Who ever ^agoes to war at his own expense? Who ^bplants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who ^ctends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

8 Do I say these things as a *mere*

man? Or does not the law say the same also?

9 For it is written in the law of Moses, *"You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain."* Is it oxen God is concerned about?

10 Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written, that *he* who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11 *¶*If we have sown spiritual things for you, *is it* a great thing if we reap your material things?

12 If others are partakers of *this* right over you, *are we* not even more? *¶*Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things *lest* we hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 *¶*Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the *temple*, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?

14 Even so *the* Lord has commanded *that* those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

15 But *¶*I have used none of these things, nor have I written these things that it should be done so to me; for *it would be* better for me to die than that anyone should make my boasting void.

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for *¶*necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!

17 For if I do this willingly, *¶*I have a reward; but if against my will, *¶*I have been entrusted with a stewardship.

18 What is my reward then? That *when* I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel *of* Christ without charge, that I *may* not abuse my authority in the gospel.

Serving All Men

19 For though I am *free* from all *men*, *¶*I have made myself a servant to all, *that* I might win the more;

20 and *to* the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the *law*, that I might win those *who are* under the law;

21 *to* those *who are* without law, as without law *¶*(not being without *law* toward God, but under *law* toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law;

22 *to* the weak I became *as* weak, that I might win the weak. *¶*I have become all things to all *men*, *that* I might by all means save some.

23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

Striving for a Crown

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives

9 ^aDeut. 25:4

10 ^{a2} Tim. 2:6

11 ^aRom. 15:27

12 ^a[Acts 18:3; 20:33] ^{b2} Cor. 11:12

13 ^aLev. 6:16, 26; 7:6, 31

^bNum. 18:8-31

14 ^aMatt. 10:10

^bRom. 10:15

15 ^aActs 18:3; 20:33 ^{b2} Cor. 11:10

16 ^a[Rom. 1:14]

17 ^{a1} Cor. 3:8, 14; 9:18 ^bGal. 2:7

18 ^{a1} Cor. 10:33 ^{b1} Cor. 7:31; 9:12 ¹NU omits *of Christ*

19 ^{a1} Cor. 9:1

^bGal. 5:13

^bMatt. 18:15

20 ^aActs 16:3; 21:23-26 ¹NU adds *though not being myself under the law*

21 ^a[Gal. 2:3; 3:2] ^b[Rom. 2:12, 14]

[¶][1 Cor. 7:22] ¹NU God's law ²NU Christ's law

22 ^aRom. 14:1; 15:1 ^{b1} Cor. 10:33 ^bRom. 11:14 ¹NU omits *as*

24 ^aGal. 2:2

¹win

25 ^aJames 1:12

¹exercises self-control

26 ^{a2} Tim. 2:5

27 ^a[Rom. 8:13] ^b[Rom. 6:18] ^cJer. 6:30

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aEx. 13:21, 22 ^bEx. 14:21, 22, 29

3 ^aEx. 16:4, 15, 35

4 ^aEx. 17:5-7

5 ^aNum. 14:29, 37; 26:65

6 ^aNum. 11:4, 34

7 ^{a1} Cor. 5:11; 10:14 ^bEx. 32:6

8 ^aRev. 2:14

^bNum. 25:1-9

^cPs. 106:29

9 ^aEx. 17:2, 7

^bNum. 21:6-9

¹test

10 ^aEx. 16:2

^bNum. 14:37

^cEx. 12:23

11 ^aRom. 15:4

^bPhil. 4:5 ¹NU omits *all*

²instruction

the prize? *¶*Run in such a way that you may *obtain* it.

25 And everyone who competes for the prize *lets* temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we for *an* imperishable crown.

26 Therefore I run thus: *not* with uncertainty. Thus I fight: *not* as *one who* beats the air.

27 *¶*But I discipline my body and *bring it* into subjection, *lest*, when I have preached to others, I myself should become *disqualified*.

Old Testament Examples

10 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under *the* cloud, all passed through *the* sea,

2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

3 all ate the same *spiritual* food,

4 and all drank the same *spiritual* drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* *were* scattered in the wilderness.

6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as *they* also lusted.

7 *¶*And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, *¶**"The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."*

8 *¶*Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as *some* of them did, and *in* one day twenty-three thousand fell;

9 nor let us *tempt* Christ, as *some* of them also tempted, and *were* destroyed by serpents;

10 nor complain, as *some* of them also complained, and *were* destroyed by *the* destroyer.

11 Now *all* these things happened to them as examples, and *they* were written for our *admonition*, *upon* whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore *let* him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but *¶*God is faithful, *who* will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to *bear* it.

Flee from Idolatry

14 Therefore, my beloved, *flee* from idolatry.

15 I speak as to *wise* men; judge for yourselves what I say.

12 ^aRom. 11:20 *13* ^{a1} Cor. 1:9 ^bPs. 125:3

¹endure *14* ^{a2} Cor. 6:17 *15* ^{a1} Cor. 8:1

16 "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the ¹communion of the blood of Christ? ²The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

17 For ^awe, *though* many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

18 Observe ^aIsrael ^bafter the flesh: "Are not those who eat of the sacrifices ¹partakers of the altar?"

19 What am I saying then? "That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?"

20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles ^asacrifice ^bthey sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

21 "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and ^bthe cup of demons; you cannot partake of the ^aLord's table and of the table of demons.

22 Or do we ^aprovoke the Lord to jealousy? ^bAre we stronger than He?

All to the Glory of God

23 All things are lawful ¹for me, but not all things are ^ahelpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things ²edify.

24 Let no one seek his own, but each one ^athe other's *well-being*.

25 "Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake;

26 for ^a"*the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness*."

27 If any of those who do not believe invites you *to dinner*, and you desire to go, ^aeat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake.

28 But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it ^afor the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; ¹for ^b"*the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness*."

29 "Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For ^awhy is my liberty judged by another man's conscience?

30 But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of *for the food* ^aover which I give thanks?

31 "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

32 "Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,

33 just ^aas I also please all *men* in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

11 Imitate^a me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Head Coverings

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and

16 ^aMatt. 26:26-28
^bActs 2:42
¹fellowship or sharing

17 ^a1 Cor. 12:12, 27

18 ^aRom. 4:12
^bRom. 4:1

^cLev. 3:3; 7:6,
14 ¹fellow-shippers or sharers

19 ^a1 Cor. 8:4

20 ^aLev. 17:7
^bDeut. 32:17

21 ^a2 Cor. 6:15,
16 ^bDeut. 32:38 ^c1 Cor. 11:23-29]

22 ^aDeut. 32:21 ^bEzek. 22:14

23 ^a1 Cor. 6:12
1NU omits *for me* ²build up

24 ^aPhil. 2:4

25 ^a1 Tim. 4:4]

26 ^aPs. 24:1

27 ^aLuke 10:7, 8

28 ^a[1 Cor. 8:7, 10, 12] ^bPs. 24:1 1NU omits the rest of v. 28.

29 ^aRom. 14:16]

30 ^aRom. 14:6

31 ^aCol. 3:17

32 ^aRom. 14:13

33 ^aRom. 15:2

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aEph. 5:1

3 ^aEph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:23
^bGen. 3:16
^cJohn 14:28

4 ^a1 Cor. 12:10

5 ^aDeut. 21:12

6 ^aNum. 5:18

7 ^aGen. 1:26,

27; 5:1; 9:6

8 ^aGen. 2:21-23

9 ^aGen. 2:18

11 ^a[Gal. 3:28]

15 ¹M omits *to her*

16 ^a1 Tim. 6:4

^b1 Cor. 7:17

18 ^a1 Cor. 1:10-12; 3:3

19 ^a1 Tim. 4:1
[Deut. 13:3]

¹Lit. *manifest*, evident

21 ^aJude 12

22 ^a1 Cor. 10:32 ^bJames 2:6 ¹The poor

keep the traditions just as I delivered *them* to you.

3 But I want you to know that ^athe head of every man is Christ, ^bthe head of woman is man, and ^cthe head of Christ is God.

4 Every man praying or ^aprophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonors his head.

5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with *her* head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were ^ashaved.

6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is ^ashameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, since ^ahe is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

8 For man is not from woman, but woman ^afrom man.

9 Nor was man created for the woman, but woman ^afor the man.

10 For this reason the woman ought to have *a symbol* of authority on *her* head, because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless, ^aneither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord.

12 For as woman *came* from man, even so man also *comes* through woman; but all things are from God.

13 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?

15 But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for *her* hair is given ¹to her for a covering.

16 But ^aif anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, ^bnor do the churches of God.

Conduct at the Lord's Supper

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise *you*, since you come together not for the better but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, ^aI hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

19 For ^athere must also be factions among you, ^bthat those who are approved may be ¹recognized among you.

20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of *others*; and one is hungry and ^aanother is drunk.

22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise ^athe church of God and ^bshame ¹those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise *you*.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

23 For ^aI received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: ^bthat the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ^{1a}"Take, eat; this is My body which is ²broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ^{1a}"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death ^atill He comes.

Examine Yourself

27 Therefore whoever eats ^athis bread or drinks ^{this} cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and ^bblood of the Lord.

28 But ^alet a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For he who eats and drinks ^{1a}in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the ²Lord's body.

30 For this reason many ^aare weak and sick among you, and many ^asleep.

31 For ^aif we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, ^awe are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

33 Therefore, my brethren, when you ^acome together to eat, wait for one another.

34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

Spiritual Gifts: Unity in Diversity

12 Now ^aconcerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

2 You know ^athat¹ you were Gentiles, carried away to these ^bdumb² idols, however you were led.

3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus ^{1a}accursed, and ^ano one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

4 ^aThere are ¹diversities of gifts, but ^bthe same Spirit.

5 ^aThere are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God ^awho works ^{1a}all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit ^aof all:

8 for to one is given ^athe word of wisdom through the Spirit, to an-

23 ^{a1} Cor. 15:3
^bMatt.
26:26-28

24 ^{1a}NU omits
Take, eat ²NU
omits broken

26 ^aJohn 14:3

27 ^a[John 6:51]
¹NU, M the
blood

28 ^{a2} Cor. 13:5

29 ¹NU omits
in an unwor-
thy manner
²NU omits
Lord's

30 ¹Are dead

31 ^a[1 John
1:9]

32 ^aPs. 94:12

33 ^{a1} Cor.
14:26

CHAPTER 12

1 ^{a1} Cor. 12:4;
14:1, 37

2 ^aEph. 2:11
^bPs. 115:5

¹NU, M that
when ²mute,
silent

3 ^aMatt. 16:17
¹Gr. anathema

4 ^aRom.
12:3-8 ^bEph.
4:4 ¹allot-
ments or vari-
ous kinds

5 ^aRom. 12:6

6 ^{a1} Cor. 15:28
¹all things in

8 ^{a1} Cor. 2:6, 7
^bRom. 15:14

9 ^{a2} Cor. 4:13
^bMark 3:15;
16:18 ¹NU one

10 ^aMark
16:17 ^bRom.
12:6 ^{c1} John
4:1 ^aActs
2:4-11

11 ^aRom. 12:6
^b[John 3:8]

12 ^aRom. 12:4,
5 ^b[Gal. 3:16]

13 ^a[Rom. 6:5]
^bCol. 3:11
^c[John
7:37-39] ¹NU
omits into

18 ^{a1} Cor.
12:28 ^bRom.
12:3

25 ¹division

27 ^aRom. 12:5
^bEph. 5:30

28 ^aEph. 4:11
^b[Eph. 2:20;
3:5]

other ^bthe word of knowledge through the same Spirit.

9 ^ato another faith by the same Spirit, to another ^bgifts of healings by ¹the same Spirit,

10 ^ato another the working of miracles, to another ^bprophecy, to another ^cdiscerning of spirits, to another ^ddifferent kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, ^adistributing to each one individually ^bas He wills.

Unity and Diversity in One Body

12 For ^aas the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, ^bso also is Christ.

13 For ^aby one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—^bwhether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and ^ahave all been made to drink ¹into one Spirit.

14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?

18 But now ^aGod has set the members, each one of them, in the body ^bjust as He pleased.

19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

23 And those ^amembers of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable ^aparts have greater modesty,

24 but our presentable ^aparts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that ^apart which lacks it,

25 that there should be no ¹schism in the body, but ^athat the members should have the same care for one another.

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ^ayou are the body of Christ, and ^bmembers individually.

28 And ^aGod has appointed these in the church: first ^aapostles, second

“prophets, third teachers, after that “miracles, then “gifts of healings, “helps, “administrations, varieties of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

31 But “earnestly desire the ¹best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

The Greatest Gift

13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And though I have *the gift of* “prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, ^bso that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And “though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body ¹to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 “Love suffers long *and* is ^bkind; love “does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not ¹puffed up;

5 “does not behave rudely, “does not seek its own, is not provoked, ¹thinks no evil;

6 “does not rejoice in iniquity, but ¹rejoices in the truth;

7 “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 “For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is ¹perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For “now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then ^bface to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Prophecy and Tongues

14 Pursue love, and “desire spiritual gifts, ^bbut especially that you may prophesy.

2 For he who “speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

28 “Acts 13:1
^{a1} Cor. 12:10,
 29 “1 Cor.
 12:9, 30 “Num.
 11:17 “Rom.
 12:8

31 “a1 Cor. 14:1,
 39 “1NU
greater

CHAPTER 13

2 “a1 Cor.
 12:8–10, 28;
 14:1 “bMatt.
 17:20; 21:21

3 “aMatt. 6:1, 2
¹NU *so I may*
boast

4 “aProv. 10:12;
 17:9 “bEph.
 4:32 “Gal. 5:26
¹arrogant

5 “a1 Cor. 10:24
¹keeps no
accounts of
evil

6 “aRom. 1:32
^{b2} John 4

7 “aGal. 6:2

9 “a1 Cor. 8:2;
 13:12

10 ¹complete

12 “aPhil. 3:12
^{b1} John 3:2]

CHAPTER 14

1 “a1 Cor.
 12:31; 14:39
^bNum. 11:25,
 29

2 “aActs 2:4;
 10:46

3 “aRom. 14:19;
 15:2 “b1 Tim.
 4:13

5 ¹NU *and*

6 “a1 Cor. 14:26

10 ¹meaning

11 ¹Lit. *bar-*
barian

12 ¹eager
²building up

13 “a1 Cor.
 12:10

15 “aCol. 3:16
^bPs. 47:7

16 “a1 Cor.
 11:24

3 But he who prophesies speaks “edification and ^bexhortation and comfort to men.

4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; ¹for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

Tongues Must Be Interpreted

6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by “revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?

7 Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played?

8 For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

9 So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without ¹significance.

11 Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a ¹foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks *will be* a foreigner to me.

12 Even so you, since you are ¹zealous for spiritual gifts, *let it be* for the ²edification of the church *that* you seek to excel.

13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may “interpret.

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. “I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing ^bwith the understanding.

16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” “at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?

17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Tongues a Sign to Unbelievers

20 Brethren, "do not be children in understanding; however, in malice ^bbe babes, but in understanding be mature.

21 "In the law it is written:

^b"*With men of other tongues and other lips
I will speak to this people;
And yet, for all that, they will
not hear Me,*"

says the Lord.

22 Therefore tongues are for a "sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

23 Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those who are* uninformed or unbelievers, "will they not say that you are 'out of your mind'?

24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.

25 ¹And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report "that God is truly among you.

Order in Church Meetings

26 How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, "has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. ^bLet all things be done for 'edification.

27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, *let there be two or at the most three, each* in turn, and let one interpret.

28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

29 Let two or three prophets speak, and "let the others judge.

30 But if *anything* is revealed to another who sits by, "let the first keep silent.

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

32 And "the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is not *the author* of 'confusion but of peace, "as in all the churches of the saints.

34 "Let 'your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but *they are* to be submissive, as the ^blaw also says.

35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

36 Or did the word of God come *originally* from you? Or was *it* you only that it reached?

37 "If anyone thinks himself to be

20 ^aPs. 131:2
^b[1 Pet. 2:2]

21 ^aJohn 10:34
^bIs. 28:11, 12

22 ^aMark
16:17

23 ^aActs 2:13
¹insane

25 ^aIs. 45:14
¹NU omits
And thus

26 ^a1 Cor.
12:8-10; 14:6
^b[2 Cor. 12:19]
¹building up

29 ^a1 Cor.
12:10

30 ^a[1 Thess.
5:19, 20]

32 ^a1 John 4:1

33 ^a1 Cor.
11:16 ¹disorder

34 ^a1 Tim. 2:11
^bGen. 3:16
¹NU omits
your

37 ^a2 Cor. 10:7

38 ¹NU if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

39 ^a1 Cor.
12:31

40 ^a1 Cor.
14:33

CHAPTER 15

1 ^a[Gal. 1:11]
^b[Rom. 5:2;
11:20]

2 ^aRom. 1:16
^bGal. 3:4

3 ^a1 Cor. 11:2,
23 ^b[Gal. 1:12]
^cPs. 22:15;
Is. 53:5-12

4 ^aGen.
1:9-13; Ps.
16:9-11; 68:18;
110:1; Is.
53:10;
Hos. 6:2;
Jon. 1:17; 2:10

5 ^aLuke 24:34
^bMatt. 28:17
¹Peter

6 ¹Died

7 ^aActs 1:3, 4

8 ^a[Acts 9:3-8;
22:6-11;
26:12-18]

9 ^aEph. 3:8
^bActs 8:3

10 ^aEph. 3:7, 8
^bPhil. 2:13

13 ^a[1 Thess.
4:14]

15 ^aActs 2:24

a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But ¹if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Therefore, brethren, "desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

40 "Let all things be done decently and in order.

The Risen Christ, Faith's Reality

15 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel "which I preached to you, which also you received and ^bin which you stand, 2 "by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless ^byou believed in vain.

3 For "I delivered to you first of all that ^bwhich I also received: that Christ died for our sins "according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day "according to the Scriptures,

5 "and that He was seen by ¹Cephas, then ^bby the twelve.

6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have ¹fallen asleep.

7 After that He was seen by James, then ^bby all the apostles.

8 "Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

9 For I am "the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because ^bI persecuted the church of God.

10 But "by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, ^byet not I, but the grace of God *which* was with me.

11 Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Risen Christ, Our Hope

12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, "then Christ is not risen.

14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because "we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise.

16 For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

17 And if Christ is not risen, your

faith is futile; ^ayou are still in your sins!

18 Then also those who have ¹fallen ^aasleep in Christ have perished.

19 ^aIf in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

The Last Enemy Destroyed

20 But now ^aChrist is risen from the dead, *and* has become ^bthe firstfruits of those who have ¹fallen asleep.

21 For ^asince by man *came* death, ^bby Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall ^abe made alive.

23 But ^aeach one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

24 Then *comes* the end, when He delivers ^athe kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign ^atill He has put all enemies under His feet.

26 ^aThe last enemy *that* will be destroyed is death.

27 For ^a*"He has put all things under His feet."* But when He says *"all things are put under Him,"* it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

28 ^aNow when all things are made subject to Him, then ^bthe Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

Effects of Denying the Resurrection

29 Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead?

30 And ^awhy do we stand in ¹jeopardy every hour?

31 I affirm, by ^athe boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, ^bI die daily.

32 If, in the manner of men, ^aI have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, ^b*"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"*

33 Do not be deceived: ^a"Evil company corrupts good habits."

34 ^aAwake to righteousness, and do not sin; ^bfor some do not have the knowledge of God. ^cI speak *this* to your shame.

A Glorious Body

35 But someone will say, ^a"How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?"

36 Foolish one, ^awhat you sow is not made alive unless it dies.

37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other *grain*.

38 But God gives it a body as He

17 ^a[Rom. 4:25]

18 ^aJob 14:12
¹Died

19 ^a2 Tim. 3:12

20 ^a1 Pet. 1:3
^bActs 26:23
¹Died

21 ^aRom. 5:12;
6:23 ^bJohn 11:25

22 ^a[John 5:28, 29]

23 ^a1 Thess. 4:15–17

24 ^a[Dan. 2:44; 7:14, 27;

2 Pet. 1:11]

25 ^aPs. 110:1;
Matt. 22:44

26 ^a2 Tim. 1:10; Rev. 20:14; 21:4]

27 ^aPs. 8:6;
110:1

28 ^a[Phil. 3:21]

^b1 Cor. 3:23;
11:3; 12:6

30 ^a2 Cor. 11:26 ¹*danger*

31 ^a1 Thess. 2:19 ^bRom. 8:36

32 ^a2 Cor. 1:8
^bIs. 22:13;
56:12

33 ^a1 Cor. 5:6]

34 ^aRom. 13:11
^b1 Thess. 4:5]

^c1 Cor. 6:5

35 ^aEzek. 37:3

36 ^aJohn 12:24

39 ¹NU, M
omit *of flesh*

40 ¹heavenly
²earthly

42 ^a[Dan. 12:3]

43 ^a[Phil. 3:21]

45 ^aGen. 2:7
^b[Rom. 5:14]

^cJohn 5:21;
6:57

47 ^aJohn 3:31
^bGen. 2:7; 3:19

^cJohn 3:13

¹earthly ²NU
omits *the*

³Lord

48 ^aPhil. 3:20
¹earthly

49 ^aGen. 5:3

^bRom. 8:29 ¹M
let us also

bear

50 ^a[John 3:3, 5]

51 ^a1 Thess. 4:15] ^b[Phil. 3:21] ¹hidden

truth

52 ^aMatt. 24:31

53 ^a2 Cor. 5:4

54 ^aIs. 25:8

55 ^aHos. 13:14
¹NU O *Death,*
where is your

victory? O
Death, where
is your sting?

pleases, and to each seed its own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but *there* is one *kind* ¹of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, *and* another of birds.

40 *There* are also ¹celestial bodies and ²terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 *There* is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory.

42 ^aSo also is the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

43 ^aIt is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, ^a*"The first man Adam became a living being."* ^bThe last Adam became ^aa life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 ^aThe first man was of the earth, ^bmade ¹of dust; the second Man is ²the Lord ^afrom heaven.

48 As was the ¹man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; ^aand as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And ^aas we have borne the image of the man of dust, ^bwe ¹shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Our Final Victory

50 Now this I say, brethren, that ^aflesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a ¹mystery: ^aWe shall not all sleep, ^bbut we shall all be changed—

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. ^aFor the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and ^athis mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ^a*"Death is swallowed up in victory."*

55 ^a*"O^a1 Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"*

56 The sting of death is sin, and ^athe strength of sin is the law.

57 ^aBut thanks be to God, who gives

us ^bthe victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 ^aTherefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing ^bthat your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Collection for the Saints

16 Now concerning ^athe collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also:

2 ^aOn the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

3 And when I come, ^awhomever you approve by *your* letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem.

4 ^aBut if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

Personal Plans

5 Now I will come to you ^awhen I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia).

6 And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may ^asend me on my journey, wherever I go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, ^aif the Lord permits.

8 But I will tarry in Ephesus until ^aPentecost.

9 For ^aa great and effective door has opened to me, and ^bthere are many adversaries.

10 And ^aif Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for ^bhe does the work of the Lord, as I also do.

11 ^aTherefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey ^bin peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

57 ^b[1 John 5:4]

58 ^a2 Pet. 3:14
^b[1 Cor. 3:8]

CHAPTER 16

1 ^aGal. 2:10

2 ^aActs 20:7

3 ^a2 Cor. 3:1;
8:18

4 ^a2 Cor. 8:4,
19

5 ^a2 Cor. 1:15,
16

6 ^aActs 15:3

7 ^aJames 4:15

8 ^aLev.
23:15–22

9 ^aActs 14:27
^bActs 19:9

10 ^aActs 19:22
^bPhil. 2:20

11 ^a1 Tim. 4:12
^bActs 15:33

12 ^a1 Cor. 1:12;
3:5

13 ^aMatt. 24:42
^bPhil. 1:27; 4:1
^c[Eph. 3:16;
6:10]

14 ^a[1 Pet. 4:8]

15 ^a1 Cor. 1:16
^bRom. 16:5 ^c2
Cor. 8:4

16 ^aHeb. 13:17
^b[Heb. 6:10]

17 ^a2 Cor. 11:9

18 ^aCol. 4:8
^bPhil. 2:29

19 ^aRom. 16:5

20 ^aRom. 16:16

21 ^aCol. 4:18

12 Now concerning *our* brother ^aApollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time.

Final Exhortations

13 ^aWatch, ^bstand fast in the faith, be brave, ^cbe strong.

14 ^aLet all *that* you do be done with love.

15 I urge you, brethren—you know ^athe household of Stephanas, that it is ^bthe firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to ^cthe ministry of the saints—

16 ^athat you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and ^blabors with us.

17 I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, ^afor what was lacking on your part they supplied.

18 ^aFor they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore ^backnowledge such men.

Greetings and a Solemn Farewell

19 The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, ^awith the church that is in their house.

20 All the brethren greet you.

^aGreet one another with a holy kiss.

21 ^aThe salutation with my own hand—Paul's.

22 If anyone ^adoes not love the Lord Jesus Christ, ^blet him be ^caccursed. ^c0² Lord, come!

23 ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.

24 My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

22 ^aEph. 6:24 ^bGal. 1:8, 9 ^cJude 14, 15 ¹Gr. *anathema* ²Aram. *Marana tha*; possibly *Maranatha*, *Our Lord has come* ²³^aRom. 16:20

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the

CORINTHIANS

SINCE Paul's first letter, the Corinthian church had been swayed by false teachers who stirred the people against Paul. They claimed he was fickle, proud, unimpressive in appearance and speech, dishonest, and unqualified as an apostle of Jesus Christ. Paul sent Titus to Corinth to deal with these difficulties, and upon his return, rejoiced to hear of the Corinthians' change of heart. Paul wrote this letter to express his thanksgiving for the repentant majority and to appeal to the rebellious minority to accept his authority. Throughout the book he defends his conduct, character, and calling as an apostle of Jesus Christ.

To distinguish this epistle from First Corinthians, it was given the title *Pros Korinthious B*, the “Second to the Corinthians.” The A and B were probably later additions to *Pros Korinthious*.

Greeting

PAUL, ^aan apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and ^bTimothy our brother,

To the church of God which is at Corinth, ^cwith all the saints who are in all Achaia:

2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Comfort in Suffering

3 ^aBlessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who ^acomforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any ¹trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For as ^athe sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our ¹consolation also abounds through Christ.

6 Now if we are afflicted, ^{it} is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, ^{it} is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that ^aas you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you ^{will} partake of the consolation.

Delivered from Suffering

8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of ^aour ¹trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should ^anot trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

10 ^awho delivered us from so great a death, and ^adoes deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

11 you also ^ahelping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on ¹our behalf ^bfor the gift ^{granted} to us through many.

Paul's Sincerity

12 For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in ¹simplicity and ^agodly sincerity, ^bnot with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

13 For we are not writing any other

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a2 Tim. 1:1

^b1 Cor. 16:10

^cCol. 1:2

2 ^aRom. 1:7

3 ^a1 Pet. 1:3

4 ^aIs. 51:12;
66:13 ¹tribulation

5 ^a2 Cor. 4:10
¹comfort

6 ^a2 Cor. 4:15;
12:15

7 ^a[Rom. 8:17]

8 ^aActs 19:23
¹tribulation

9 ^aJer. 17:5, 7

10 ^a[2 Pet. 2:9]
¹NU shall

11 ^aRom. 15:30
^b2 Cor. 4:15;
9:11 ¹M your behalf

12 ^a2 Cor. 2:17
^b1 Cor. 2:4]
¹The opposite of duplicity

14 ^a2 Cor. 5:12
^bPhil. 2:16

15 ^a1 Cor. 4:19
^bRom. 1:11;
15:29

16 ^a1 Cor.
16:3-6

17 ^a2 Cor. 10:2;
11:18

18 ^a1 John
5:20 ¹message

19 ^aMark 1:1
^b1 Pet. 5:12
^c2 Cor. 1:1
^d[Heb. 13:8]

20 ^a[Rom.
15:8, 9]

21 ^a[1 John
2:20, 27]

22 ^a[Eph. 4:30]
^b[Eph. 1:14]

23 ^aGal. 1:20
^b1 Cor. 4:21

24 ^a[1 Pet. 5:3]
^bRom. 11:20
¹rule

CHAPTER 2

1 ^a2 Cor. 1:23

2 ^a2 Cor. 7:8

3 ^a2 Cor. 12:21
^bGal. 5:10

4 ^a[2 Cor. 2:9;
7:8, 12] ¹tribulation

5 ^a[1 Cor. 5:1]
^bGal. 4:12

things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end

14 (as also you have understood us in part), ^athat we are your boast as ^byou also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Sparing the Church

15 And in this confidence ^aI intended to come to you before, that you might have ^aa second benefit— 16 to pass by way of you to Macedonia, ^ato come again from Macedonia to you, and be helped by you on my way to Judea.

17 Therefore, when I was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan ^aaccording to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No?

18 But as God is ^afaithful, our ¹word to you was not Yes and No.

19 For ^athe Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, ^bSilvanus, and ^cTimothy—was not Yes and No, ^abut in Him was Yes.

20 ^aFor all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and ^ahas anointed us is God,

22 who ^aalso has sealed us and ^bgiven us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

23 Moreover ^aI call God as witness against my soul, ^bthat to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

24 Not ^athat we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for ^bby faith you stand.

2 But I determined this within myself, ^athat I would not come again to you in sorrow.

2 For if I make you ^asorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

Forgive the Offender

3 And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, ^aI should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, ^bhaving confidence in you all that my joy is ^{the} joy of you all.

4 For out of much ¹affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, ^anot that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

5 But ^aif anyone has caused grief, he has not ^bgrieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to be too severe.

6 This punishment which was inflicted ^aby the majority is sufficient for such a man,

7 ^aso that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow.

8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him.

9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are ^aobedient in all things.

10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For ¹if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ,

11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Triumph in Christ

12 Furthermore, ^awhen I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and ^aa door was opened to me by the Lord,

13 ^aI had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.

14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us ¹diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ ^aamong those who are being saved and ^bamong those who are perishing.

16 ^aTo the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And ^bwho is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not, as ¹so many, ^apeddling² the word of God; but as ^bof sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

Christ's Epistle

3 Do ^awe begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, ^bepistles of commendation to you or ^cletters of commendation from you?

2 ^aYou are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ^aministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not ^bon tablets of stone but ^con tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

The Spirit, Not the Letter

4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God.

5 ^aNot that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as ^bbeing from ourselves, but ^cour sufficiency is from God,

6 who also made us sufficient as ^aministers of ^bthe new covenant, not

6 ^a1 Cor. 5:4, 5

7 ^aGal. 6:1

9 ^a2 Cor. 7:15; 10:6

10 ¹NU

indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes

12 ^aActs 16:8

^b1 Cor. 16:9

¹Opportunity

13 ^a2 Cor. 7:6, 13; 8:6

14 ¹manifests

15 ^a[1 Cor.

1:18] ^b[2 Cor. 4:3]

16 ^aLuke 2:34

^b[1 Cor. 15:10]

17 ^a2 Pet. 2:3

^b2 Cor. 1:12

¹M the rest

²adulterating

for gain

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a2 Cor. 5:12;

10:12, 18;

12:11 ^bActs

18:27

2 ^a1 Cor. 9:2

3 ^a1 Cor. 3:5

^bEx. 24:12;

31:18; 32:15

^cPs. 40:8

5 ^a[John 15:5]

^b1 Cor. 15:10

6 ^a1 Cor. 3:5

^bJer. 31:31

^cRom. 2:27

^aGal. 3:10

^aJohn 6:63

¹Or spirit

7 ^aRom. 7:10

^bEx. 34:1 ^cEx.

34:29

8 ^a[Gal. 3:5]

9 ^a[Rom. 1:17;

3:21]

12 ^aEph. 6:19

13 ^aEx.

34:33-35

^b[Gal. 3:23]

14 ^aIs. 6:9, 10;

Acts 28:26

16 ^aRom. 11:23

^bIs. 25:7

17 ^a[1 Cor.

15:45] ^bGal.

5:1, 13

18 ^a1 Cor.

13:12 ^b[2 Cor.

4:4, 6] ^c[Rom.

8:29, 30] ¹Or

from the

Lord, the

Spirit

CHAPTER 4

1 ^a1 Cor. 7:25

^b2 Cor. 4:16

2 ^a2 Cor. 5:11

¹adulterating

the word of

God

3 ^a[1 Cor. 1:18]

4 ^aJohn 12:31

^bJohn 12:40

^c[2 Cor. 3:8, 9]

^a[John 1:18]

5 ^a1 Cor. 1:13

^b1 Cor. 9:19

^cof the letter but of the ¹Spirit; for ^athe letter kills, ^bbut the Spirit gives life.

Glory of the New Covenant

7 But if ^athe ministry of death, ^bwritten and engraved on stones, was glorious, ^cso that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

8 how will ^athe ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry ^aof righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels.

11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

12 Therefore, since we have such hope, ^awe use great boldness of speech—

13 unlike Moses, ^awho put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at ^bthe end of what was passing away.

14 But ^atheir minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.

15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

16 Nevertheless ^awhen one turns to the Lord, ^bthe veil is taken away.

17 Now ^athe Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is ^bliberty.

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding ^aas in a mirror ^bthe glory of the Lord, ^care being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as ¹by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Light of Christ's Gospel

4 Therefore, since we have this ministry, ^aas we have received mercy, we ^bdo not lose heart.

2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor ¹handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth ^acommending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, ^ait is veiled to those who are perishing,

4 whose minds ^athe god of this age ^bhas blinded, who do not believe, lest ^athe light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, ^awho is the image of God, should shine on them.

5 ^aFor we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ^bourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

6 For it is the God ^awho commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has ^bshone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Cast Down but Unconquered

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, ^athat the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

8 We are ^ahard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not ^aforsaken; ^bstruck down, but not destroyed—

10 ^aalways carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, ^athat the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live ^aare always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death is working in us, but life in you.

13 And since we have ^athe same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ^b*"I believed and therefore I spoke,"* we also believe and therefore speak,

14 knowing that ^aHe who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

15 For ^aall things are for your sakes, that ^bgrace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Seeing the Invisible

16 Therefore we ^ado not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is ^bbeing renewed day by day.

17 For ^aour light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

18 ^awhile we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Assurance of the Resurrection

5 For we know that if ^aour earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house ^bnot made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this ^awe groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our ^bhabitation which is from heaven,

3 if indeed, ^ahaving been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

4 For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, ^abut further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

6 ^aGen. 1:3
^{b2} Pet. 1:19

7 ^{a1} Cor. 2:5

8 ^{a2} Cor. 1:8;
7:5

9 ^a[Heb. 13:5]
^bPs. 37:24

10 ^aPhil. 3:10
^bRom. 8:17

11 ^aRom. 8:36

13 ^{a2} Pet. 1:1
^bPs. 116:10

14 ^a[Rom. 8:11]

15 ^aCol. 1:24
^{b2} Cor. 1:11

16 ^{a2} Cor. 4:1
^b[Is. 40:29, 31]

17 ^aRom. 8:18

18 ^a[Heb. 11:1,
13]

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aJob 4:19
^bMark 14:58
¹Physical
body

2 ^aRom. 8:23
¹dwelling

3 ^aRev. 3:18

4 ^{a1} Cor. 15:53

5 ^aRom. 8:23
¹down payment, earnest

7 ^aHeb. 11:1

8 ^aPhil. 1:23

10 ^aMatt.
16:27; Acts
10:42; Rom.
2:16; 14:10, 12
^bGal. 6:7; Eph.
6:8

11 ^a[Heb.
10:31; 12:29]

12 ^{a2} Cor. 3:1
^{b2} Cor. 1:14

13 ^{a2} Cor. 11:1,
16; 12:11

14 ^a[Rom.
5:15; 6:6]

15 ^a[Rom.
6:11]

16 ^{a2} Cor. 10:3
^b[Matt. 12:50]

17 ^a[John 6:63]
^b[Rom. 8:9]
^cIs. 43:18;
65:17 ^a[Rom.
6:3-10]

18 ^aRom. 5:10

19 ^a[Rom.
3:24] ¹reckoning

20 ^aEph. 6:20

21 ^aIs. 53:6, 9
^b[Rom. 1:17;
3:21]; 1 Cor.
1:30

5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also ^ahas given us the Spirit as ^{1a} guarantee.

6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

7 For ^awe walk by faith, not by sight.

8 We are confident, yes, ^awell pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

10 ^aFor we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, ^bthat each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

11 Knowing, therefore, ^athe terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Be Reconciled to God

12 For ^awe do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity ^bto boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.

13 For ^aif we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that ^aif One died for all, then all died;

15 and He died for all, ^athat those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

16 ^aTherefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, ^byet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

17 Therefore, if anyone ^ais in Christ, he is ^{ba} a new creation; ^aold things have passed away; behold, all things have become ^anew.

18 Now all things are of God, ^awho has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 that is, that ^aGod was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not ¹imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ^aambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

21 For ^aHe made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become ^bthe righteousness of God in Him.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1

Marks of the Ministry

6 We then, as ^aworkers together with Him also ^bplead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 For He says:

*^a"In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you."*

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

3 ^aWe give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

4 But in all *things* we commend ourselves ^aas ministers of God: in much ^bpatience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

5 ^ain stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by ^bsincere love,

7 ^aby the word of truth, by ^bthe power of God, by ^cthe armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;

9 as unknown, and ^ayet well known; ^bas dying, and behold we live; ^cas chastened, and yet not killed;

10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many ^arich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Be Holy

11 O Corinthians! ^aWe have spoken openly to you, ^aour heart is wide open.

12 You are not restricted by us, but ^ayou are restricted by your own affections.

13 Now in return for the same ^a(I speak as to children), you also be open.

14 ^aDo not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For ^bwhat ^bfellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what ^ccommunion has light with darkness?

15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For ^ayou are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

*^b"I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people."*

17 Therefore

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CHAPTER 6

¹ ^a1 Cor. 3:9
^b2 Cor. 5:20

² ^aIs. 49:8

³ ^aRom. 14:13

⁴ ^a1 Cor. 4:1
¹endurance

⁵ ^a2 Cor. 11:23

⁶ ¹Lit. *unhypo-critical*

⁷ ^a2 Cor. 7:14
^b1 Cor. 2:4
^c2 Cor. 10:4

⁹ ^a2 Cor. 4:2;
⁵:11 ^b1 Cor. 4:9, 11
¹Ps. 118:18

¹⁰ ^a[2 Cor. 8:9]

¹¹ ^a2 Cor. 7:3
¹Lit. *Our mouth is open*

¹² ^a2 Cor. 12:15

¹³ ^a1 Cor. 4:14

¹⁴ ^a1 Cor. 5:9
^bEph. 5:6, 7,
¹¹ ¹in *common* ²fellowship

¹⁶ ^a[1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19]
^bEzek. 37:26,
²⁷ ¹NU *we*

¹⁷ ^aIs. 52:11

¹⁸ ^a2 Sam. 7:14 ^b[Rom. 8:14]

CHAPTER 7

¹ ^a[1 John 3:3]

² ^aActs 20:33

³ ^a2 Cor. 6:11,
¹²

⁴ ^a2 Cor. 3:12
^b1 Cor. 1:4
^cPhil. 2:17

⁵ ^a2 Cor. 2:13
^b2 Cor. 4:8
^cDeut. 32:25

⁶ ^a2 Cor. 1:3, 4
^b2 Cor. 2:13;
⁷:13

⁷ ¹comfort

⁸ ^a2 Cor. 2:2
^b2 Cor. 2:4

¹⁰ ^aMatt. 26:75
^bProv. 17:22

¹¹ ^aEph. 5:11
^b2 Cor. 2:5-11

¹² ^a2 Cor. 2:4

^a"Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you."

18 ^a"I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My ^bsons and daughters,
Says the LORD Almighty."

7 Therefore, ^ahaving these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The Corinthians' Repentance

2 Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, ^awe have cheated no one.

3 I do not say *this* to condemn; for ^aI have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together.

4 ^aGreat is my boldness of speech toward you, ^bgreat is my boasting on your behalf. ^cI am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For indeed, ^awhen we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but ^bwe were troubled on every side. ^cOutside were conflicts, inside were fears.

6 Nevertheless ^aGod, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by ^bthe coming of Titus,

7 and not only by his coming, but also by the ^bconsolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.

8 For even if I made you ^asorry with my letter, I do not regret it; ^athough I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while.

9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. **10** For ^agodly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; ^bbut the sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, *what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication!* In all *things* you proved yourselves to be ^bclear in this matter.

12 Therefore, although I wrote to you, *I did not do it* for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, ^abut that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.

The Joy of Titus

13 Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we re-

joined exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit ^ahas been refreshed by you all.

14 For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as you spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true.

15 And his affections are greater for you as he remembers ^athe obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him.

16 Therefore I rejoice that ^aI have confidence in you in everything.

Excel in Giving

8 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and ^atheir deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,

4 imploring us with much urgency ^tthat we would receive the gift and ^athe fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first ^agave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the ^bwill of God.

6 So ^awe urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

7 But as ^ayou abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see ^bthat you abound in this grace also.

Christ Our Pattern

8 ^aI speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^athat though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become ^arich.

10 And in this ^aI give advice: ^bIt is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and ^cwere desiring to do a year ago;

11 but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have.

12 For ^aif there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.

13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; 14 but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance

13 ^aRom. 15:32

15 ^a2 Cor. 2:9

16 ^a2 Thess. 3:4

CHAPTER 8

2 ^aMark 12:44

4 ^aRom. 15:25, 26 ¹NU, ^Momit that we would receive, thus changing text to urgency for the favor and fellowship

5 ^a[Rom. 12:1, 2] ^b[Eph. 6:6]

6 ^a2 Cor. 8:17; 12:18

7 ^a[1 Cor. 1:5; 12:13] ^b2 Cor. 9:8

8 ^a1 Cor. 7:6

9 ^aPhil. 2:6, 7 ^bRom. 9:23

10 ^a1 Cor. 7:25, 40 ^b[Heb. 13:16] ^c2 Cor. 9:2

12 ^aMark 12:43, 44

15 ^aEx. 16:18

16 ¹NU has put

18 ^a2 Cor. 12:18

19 ^a1 Cor. 16:3, 4 ^b2 Cor. 4:15

21 ^aRom. 12:17

23 ^a2 Cor. 7:13, 14 ^bPhil. 2:25 ¹Lit. apostles, "sent ones"

24 ^a2 Cor. 7:4, 14; 9:2 ¹NU, ^Momit and

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aGal. 2:10

2 ^a2 Cor. 8:10

3 ^a2 Cor. 8:6, 17

4 ¹NU confidence.

5 ¹encourage ²Lit. covetousness

6 ^aProv. 11:24; 22:9

also may supply your lack—that there may be equality.

15 As it is written, ^a"He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack."

Collection for the Judean Saints

16 But thanks be to God who ^aputs the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.

17 For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord.

18 And we have sent with him ^athe brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches,

19 and not only that, but who was also ^achosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us ^bto the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind,

20 avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us—

21 ^aproviding honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which we have in you.

23 If anyone inquires about ^aTitus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren are inquired about, they are ^bmessengers¹ of the churches, the glory of Christ.

24 Therefore show to them, ¹and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our ^aboasting on your behalf.

Administering the Gift

9 Now concerning ^athe ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you;

2 for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a ^ayear ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.

3 ^aYet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready;

4 lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this ¹confident boasting.

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to ¹exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a ^amatter of generosity and not as a ²grudging obligation.

The Cheerful Giver

6 ^aBut this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,

and he who sows ¹bountifully will also reap ¹bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, ^anot grudgingly or of ¹necessity; for ^bGod loves a cheerful giver.

8 ^aAnd God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

9 As it is written:

*^a"He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor:
His righteousness endures
forever."*

10 Now ¹may He who ^asupplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, ²supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your ^bbrighteousness,

11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, ^awhich causes thanksgiving through us to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only ^asupplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God.

13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they ^aglorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal ^bsharing with them and all men,

14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding ^agrace of God in you.

15 Thanks be to God ^afor His indescribable gift!

The Spiritual War

10 Now ^aI, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—^bwho in presence ^aam lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.

2 But I beg you ^athat when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

4 ^aFor the weapons ^bof our warfare are not ¹carnal but ^amighty in God ^afor pulling down strongholds,

5 ^acasting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

6 ^aand being ready to punish all disobedience when ^byour obedience is fulfilled.

Reality of Paul's Authority

7 ^aDo you look at things according to the outward appearance? ^bIf any-

6 ¹with blessings

7 ^aDeut. 15:7

^bRom. 12:8

¹compulsion

8 ^a[Prov.

11:24]

9 ^aPs. 112:9

10 ^aIs. 55:10

^bHos. 10:12

¹NU omits

may ²NU will

supply

11 ^a2 Cor. 1:11

12 ^a2 Cor. 8:14

13 ^a[Matt.

5:16] ^b[Heb.

13:16]

14 ^a2 Cor. 8:1

15 ^a[James

1:17]

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aRom. 12:1

^b1 Thess. 2:7

2 ^a1 Cor. 4:21

4 ^aEph. 6:13

^b1 Tim. 1:18

^cActs 7:22

^dJer. 1:10 ¹of

the flesh

5 ^a1 Cor. 1:19

6 ^a2 Cor. 13:2,

10 ^b2 Cor. 7:15

7 ^a[John 7:24]

^b1 Cor. 1:12;

14:37 ^c1 Cor.

3:23 ¹NU as

we are.

8 ^a2 Cor. 13:10

^b2 Cor. 7:14

¹NU omits us

²building up

10 ^aGal. 4:13

^b2 Cor. 11:6

12 ^a2 Cor. 5:12

13 ^a2 Cor.

10:15

14 ^a1 Cor.

3:5, 6

15 ^aRom. 15:20

17 ^aJer. 9:24

18 ^aProv. 27:2

^bRom. 2:29

CHAPTER 11

1 ^a2 Cor. 11:4,

16, 19

2 ^aGal. 4:17

^bHos. 2:19

^cCol. 1:28

^dLev. 21:13

3 ^aGen. 3:4, 13

^bEph. 6:24

¹NU adds and

purity

4 ^aGal. 1:6-8

one is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even ¹so ^awe are Christ's.

8 For even if I should boast somewhat more ^aabout our authority, which the Lord gave ¹us for ²edification and not for your destruction, ^bI shall not be ashamed—

9 lest I seem to terrify you by letters.

10 "For his letters," they say, "are weighty and powerful, but ^ahis bodily presence is weak, and his ^bspeech contemptible."

11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

Limits of Paul's Authority

12 ^aFor we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

13 ^aWe, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you.

14 For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), ^afor it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ;

15 not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, ^ain other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere,

16 to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment.

17 But ^a"he who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

18 For ^anot he who commends himself is approved, but ^bwhom the Lord commends.

Concern for Their Faithfulness

11 Oh, that you would bear with me in a little ^afolly—and indeed you do bear with me.

2 For I am ^ajealous for you with godly jealousy. For ^bI have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you ^aas a chaste virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear, lest somehow, as ^athe serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds ^bmay be corrupted from the ¹simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a ^adifferent gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Paul and False Apostles

5 For I consider that ^aI am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles.

6 Even though ^aI am untrained in speech, yet *I am* not ^bin knowledge. But ^cwe have ^dbeen thoroughly manifested among you in all things.

7 Did I commit sin in ¹humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you ^efree of charge?

8 I robbed other churches, taking wages from *them* to minister to you.

9 And when I was present with you, and in need, ^aI was a burden to no one, for what I lacked ^bthe brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep *myself*.

10 ^aAs the truth of Christ is in me, ^bno one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

11 Why? ^aBecause I do not love you? God knows!

12 But what I do, I will also continue to do, ^athat I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.

13 For such ^aare false apostles, ^bdeceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into ^aan angel of light.

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, ^awhose end will be according to their works.

Reluctant Boasting

16 I say again, let no one think me a fool. If otherwise, at least receive me as a fool, that I also may boast a little.

17 What I speak, ^aI speak not according to the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

18 Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast.

19 For you put up with fools gladly, ^asince you *yourselves* are wise!

20 For you put up with it ^aif one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face.

21 To *our* shame ^aI say that we were too weak for that! But ^bin whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also.

Suffering for Christ

22 Are they ^aHebrews? So *am* I. Are they Israelites? So *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So *am* I. 23 Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I *am* more: ^ain

5 ^{a2} Cor. 12:11

6 ^{a1} Cor. 1:17]

^b[Eph. 3:4]

^{c2} Cor. 12:12]

¹NU omits

been

7 ^{a1} Cor. 9:18

¹putting

myself down

9 ^aActs 20:33

^bPhil. 4:10

10 ^aRom. 1:9;

9:1 ^{b1} Cor.

9:15

11 ^{a2} Cor. 6:11;

12:15

12 ^{a1} Cor. 9:12

13 ^aPhil. 1:15

^bPhil. 3:2

14 ^aGal. 1:8

15 ^a[Phil. 3:19]

17 ^{a1} Cor. 7:6

19 ^{a1} Cor. 4:10

20 ^a[Gal. 2:4;

4:3, 9; 5:1]

21 ^{a2} Cor.

10:10 ^bPhil.

3:4

22 ^aPhil. 3:4-6

23 ^{a1} Cor.

15:10 ^bActs

9:16 ^{c1} Cor.

15:30

24 ^aDeut. 25:3

^{b2} Cor. 6:5

25 ^aActs 16:22,

23; 21:32

^bActs 14:5, 19

^cActs 27:1-44

26 ^aActs 9:23,

24; 13:45, 50;

17:5, 13 ^bActs

14:5, 19;

19:23; 27:42

27 ^aActs 20:31

^{b1} Cor. 4:11

^cActs 9:9;

13:2, 3; 14:23

28 ^aActs 20:18

29 ^a[1 Cor. 8:9,

13; 9:22]

30 ^a[2 Cor.

12:5, 9, 10]

¹weakness

31 ^{a1} Thess.

2:5 ^bRom. 9:5

32 ^aActs

9:19-25

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aActs 16:9;

18:9; 22:17,

18; 23:11;

26:13-15;

27:23 ^b[Gal.

1:12; 2:2] ¹NU

necessary;

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profitable, to

boast

2 ^aRom. 16:7

^bActs 22:17

4 ^aLuke 23:43

5 ^{a2} Cor. 11:30

7 ^aEzek. 28:24

^bJob 2:7

labors more abundant, ^bin stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, ^cin deaths often.

24 From the Jews five times I received ^aforty ^bstripes minus one.

25 Three times I was ^abeaten with rods; ^bonce I was stoned; three times I ^cwas shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, ^ain perils of *my own* countrymen, ^bin perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 in weariness and toil, ^ain sleeplessness often, ^bin hunger and thirst, in ^cfastings often, in cold and nakedness—

28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: ^amy deep concern for all the churches.

29 ^aWho is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn *with indignation*?

30 If I must boast, ^aI will boast in the things which concern my ¹infirmity.

31 ^aThe God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^bwho is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

32 ^aIn Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me;

33 but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

The Vision of Paradise

12 It is ¹doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to ^avisions and ^brevelations of the Lord:

2 I know a man ^ain Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one ^bwas caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

4 how he was caught up into ^aParadise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not ^aboast, except in my infirmities.

6 For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me.

The Thorn in the Flesh

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a ^athorn in the flesh was given to me, ^ba messenger of

Satan to ¹buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 ^aConcerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 ^aAnd He said to me, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."** Therefore most gladly ^aI will rather boast in my infirmities, ^bthat the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore ^aI take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. ^bFor when I am weak, then I am strong.

Signs of an Apostle

11 I have become ^aa fool ¹in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for ²in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though ³I am nothing.

12 ^aTruly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and ^bwonders and mighty ^cdeeds.

13 For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

Love for the Church

14 ^aNow for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for ^bI do not seek yours, but you. ^cFor the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent ^afor your souls; though ^bthe more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.

16 But be that *as it may*, ^aI did not burden you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you by cunning!

17 Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you?

18 I urged Titus, and sent our ^abrother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not walk in the same steps?

19 ^aAgain, ¹do you think that we excuse ourselves to you? ^bWe speak before God in Christ. ^cBut we do all things, beloved, for your edification.

20 For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and *that* ^aI shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest *there be* contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults; 21 lest, when I come again, my God

7 ¹beat

8 ^aMatt. 26:44

9 ^a2 Cor. 11:30

^b[1 Pet. 4:14]

10 ^a[Rom. 5:3;

8:35] ^b2 Cor.

13:4

11 ^a2 Cor. 5:13;

11:1, 16; 12:6

^b2 Cor. 11:5

^c1 Cor. 3:7;

13:2; 15:9 ¹NU

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boasting

12 ^aRom. 15:18

^bActs 15:12

^cActs 14:8-10;

16:16-18;

19:11, 12;

20:6-12;

28:1-10

14 ^a2 Cor. 1:15;

13:1, 2

^b[1 Cor.

10:24-33]

^c1 Cor. 4:14

15 ^a[2 Tim.

2:10] ^b2 Cor.

6:12, 13

16 ^a2 Cor. 11:9

18 ^a2 Cor. 8:18

19 ^a2 Cor. 5:12

^b[Rom. 9:1, 2]

^c1 Cor. 10:33

¹NU *You have*

been thinking

for a long

time that we

20 ^a1 Cor. 4:21

21 ^a2 Cor. 2:1,

4 ^b2 Cor. 13:2

^c1 Cor. 5:1

CHAPTER 13

1 ^a2 Cor. 12:14

^bDeut. 17:6;

19:15

2 ^a2 Cor. 10:2

^b2 Cor. 12:21

^c2 Cor. 1:23;

10:11 ¹NU

omits *I write*

3 ^aMatt. 10:20

^b[1 Cor. 9:2]

4 ^a[1 Pet. 3:18]

^b[Rom. 1:4;

6:4] ^c[2 Cor.

10:3, 4]

5 ^a[Gal. 4:19]

^b1 Cor. 9:27

¹do not stand

the test

7 ^a2 Cor. 6:9

¹NU *we*

9 ^a1 Cor. 4:10

^b[1 Thess. 3:10]

10 ^a1 Cor. 4:21

^b2 Cor. 10:8

11 ^aRom.

12:16, 18

^bRom. 15:33

12 ^aRom. 16:16

14 ^aRom. 16:24

^bPhil. 2:1 ¹fellowship

^awill humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many ^bwho have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, ^cfornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

Coming with Authority

13 This will be ^athe third time I am coming to you. ^b*"By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."*

2 ^aI have told you before, and foretold as if I were present the second time, and now being absent ¹I write to those ^bwho have sinned before, and to all the rest, that if I come again ^cI will not spare—

3 since you seek a proof of Christ ^aspeaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty ^bin you.

4 ^aFor though He was crucified in weakness, yet ^bHe lives by the power of God. For ^cwe also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

5 Examine yourselves ^aas to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, ^athat Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you ¹are ^bdisqualified.

6 But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

Paul Prefers Gentleness

7 Now ¹I pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable, though ^awe may seem disqualified.

8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

9 For we are glad ^awhen we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, ^bthat you may be made complete.

10 ^aTherefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the ^bauthority which the Lord has given me for edification and not for destruction.

Greetings and Benediction

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. ^aBe of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love ^band peace will be with you.

12 ^aGreet one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints greet you.

14 ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and ^bthe ^ccommunion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

GALATIANS

THE Galatians, having launched their Christian experience by faith, seem content to leave their voyage of faith and chart a new course based on works—a course Paul finds disturbing. His letter to the Galatians is a vigorous attack against the gospel of works and defense of the gospel of faith.

Paul begins by setting forth his credentials as an apostle with a message from God: blessing comes from God on the basis of faith, not law. The law declares men guilty and imprisons them; faith sets men free to enjoy liberty in Christ. But liberty is not license. Freedom in Christ means freedom to produce the fruits of righteousness through a Spirit-led lifestyle.

The book is called *Pros Galatas*, “To the Galatians,” and it is the only letter of Paul that is specifically addressed to a number of churches (“To the churches of Galatia,” 1:2). The name *Galatians* was given to this Celtic people because they originally lived in Gaul before their migration to Asia Minor.

Greeting

PAUL, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but ^athrough Jesus Christ and God the Father ^bwho raised Him from the dead),
2 and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 ^awho gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us ^bfrom this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
5 to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Only One Gospel

6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon ^afrom Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

7 ^awhich is not another; but there are some ^bwho trouble you and want to ^cpervert¹ the gospel of Christ.

8 But even if ^awe, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be ¹accursed.

9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you ^athan what you have received, let him be ¹accursed.

10 For ^ado I now ^bpersuade men, or God? Or ^ado I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Call to Apostleship

11 ^aBut I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

12 For ^aI neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but *it came* ^bthrough the revelation of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aActs 9:6
^bActs 2:24

4 ^a[Matt. 20:28] ^bHeb. 2:5

6 ^aGal. 1:15;
5:8

7 ^a2 Cor. 11:4
^bGal. 5:10, 12
^c2 Cor. 2:17
¹distort

8 ^a1 Cor. 16:22
¹Gr. *anathema*

9 ^aDeut. 4:2

10 ^a1 Thess. 2:4
^b1 Sam. 24:7
^c1 Thess. 2:4

11 ^a1 Cor. 15:1

12 ^a1 Cor. 15:1
^b[Eph. 3:3–5]

13 ^aActs 9:1
^bActs 8:3;
22:4, 5

14 ^aActs 26:9
^bJer. 9:14

15 ^aIs. 49:1, 5

16 ^a[2 Cor. 4:5–7] ^bActs 9:15
^cMatt. 16:17

18 ^aActs 9:26
¹NU *Cephas*

19 ^a1 Cor. 9:5
^bMatt. 13:55

21 ^aActs 9:30

22 ^aRom. 16:7

23 ^aActs 9:20,
21 ^bActs 8:3

24 ^aActs 11:18

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aActs 15:2

2 ^aActs 15:1–4
¹because of

13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how ^aI persecuted the church of God beyond measure and ^btried to destroy it.

14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, ^abeing more exceedingly zealous ^bfor the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, ^awho separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace,

16 ^ato reveal His Son in me, that ^bI might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with ^cflesh and blood,

17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who* were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Contacts at Jerusalem

18 Then after three years ^aI went up to Jerusalem to see ¹Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

19 But ^aI saw none of the other apostles except ^bJames, the Lord's brother.

20 (Now *concerning* the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)

21 ^aAfterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

22 And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which ^awere in Christ.

23 But they were ^ahearing only, “He who formerly ^bpersecuted us now preaches the faith which he once *tried* to destroy.”

24 And they ^aglorified God in me.

Defending the Gospel

2 Then after fourteen years ^aI went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with *me*.

2 And I went up ^bby revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but ^aprivately to those who were of

reputation, lest by any means ^{b1} I might run, or had run, in vain.

3 Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

4 And *this occurred* because of ^afalse brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our ^{b1}liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, ^athat they might bring us into bondage),

5 to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that ^athe truth of the gospel might continue with you.

6 But from those ^awho seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; ^aGod ¹shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed to be *something* added nothing to me.

7 But on the contrary, ^awhen they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised ^bhad been committed to me, *as the gospel* for the circumcised was to Peter

8 (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the ^acircumcised ^balso ^cworked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),

9 and when James, ¹Cephas, and John, who seemed to be ^apillars, perceived ^bthe grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, ^athat we *should go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

10 They desired only that we should remember the poor, ^athe very thing which I also was eager to do.

No Return to the Law

11 ^aNow when ¹Peter had come to Antioch, I ²withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; 12 for before certain men came from James, ^ahe would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing ¹those who were of the circumcision.

13 And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about ^athe truth of the gospel, I said to Peter ^bbefore them all, ^a"If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, ¹why do you compel Gentiles to live as ²Jews?"

15 ^a"We who are Jews by nature, and not ^bsinners of the Gentiles, 16 ^a"knowing that a man is not ¹justified by the works of the law but ^bby faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not ^cby the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

17 "But if, while we seek to be jus-

2 ^bPhil. 2:16

4 ^aActs 15:1,

24 ^bGal. 3:25;

5:1, 13 ^cGal.

4:3, 9

5 ^a[Gal. 1:6;

2:14; 3:1]

6 ^aGal. 2:9; 6:3

^bActs 10:34

^c2 Cor. 11:5;

12:11 ¹Lit.

^adoes not

^areceive the

^aface of a man

7 ^aActs 9:15;

13:46; 22:21

^{b1}Thess. 2:4

8 ^{a1}Pet. 1:1

^bActs 9:15

^c[Gal. 3:5]

9 ^aMatt. 16:18

^bRom. 1:5

^cActs 13:3

¹Peter

10 ^aActs 11:30

11 ^aActs 15:35

¹NU Cephas

²opposed

12 ^a[Acts

10:28; 11:2, 3]

¹Jewish Chris-

tians

14 ^aGal. 1:6;

2:5 ^{b1}Tim.

5:20 ^cActs

10:28] ¹NU

^ahow can you

²Some inter-

preters stop

the quotation

here.

15 ^a[Acts

15:10] ^bMatt.

9:11

16 ^aActs 13:38,

39 ^bRom. 1:17

^cPs. 143:2

¹declared

righteous

17 ^a[1 John

3:8]

19 ^aRom. 8:2

¹[Rom. 6:2, 14;

7-4] ^c[Rom.

6:11]

20 ^a[Rom. 6:6]

²2 Cor. 5:15

^cIs. 53:12; Eph.

5:2

21 ^aHeb. 7:11

¹for nothing

CHAPTER 3

¹NU omits

^athat you

^ashould not

^aobey the truth

²NU omits

^aamong you

2 ^aRom. 10:16,

17

3 ^a[Gal. 4:9]

^bHeb. 7:16

4 ^aHeb. 10:35

¹Or great

6 ^aGen. 15:6

7 ^aJohn 8:39

8 ^aRom. 9:17

^bGen. 12:3;

18:18; 22:18;

26:4; 28:14

10 ^aDeut. 27:26

11 ^aHab. 2:4

¹declared

righteous

12 ^aRom. 4:4, 5

^bLev. 18:5

13 ^a[Rom. 8:3]

^bDeut. 21:23

tified by Christ, we ourselves also are found ^asinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 "For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19 "For I ^athrough the law ^bdid to the law that I might ^cdive to God.

20 "I have been ^acrucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh ^{b1}I live by faith in the Son of God, ^awho loved me and gave Himself for me.

21 "I do not set aside the grace of God; for ^aif righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died ¹in vain."

Justification by Faith

3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you ¹that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed ²among you as crucified?

2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, ^aor by the hearing of faith?

3 Are you so foolish? ^a"Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by ^bthe flesh?"

4 ^a"Have you suffered so ¹many things in vain—if indeed *it* was in vain?"

5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—

6 just as Abraham ^a"believed God, and *it was accounted to him for righteousness.*"

7 Therefore know that only ^athose who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

8 And ^athe Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ^b"*In you all the nations shall be blessed.*"

9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

The Law Brings a Curse

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, ^a"*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.*"

11 But that no one is ¹justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for ^a"*the just shall live by faith.*"

12 Yet ^athe law is not of faith, but ^b"*the man who does them shall live by them.*"

13 ^aChrist has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ^b"*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*"),

14 ^athat the blessing of Abraham might come upon the ^bGentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive ^athe promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Changeless Promise

15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: ^aThough it is only a man's covenant, yet *if it is confirmed*, no one annuls or adds to it.

16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of ^aone, ^b"And to your Seed," who is ^cChrist.

17 And this I say, *that* the law, ^awhich was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God ¹in Christ, ²that it should make the promise of no effect.

18 For if ^athe inheritance is of the law, ^bit is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Purpose of the Law

19 What purpose then *does* the law serve? ^aIt was added because of transgressions, till the ^bSeed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was appointed* through angels by the hand ^aof a mediator.

20 Now a mediator does not *mediate* for one only, ^abut God is one.

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

22 But the Scripture has confined ^aall under sin, ^bthat the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, ¹kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

24 Therefore ^athe law was our ¹tutor to *bring us* to Christ, ²that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Sons and Heirs

26 For you ^aare all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For ^aas many of you as were baptized into Christ ^bhave put on Christ.

28 ^aThere is neither Jew nor Greek, ^bthere is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all ^aone in Christ Jesus.

29 And ^aif you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's ^bseed, and ^cheirs according to the promise.

4 Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,

2 but is under guardians and stew-

14 ^aGen. 12:3; 22:18; [Rom. 4:1-5, 9, 16] ^bIs. 49:6; Rom. 3:29, 30 ^cIs. 32:15

15 ^aHeb. 9:17 ^bGen. 22:18 ^cGen. 12:3, 7; 13:15; 24:7 ^d[1 Cor. 12:12]

17 ^aEx. 12:40 ^b[Rom. 4:13] ¹NU omits *in Christ*

18 ^a[Rom. 8:17] ^bRom. 4:14

19 ^aJohn 15:22 ^bGal. 4:4 ^cActs 7:53 ^dEx. 20:19

20 ^a[Rom. 3:29]

22 ^aRom. 11:32 ^bRom. 4:11

23 ¹Lit. *confined*

24 ^aRom. 10:4 ^bActs 13:39 ¹In a household, the guardian responsible for the care and discipline of the children

26 ^aJohn 1:12 ^b[Rom. 6:3] ^cRom. 10:12; 13:14

28 ^aCol. 3:11 ^b[1 Cor. 12:13] ^c[Eph. 2:15, 16]

29 ^aGen. 21:10; Heb. 11:18

^bRom. 4:11; Gal. 3:7 ^cGen. 12:3; 18:18; Rom. 8:17

CHAPTER 4

3 ^aCol. 2:8, 20 ^b[Gen. 49:10]

^c[John 1:14] ^dGen. 3:15; [Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:25] ^e[Matt. 5:17]; Luke 2:21, 27 ¹Or *made*

5 ^a[Matt. 20:28] ^b[John 1:12]

6 ^a[Rom. 5:5; 8:9, 15, 16] ¹Lit., in

Aram., *Father*

7 ^a[Rom. 8:16, 17] ¹NU through God

²NU omits through Christ

8 ^aEph. 2:12 ^bRom. 1:25

9 ^a[1 Cor. 8:3] ^bCol. 2:20

^cHeb. 7:18 ^d[Rom. 14:5] ¹[1 Thess. 3:5]

12 ^a2 Cor. 2:5 ^b[1 Cor. 2:3]

14 ^aMal. 2:7 ^b[Luke 10:16] ¹Or *messenger*

15 ¹NU Where

17 ^aRom. 10:2 ^b[1 Cor. 4:15]

22 ^aGen. 16:15 ^bGen. 21:2

ards until the time appointed by the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, ^awere in bondage under the elements of the world.

4 But ^awhen the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, ^bborn¹ of a woman, ^aborn under the law,

5 ^ato redeem those who were under the law, ^bthat we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth ^athe Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ¹"Abba, Father!"

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, ^aand if a son, then an heir ¹of God ²through Christ.

Fears for the Church

8 But then, indeed, ^awhen you did not know God, ^byou served those which by nature are not gods.

9 But now ^aafter you have known God, or rather are known by God, ^bhow is it that you turn again to ^athe weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

10 ^aYou observe days and months and seasons and years.

11 I am afraid for you, ^alest I have labored for you in vain.

12 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I *became* like you. ^aYou have not injured me at all.

13 You know that ^abecause of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first.

14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me ^aas an ¹angel of God, ^beven as Christ Jesus.

15 ¹What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

16 Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

17 They ^azealously court you, *but* for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.

18 But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.

19 ^aMy little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

20 I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.

Two Covenants

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons: ^athe one by a bondwoman, ^bthe other by a freewoman.

23 But *he who was* of the bond-

woman ^awas born according to the flesh, ^band he of the freewoman through promise,
 24 which things are symbolic. For these are ¹the two covenants: the one from Mount ^aSinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—
 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—
 26 but the ^aJerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.
 27 For it is written:

*^a“Rejoice, O barren,
 You who do not bear!
 Break forth and shout,
 You who are not in labor!
 For the desolate has many
 more children
 Than she who has a husband.”*

28 Now ^awe, brethren, as Isaac was, are ^bchildren of promise.
 29 But, as ^ahe who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who ^awas born according to the Spirit, ^beven so it is now.
 30 Nevertheless what does ^athe Scripture say? ^b“*Cast out the bondswoman and her son, for ^cthe son of the bondswoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.*”
 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondswoman but of the free.

Christian Liberty

5 ^aStand ¹fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a ^byoke of bondage.
 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that ^aif you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.
 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised ^athat he is ^{1a}a debtor to keep the whole law.
 4 ^aYou have become estranged from Christ, you who ^aattempt to be justified by law; ^byou have fallen from grace.
 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly ^await for the hope of righteousness by faith.
 6 For ^ain Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but ^bfaith working through love.

Love Fulfills the Law

7 You ^aran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?
 8 This persuasion does not ^acome from Him who calls you.
 9 ^aA little leaven leavens the whole lump.
 10 I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.
 11 And I, brethren, if I still preach

23 ^aRom. 9:7, 8
^bHeb. 11:11
 24 ^aDeut. 33:2
¹NU, M omit the
 26 ^a[Is. 2:2]
 27 ^aIs. 54:1
 28 ^aGal. 3:29
^bActs 3:25
 29 ^aGen. 21:9
^bGal. 5:11
 30 ^a[Gal. 3:8, 22] ^bGen. 21:10, 12
^c[John 8:35]
 CHAPTER 5

1 ^aPhil. 4:1
^bActs 15:10
¹NU For freedom Christ has made us free; stand fast therefore, and
 2 ^aActs 15:1

3 ^a[Rom. 2:25]
¹obligated
 4 ^a[Rom. 9:31]
^bHeb. 12:15
 5 ^aRom. 8:24
 6 ^a[Gal. 6:15]
^b1 Thess. 1:3
 7 ^a1 Cor. 9:24
 9 ^a1 Cor. 5:6
 11 ^a1 Cor. 15:30 ^b[1 Cor. 1:23]
 12 ^aJosh. 7:25
^bActs 15:1, 2
¹mutilate themselves
 13 ^a1 Cor. 8:9
^b1 Pet. 2:16
^c1 Cor. 9:19
 14 ^aMatt. 7:12;
 22:40 ^bLev. 19:18
 16 ^aRom. 6:12
 17 ^aRom. 7:18,
 22, 23; 8:5
^bRom. 7:15
 18 ^a[Rom. 6:14; 7:4; 8:14]
 19 ^aEph. 5:3,
 11 ¹NU omits adultery
²sexual immorality
 21 ^a1 Cor. 6:9,
 10 ¹NU omits murders
 22 ^a[John 15:2]
^b[Col. 3:12-15]
^cRom. 15:14
^d1 Cor. 13:7
 23 ^a1 Tim. 1:9
¹meekness
 24 ^aRom. 6:6
 25 ^a[Rom. 8:4, 5]
 26 ^aPhil. 2:3
 CHAPTER 6

1 ^aEph. 4:2
¹caught
 2 ^aRom. 15:1
^b[James 2:8]
 3 ^aRom. 12:3
^b[2 Cor. 3:5]
 4 ^a1 Cor. 11:28
^bLuke 18:11
 5 ^a[Rom. 2:6]

circumcision, ^awhy do I still suffer persecution? Then ^bthe offense of the cross has ceased.

12 ^aI could wish that those ^bwho trouble you would even ¹cut themselves off!

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only ^ado not use liberty as an ^bopportunity for the flesh, but ^cthrough love serve one another.

14 For ^aall the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: ^b“*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*.”

15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Walking in the Spirit

16 I say then: ^aWalk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For ^athe flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, ^bso that you do not do the things that you wish.

18 But ^aif you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now ^athe works of the flesh are evident, which are: ¹adultery, ²fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, ¹murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that ^athose who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But ^athe fruit of the Spirit is ^blove, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, ^cgoodness, ^dfaithfulness, ^egentleness, self-control. ^aAgainst such there is no law.

24 And those ^awho are Christ's ^ahave crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 ^aIf we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 ^aLet us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Bear and Share the Burdens

6 Brethren, if a man is ¹overtaken in any trespass, you who ^aare spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of ^agentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 ^aBear one another's burdens, and so fulfill ^bthe law of Christ.

3 For ^aif anyone thinks himself to be something, when ^bhe is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But ^alet each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and ^anot in another.

5 For ^aeach one shall bear his own load.

Be Generous and Do Good

6 ^aLet him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for ^awhatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap ^aeverlasting life.

9 And ^alet us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap ^bif we do not lose heart.

10 ^aTherefore, as we have opportunity, ^blet us do good to all, ^cespecially to those who are of the household of faith.

Glory Only in the Cross

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised,

6 ^{a1} Cor. 9:11, 14

7 ^a[Rom. 2:6]

8 ^a[Rom. 6:8]

9 ^{a1} Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 4:1; 2 Thess. 3:13 ^b[Matt. 24:13]; Heb. 12:3, 5; [James 5:7, 8]

10 ^aProv. 3:27; [John 9:4; 12:35] ^bTitus 3:8 ^cRom. 12:13

12 ^aGal. 5:11; Phil. 3:8

14 ^a[1 Cor. 1:18] ^b[Gal. 2:20]; Col. 2:20 ^cOr *which*, the cross

15 ^a[Rom. 2:26, 28]; 1 Cor. 7:19; [Gal. 5:6]

^aonly that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the ^across of our Lord Jesus Christ, by ^bwhom the world has been crucified to me, and ^{b1}to the world.

15 For ^ain Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Blessing and a Plea

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

*The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the***EPHESIANS**

EPHESIANS is addressed to a group of believers who are rich beyond measure in Jesus Christ, yet living as beggars, and only because they are ignorant of their wealth. Paul begins by describing in chapters 1—3 the contents of the Christian's heavenly "bank account": adoption, acceptance, redemption, forgiveness, wisdom, inheritance, the seal of the Holy Spirit, life grace, citizenship—in short, every spiritual blessing. In chapters 4—6 the Christian learns a spiritual walk rooted in his spiritual wealth. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus [1—3] for good works, . . . that we should walk in them [4—6]" (2:10).

The traditional title of this epistle is *Pros Ephesious*, "To the Ephesians." Many ancient manuscripts, however, omit *en Epheso*, "in Ephesus," in 1:1. This has led a number of scholars to challenge the traditional view that this message was directed specifically to the Ephesians. The encyclical theory proposes that it was a circular letter sent by Paul to the churches of Asia. It is argued that Ephesians is really a Christian treatise designed for general use: it involves no controversy and deals with no specific problems in any particular church. Some scholars accept an ancient tradition that Ephesians is Paul's letter to the Laodiceans (Col. 4:16), but there is no way to be sure. If Ephesians began as a circular letter, it eventually became associated with Ephesus, the foremost of the Asian churches. Another plausible option is that this epistle was directly addressed to the Ephesians, but written in such a way as to make it helpful for all the churches in Asia.

Greeting

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

CHAPTER 1

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Redemption in Christ

3 ^aBlessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has

3 ^{a2} Cor. 1:3

blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

4 just as ^aHe chose us in Him ^bbefore the foundation of the world, that we should ^cbe holy and without blame before Him in love,

5 ^ahaving predestined us to ^badoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, ^aaccording to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, ^aby which He ¹made us accepted in ^bthe Beloved.

7 ^aIn Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to ^bthe riches of His grace

8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and ¹prudence,

9 ^ahaving made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure ^bwhich He purposed in Himself,

10 that in the dispensation of ^athe fullness of the times ^bHe might gather together in one ^call things in Christ, ^bboth which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

11 ^aIn Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to ^bthe purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 ^athat we ^bwho first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

13 ^aIn Him you also *trusted*, after you heard ^athe word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, ^byou were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 ^awho¹ is the ²guarantee of our inheritance ^buntil the redemption of ^cthe purchased possession, ^ato the praise of His glory.

Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom

15 Therefore I also, ^aafter I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

16 ^ado not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

17 that ^athe God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, ^bmay give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

18 ^athe eyes of your ¹understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is ^bthe hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, ^aaccording to the working of His mighty power

20 which He worked in Christ when ^aHe raised Him from the dead and ^bseated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

21 ^afar above all ^bprincipality¹ and ²power and ³might and dominion, and every name that is named, not

4 ^aRom. 8:28

^b1 Pet. 1:2

^cLuke 1:75

5 ^a[Rom. 8:29]

^bJohn 1:12

^c[1 Cor. 1:21]

6 ^a[Rom. 3:24]

^bMatt. 3:17

¹Lit.

²bestowed

³grace (favor)

^aupon us

7 ^a[Heb. 9:12]

^b[Rom. 3:24, 25]

8 ¹under-

²standing

9 ^a[Rom. 16:25]

^b[2 Tim. 1:9]

10 ^aGal. 4:4

^b1 Cor. 3:22

^c[Col. 1:16, 20]

¹NU, M omit

²both

11 ^aRom. 8:17

^bIs. 46:10

12 ^a2 Thess. 2:13

^bJames 1:18

13 ^aJohn 1:17

^b[2 Cor. 1:22]

14 ^a2 Cor. 5:5

^bRom. 8:23

^c[Acts 20:28]

^d1 Pet. 2:9

¹NU which

²down payment, earnest

15 ^aCol. 1:4

16 ^aRom. 1:9

17 ^aJohn 20:17

^bCol. 1:9

18 ^aActs 26:18

^bEph. 2:12

¹NU, M

²hearts

19 ^aCol. 2:12

20 ^aActs 2:24

^bPs. 110:1

10 ^aPhil. 2:9,

10 ^bRom. 8:38, 39]

¹rule

²authority

³power

22 ^aPs. 8:6;

110:1;

Matt. 28:18;

1 Cor. 15:27

^bHeb. 2:7

23 ^aRom. 12:5

^bCol. 2:9

^c[1 Cor. 12:6]

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aCol. 2:13

^bEph. 4:18

2 ^aCol. 1:21

^bEph. 6:12

^cCol. 3:6

¹Gr. *aiōn, aeon*

3 ^a1 Pet. 4:3

^bGal. 5:16

^c[Ps. 51:5]

4 ^aRom. 10:12

^bJohn 3:16

5 ^aRom. 5:6, 8

^b[Rom. 6:4, 5]

6 ^aEph. 1:20

7 ^aTitus 3:4

8 ^a[2 Tim. 1:9]

^bRom. 4:16

^c[John 1:12, 13]

9 ^aRom. 4:4, 5;

11:6

^bRom. 3:27

10 ^aIs. 19:25

11 ^a[Col. 2:11]

15 ^aGal. 6:15

only in this age but also in that which is to come.

22 And ^aHe put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him ^bto be head over all *things* to the church,

23 ^awhich is His body, ^bthe fullness of Him ^cwho fills all in all.

By Grace Through Faith

2 And ^ayou *He made alive*, ^bwho were dead in trespasses and sins,

2 ^ain which you once walked according to the ¹course of this world, according to ^bthe prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in ^cthe sons of disobedience,

3 ^aamong whom also we all once conducted ourselves in ^bthe lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and ^cwere by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But God, ^awho is rich in mercy, because of His ^bgreat love with which He loved us,

5 ^aeven when we were dead in trespasses, ^bmade us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together ^ain the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in ^aHis kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 ^aFor by grace you have been saved ^bthrough faith, and that not of yourselves; ^cit is the gift of God,

9 not of ^aworks, lest anyone should ^bboast.

10 For we are ^aHis workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Brought Near by His Blood

11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called ^athe Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ Our Peace

14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ^ahaving abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained in ordinances*, so as to create in Himself one ^anew man *from the two*, thus making peace,

16 and that He might ^areconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby ^bputting to death the enmity.

17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

18 For ^athrough Him we both have access ^bby one Spirit to the Father.

Christ Our Cornerstone

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been ^abuilt ^bon the foundation of the ^capostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being ^dthe chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into ^aa holy temple in the Lord, 22 ^ain whom you also are being built together for a ^bdwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Mystery Revealed

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—

2 ^aif indeed you have heard of the ^bdispensation of the grace of God ^cwhich was given to me for you,

3 ^ahow that by revelation ^bHe made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

6 that the Gentiles ^ashould be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

7 ^aof which I became a minister ^baccording to the gift of the grace of God given to me by ^cthe effective working of His power.

Purpose of the Mystery

8 To me, ^awho am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles ^bthe unsearchable riches of Christ,

9 and to make all see what is the ^bfellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who ^ccreated all things ^dthrough Jesus Christ;

10 ^ato the intent that now ^bthe ^cmanifest wisdom of God might be made known by the church ^dto the ^eprincipalities and powers in the heavenly places,

11 ^aaccording to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

12 in whom we have boldness and

16 ^aCol.

1:20-22]

^b[Rom. 6:6]

18 ^aJohn 10:9

^b1 Cor. 12:13

20 ^a1 Pet. 2:4

^bMatt. 16:18

^c1 Cor. 12:28

^dPs. 118:22

21 ^a1 Cor. 3:16,

17

22 ^a1 Pet. 2:5

^bJohn 17:23

CHAPTER 3

2 ^aActs 9:15

¹stewardship

3 ^aActs 22:17,

21; 26:16

^b[Rom. 11:25;

16:25]

6 ^aGal. 3:28, 29

7 ^aRom. 15:16

^bRom. 1:5

^cRom. 15:18

8 ^a[1 Cor. 15:9]

^b[Col. 1:27;

2:2, 3]

9 ^aHeb. 1:2

¹NU, M stew-

ardship (dis-

tribution)

²NU omits

through Jesus

Christ

10 ^a1 Pet. 1:12

^b[1 Tim. 3:16]

^cCol. 1:16;

2:10, 15 ¹varie-

gated or

many-sided

truths

11 ^a[Eph. 1:4,

11]

12 ^aHeb. 4:16;

10:19, 35

13 ^aPhil. 1:14

^b2 Cor. 1:6

14 ^aEph. 1:3

¹NU omits of

our Lord Jesus

Christ

16 ^a[Phil. 4:19]

^bCol. 1:11

^cRom. 7:22

17 ^aJohn 14:23

^bCol. 1:23

18 ^aEph. 1:18

^bRom. 8:39

19 ^aEph. 1:23

20 ^aRom. 16:25

^b1 Cor. 2:9

^cCol. 1:29

21 ^aRom. 11:36

CHAPTER 4

1 ^a1 Thess.

2:12 ¹Lit. in

²exhort,

encourage

3 ^aCol. 3:14

4 ^aRom. 12:5

5 ^a1 Cor. 1:13

^bJude 3 ^c[Heb.

6:6]

6 ^aMal. 2:10

^bRom. 11:36

¹NU omits

you; M us

7 ^a[1 Cor. 12:7,

11]

8 ^aPs. 68:18

9 ^aJohn 3:13;

20:17 ¹NU

omits first

10 ^aActs 1:9

^b[Eph. 1:23]

access ^awith confidence through faith in Him.

13 ^aTherefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, ^bwhich is your glory.

Appreciation of the Mystery

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the ^aFather of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 that He would grant you, ^aac- cording to the riches of His glory, ^bto be strengthened with might through His Spirit in ^cthe inner man,

17 ^athat Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, ^bbe- ing rooted and grounded in love,

18 ^amay be able to comprehend with all the saints ^bwhat is the width and length and depth and height—

19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled ^awith all the fullness of God.

20 Now ^ato Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly ^babove all that we ask or think, ^caccording to the power that works in us,

21 ^ato Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Walk in Unity

4 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, ²beseech you to ^awalk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

2 with all lowliness and gentle- ness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit ^ain the bond of peace.

4 ^aThere is one body and one Spir- it, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

5 ^aone Lord, ^bone faith, ^cone bap- tism;

6 ^aone God and Father of all, who is above all, and ^bthrough all, and in ^cyou all.

Spiritual Gifts

7 But ^ato each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore He says:

^a*"When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men."*

9 ^a(Now this, ^b"He ascended"— what does it mean but that He also ^cfirst descended into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He who descended is also the One ^awho ascended far above all the heavens, ^bthat He might fill all things.)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, ^afor the ^bedifying of ^bthe body of Christ,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith ^aand of the knowledge of the Son of God, to ^aa perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

14 that we should no longer be ^achildren, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of ^bdeceitful plotting,

15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the ^ahead—Christ—

16 ^afrom whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

The New Man

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should ^ano longer walk as ^bthe rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the ^ablindness of their heart;

19 ^awho, being past feeling, ^bhave given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ,

21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus;

22 that you ^aput off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and ^abe renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and that you ^aput on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Do Not Grieve the Spirit

25 Therefore, putting away lying, ^a*"Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,"* for ^bwe are members of one another.

26 ^a*"Be angry, and do not sin";* do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

27 ^anor give ^bplace to the devil.

28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather ^alet him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something ^bto give him who has need.

29 ^aLet no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but ^bwhat is good for necessary ^bedification, ^cthat

12 ^a1 Cor. 14:26 ^bCol. 1:24 ¹building up

13 ^aCol. 2:2 ^b1 Cor. 14:20

14 ^a1 Cor. 14:20 ^bRom. 16:18

15 ^aEph. 1:22

16 ^aCol. 2:19

17 ^aEph. 2:2; 4:22 ¹NU omits the rest of

18 ^aRom. 1:21

19 ^a1 Tim. 4:2

^b1 Pet. 4:3

22 ^aCol. 3:8

23 ^a[Rom. 12:2]

24 ^a[Rom. 6:4; 7:6; 12:2]

25 ^aZech. 8:16 ^bRom. 12:5

26 ^aPs. 4:4; 37:8

27 ^a[Rom. 12:19] ¹an opportunity

28 ^aActs 20:35

^bLuke 3:11

29 ^aCol. 3:8

^b1 Thess. 5:11

^cCol. 3:16

¹building up

30 ^aIs. 7:13

31 ^aCol. 3:8, 19

^bJames 4:11

^cTitus 3:3

¹loud quarrel-

ing

32 ^a2 Cor. 6:10

^b[Mark 11:25]

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aLuke 6:36

^b1 Pet. 1:14-16

2 ^a1 Thess. 4:9

^bGal. 1:4

^c2 Cor. 2:14,

15

3 ^aCol. 3:5-7

^b[Luke 12:15]

4 ^aMatt. 12:34,

35 ^bTitus 3:9

^cRom. 1:28

^dPhil. 4:6

5 ^a1 Cor. 6:9,

10 ¹NU know

this

7 ^a1 Tim. 5:22

8 ^a1 Thess. 5:5

9 ^aGal. 5:22

¹NU light

10 ^a[Rom. 12:1, 2]

11 ^a2 Cor. 6:14

¹reprove

12 ^aRom. 1:24

13 ^a[John 3:20,

21] ¹reproved

14 ^a[Is. 26:19;

60:1]

15 ^aCol. 4:5

¹carefully

16 ^aCol. 4:5

^bEcc. 11:2

17 ^aCol. 4:5

^b[Rom. 12:2]

^c1 Thess. 4:3

18 ^aProv. 20:1;

23:31

it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And ^ado not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 ^aLet all bitterness, wrath, anger, ¹clamor, and ^bevil speaking be put away from you, ^cwith all malice.

32 And ^abe kind to one another, tenderhearted, ^bforgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Walk in Love

5 Therefore ^abe imitators of God as dear ^bchildren.

2 And ^awalk in love, ^bas Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God ^cfor a sweet-smelling aroma.

3 But fornication and all ^auncleanness or ^bcovetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

4 ^aneither filthiness, nor ^bfoolish talking, nor coarse jesting, ^cwhich are not fitting, but rather ^dgiving of thanks.

5 For ¹this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any ^ainheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not be ^apartakers with them.

Walk in Light

8 For you were once darkness, but now you ^aare ^blight in the Lord. Walk as children of light

9 (for ^athe fruit of the ¹Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

10 ^afinding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

11 And have ^ano fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather ^bexpose them.

12 ^aFor it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

13 But ^aall things that are ^bexposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

14 Therefore He says:

^a*"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."*

Walk in Wisdom

15 ^aSee then that you walk ^bcircumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

16 ^aredeeming the time, ^bbecause the days are evil.

17 ^aTherefore do not be unwise, but ^bunderstand ^cwhat the will of the Lord is.

18 And ^ado not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another ^ain psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making ^bmelody in your heart to the Lord,
20 ^agiving thanks always for all things to God the Father ^bin the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 ^asubmitting to one another in the fear of ¹God.

Marriage—Christ and the Church

22 Wives, ^asubmit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
23 For ^athe husband is head of the wife, as also ^bChrist is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.
24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands ^ain everything.
25 ^aHusbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and ^bgave Himself for her,
26 that He might ¹sanctify and cleanse her ^awith the washing of water ^bby the word,
27 ^athat He might present her to Himself a glorious church, ^bnot having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.
28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.
29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.
30 For ^awe are members of His body, ¹of His flesh and of His bones.
31 ^a*“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”*
32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
33 Nevertheless ^alet each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she ^brespects her husband.

Children and Parents

6 Children, ^aobey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2 ^a*“Honor your father and mother,”* which is the first commandment with promise;
3 *“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”*
4 And ^ayou, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but ^bbring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Bondservants and Masters

5 ^aBondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, ^bwith fear and trembling, ^cin sincerity of heart, as to Christ;
6 ^anot with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of

19 ^aActs 16:25
^bJames 5:13

20 ^aPs. 34:1
^b[1 Pet. 2:5]

21 ^a[Phil. 2:3]
¹NU *Christ*

22 ^aCol. 3:18—4:1

23 ^a[1 Cor. 11:3] ^bCol. 1:18

24 ^aTitus 2:4, 5

25 ^aCol. 3:19
^bActs 20:28

26 ^aJohn 3:5
^b[John 15:3; 17:17] ¹set it apart

27 ^aCol. 1:22
^bSong 4:7

30 ^aGen. 2:23
¹NU omits the rest of v. 30.

31 ^aGen. 2:24
^b[1 Cor. 6:16]

33 ^aCol. 3:19
^b1 Pet. 3:1, 6

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aCol. 3:20

2 ^aDeut. 5:16

4 ^aCol. 3:21
^bGen. 18:19

5 ^a[1 Tim. 6:1]
^b2 Cor. 7:15
^c1 Chr. 29:17

6 ^aCol. 3:22

8 ^aRom. 2:6

9 ^aCol. 4:1
^bRom. 2:11
¹NU *He who is both their Master and yours is*

11 ^a[2 Cor. 6:7]
¹schemings

12 ^aRom. 8:38
^bLuke 22:53
¹NU *this darkness,*

13 ^a[2 Cor. 10:4] ^bEph. 5:16

14 ^aIs. 11:5
^bIs. 59:17

15 ^aIs. 52:7

16 ^a1 John 5:4

17 ^a1 Thess. 5:8 ^b[Heb. 4:12]

18 ^aLuke 18:1
^b[Matt. 26:41]
^cPhil. 1:4

19 ^aCol. 4:3

20 ^a2 Cor. 5:20

21 ^aActs 20:4
^b1 Cor. 4:1, 2

22 ^aCol. 4:8
^b2 Cor. 1:6

Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

8 ^aknowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that ¹your own ^aMaster also is in heaven, and ^bthere is no partiality with Him.

The Whole Armor of God

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 ^aPut on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ¹wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against ^aprincipalities, against powers, against ^bthe rulers of ¹the darkness of this age, against spiritual ^chosts of wickedness in the heavenly ^dplaces.

13 ^aTherefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand ^bin the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, ^ahaving girded your waist with truth, ^bhaving put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 ^aand having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 above all, taking ^athe shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And ^atake the helmet of salvation, and ^bthe sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

18 ^apraying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, ^bbeing watchful to this end with all perseverance and ^csupplication for all the saints—

19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, ^athat I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which ^aI am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

A Gracious Greeting

21 But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, ^aTychicus, a beloved brother and ^bfaithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you;

22 ^awhom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and *that* he may ^bcomfort your hearts.

23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

PHILIPPIANS

PAUL writes a thank-you note to the believers at Philippi for their help in his hour of need, and he uses the occasion to send along some instruction on Christian unity. His central thought is simple: Only in Christ are real unity and joy possible. With Christ as your model of humility and service, you can enjoy a oneness of purpose, attitude, goal, and labor—a truth which Paul illustrates from his own life, and one the Philippians desperately need to hear. Within their own ranks, fellow workers in the Pilipian church are at odds, hindering the work in proclaiming new life in Christ. Because of this, Paul exhorts the church to “stand fast . . . be of the same mind . . . rejoice in the Lord always . . . but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known . . . and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (4:1, 2, 4, 6, 7).

This epistle is called *Pros Philippesious*, “To the Philippians.” The church at Philippi was the first church Paul founded in Macedonia.

Greeting

PAUL and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the ¹bishops and ^adeacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thankfulness and Prayer

3 ^aI thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4 always in ^aevery prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,

5 ^afor your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun ^aa good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness ^awhich are by Jesus Christ, ^bto the glory and praise of God.

Christ Is Preached

12 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a[1 Tim. 3:8–13] ¹Lit. *overseers*

3 ^a1 Cor. 1:4

4 ^aEph. 1:16

5 ^a[Rom. 12:13]

6 ^a[John 6:29]

11 ^aCol. 1:6
^bJohn 15:8

13 ^aPhil. 4:22
¹Or *Praetorium*

16 ¹NU reverses vv. 16 and 17.

19 ^aJob 13:16, LXX

20 ^aEph. 6:19,
20 ^b[Rom. 14:8]

22 ¹do not know

23 ^a[2 Cor. 5:2, 8] ^b[Ps. 16:11]
¹NU, M But

26 ^a2 Cor. 1:14

13 so that it has become evident ^ato the whole ¹palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; 14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill:

16 ¹The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;

17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

18 What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

To Live Is Christ

19 For I know that ^athis will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but ^awith all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life ^bor by death.

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 But if I live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I ¹cannot tell.

23 ¹For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a ^adesire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* ^bfar better.

24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith.

26 that ^ayour rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

Striving and Suffering for Christ

27 Only ^alet your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, ^bwith one mind ^cstriving together for the faith of the gospel,
28 and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but ^{to} you of salvation, and that from God.
29 For to you ^{it} has been granted on behalf of Christ, ^{not} only to believe in Him, but also to ^csuffer for His sake,
30 ^ahaving the same conflict ^bwhich you saw in me and now hear is in me.

Unity Through Humility

2 Therefore if *there is* any ¹consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any ^aaffection and mercy,
2 ^afulfill my joy ^bby being like-minded, having the same love, *being of one accord*, of one mind.
3 ^aLet nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but ⁱⁿ lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
4 ^aLet each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of ^bothers.

The Humbled and Exalted Christ

5 ^aLet this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
6 who, ^abeing in the form of God, did not consider it ¹robbery to be equal with God,
7 ^abut ¹made Himself of no reputation, taking the form ^bof a bond-servant, *and coming in the likeness of men.*
8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and ^abecame ^bobedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
9 ^aTherefore God also ^bhas highly exalted Him and ^cgiven Him the name which is above every name,
10 ^athat at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
11 and ^athat every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Light Bearers

12 Therefore, my beloved, ^aas you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, ^bwork out your own salvation with ^cfear and trembling;
13 for ^{it} is God who works in you both to will and to do ^bfor His good pleasure.

27 ^aEph. 4:1
^bEph. 4:3
^cJude 3
28 ¹NU of your salvation
29 ^a[Matt. 5:11, 12] ^bEph. 2:8 ^c[2 Tim. 3:12]
30 ^aCol. 1:29;
2:1 ^bActs 16:19-40
CHAPTER 2
1 ^aCol. 3:12
¹Or encouragement
2 ^aJohn 3:29
^bRom. 12:16
^cPhil. 4:2
3 ^aGal. 5:26
^bRom. 12:10
4 ^a1 Cor. 13:5
^bRom. 15:1, 2
5 ^a[Matt. 11:29]
6 ^a2 Cor. 4:4
¹Or something to be held onto to be equal
7 ^aPs. 22:6 ^bIs. 42:1 ^c[John 1:14] ¹emptied Himself of His privileges
8 ^aMatt. 26:39
^bHeb. 5:8
9 ^aHeb. 2:9
^bPs. 68:18; 110:1; Is. 52:13; Acts 2:33 ^cIs. 9:6; Luke 1:32; Eph. 1:21
10 ^aIs. 45:23
11 ^aJohn 13:13; [Rom 10:9; 14:9]
12 ^aPhil. 1:5, 6;
4:15 ^bJohn 6:27, 29 ^cEph. 6:5
13 ^aHeb. 13:20,
21 ^bEph. 1:5
14 ^a1 Pet. 4:9
^bRom. 14:1
¹grumbling
²arguing
15 ^aMatt. 5:15,
16 ¹innocent
16 ^a2 Cor. 1:14
^bGal. 2:2
^c1 Thess. 3:5
17 ^a2 Tim. 4:6
^bRom. 15:16
^c2 Cor. 7:4
19 ^aRom. 16:21
¹condition
20 ^a2 Tim. 3:10
22 ^a1 Cor. 4:17
25 ^aPhil. 4:18
^bPhiliz. 2
^c2 Cor. 8:23
^d2 Cor. 11:9
26 ^aPhil. 1:8
30 ^a1 Cor. 16:17 ¹risking
CHAPTER 3
1 ^a1 Thess. 5:16
2 ^aGal. 5:15
^bPs. 119:115
^cRom. 2:28
3 ^aDeut. 30:6
^bRom. 7:6
¹NU, M in the Spirit of God

14 Do all things ^awithout ¹com-
plaining and ^bdisputing,²

15 that you may become blameless and ¹harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as ^alights in the world.

16 holding fast the word of life, so that ^aI may rejoice in the day of Christ that ^bI have not run in vain or labored in ^cvain.

17 Yes, and if ^aI am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice ^band service of your faith, ^cI am glad and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

Timothy Commended

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send ^aTimothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your ¹state.

20 For I have no one ^alike-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

22 But you know his proven character, ^athat as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

23 Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.

24 But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

Epaphroditus Praised

25 Yet I considered it necessary to send to you ^aEpaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and ^bfellow soldier, ^cbut your messenger and ^athe one who ministered to my need;
26 ^asince he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27 For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

30 because for the work of Christ he came close to death, ¹not regarding his life, ^ato supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

All for Christ

3 Finally, my brethren, ^arejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

2 ^aBeware of dogs, beware of ^bevil workers, ^cbeware of the mutilation!

3 For we are ^athe circumcision, ^bwho worship ¹God in the Spirit,

rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

4 though ^aI also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I ^bmore so:

5 circumsised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, ^cof the tribe of Benjamin, ^da Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, ^ea Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, ^fpersecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7 But ^gwhat things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss ^hfor the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in Him, not having ⁱmy own righteousness, which is from the law, but ^jthat which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

10 that I may know Him and the ^kpower of His resurrection, and ^lthe fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 if, by any means, I may ^mattain¹ to the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing Toward the Goal

12 Not that I have already ⁿattained,¹ or am already ^operfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have ^papprehended; but one thing I do, ^qforgetting those things which are behind and ^rreaching forward to those things which are ahead,

14 ^sI press toward the goal for the prize of ^tthe upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Therefore let us, as many as are ^umature, ^vhave this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, ^wGod will reveal even this to you.

16 Nevertheless, to the ^xdegree that we have already ^yattained, ^zlet us walk ^{aa}by the same ^{ab}rule, let us be of the same mind.

Our Citizenship in Heaven

17 Brethren, ^{ac}join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as ^{ad}you have us for a pattern.

18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, ^{ae}that they are ^{af}the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 ^{ag}whose end is destruction, ^{ah}whose god is ^{ai}their belly, and ^{aj}whose glory is in their shame—^{ak}who set their mind on earthly things.

20 For ^{al}our citizenship is in heaven,

4 ^a2 Cor. 5:16; 11:18 ^b2 Cor. 11:22, 23

5 ^cRom. 11:1 ^d2 Cor. 11:22

^eActs 23:6

6 ^fActs 8:3;

22:4, 5;

26:9–11

7 ^gMatt. 13:44

8 ^hJer. 9:23

9 ⁱRom. 10:3

^jRom. 1:17

10 ^kEph. 1:19,

20 ^lRom. 6:3–5]

11 ^mActs 26:6–8 ⁿLit.

arrive at

12 ^o[1 Tim. 6:12, 19]

^pHeb. 12:23

^qobtained it

13 ^rLuke 9:62

^sHeb. 6:1 ^tlaid

hold of it

14 ^u2 Tim. 4:7

^vHeb. 3:1

15 ^w1 Cor. 2:6

^xGal. 5:10

^yHos. 6:3

16 ^zGal. 6:16

^{aa}Rom. 12:16;

15:5 ^{ab}arrived

2NU omits

rule and the

rest of v. 16.

17 ^{ac}[1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1]

^{ad}Titus 2:7, 8

18 ^{ae}Gal. 1:7

19 ^{af}2 Cor. 11:15 ^{ag}1 Tim. 6:5 ^{ah}Hos. 4:7

^{ai}Rom. 8:5

20 ^{aj}Eph. 2:6,

19 ^{ak}Acts 1:11

^{al}1 Cor. 1:7

21 ^{am}[1 Cor. 15:43–53]

^{an}1 John 3:2

^{ao}Eph. 1:19

^{ap}[1 Cor. 15:28]

CHAPTER 4

1 ^{aq}Phil. 1:8

^{ar}2 Cor. 1:14

^{as}Phil. 1:27

2 ^{at}Phil. 2:2;

3:16

3 ^{au}Rom. 16:3

^{av}Luke 10:20

^{aw}NU, M Yes

4 ^{ax}Rom. 12:12

5 ^{ay}[James 5:7–9] ^{az}graciousness or forbearance

6 ^{ba}Matt. 6:25

^{bb}[1 Thess. 5:17,

18]

7 ^{bc}[John 14:27]

8 ^{bd}Eph. 4:25

^{be}2 Cor. 8:21

^{bf}Deut. 16:20

^{bg}1 Thess. 5:22

^{bh}1 Cor. 13:4–7

^{bi}Rom. 15:33

^{bj}2 Cor. 11:9

^{bk}you have

revived your

care

11 ^{bl}1 Tim. 6:6, 8

^{bm}from which we also ^{bn}eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 ^{bo}who will transform our lowly body that it may be ^{bp}conformed to His glorious body, ^{bq}according to the working by which He is able even to ^{br}subdue all things to Himself.

4 Therefore, my beloved and ^{bs}longed-for brethren, ^{bt}my joy and crown, so ^{bu}stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

Be United, Joyful, and in Prayer

2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche ^{bv}to be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 ^{bw}And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who ^{bx}labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in ^{by}the Book of Life.

4 ^{bz}Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your ^{ca}gentleness be known to all men. ^{cb}The Lord is at hand.

6 ^{cc}Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with ^{cd}thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and ^{ce}the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Meditate on These Things

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are ^{cf}true, whatever things are ^{cg}noble, whatever things are ^{ch}just, ^{ci}whatever things are pure, whatever things are ^{cj}lovely, whatever things are of good report, if ^{ck}there is any virtue and if ^{cl}there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and ^{cm}the God of peace will be with you.

Philippian Generosity

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last ^{cn}your¹ care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, ^{co}to be content:

12 ^{cp}I know how to ^{cq}be abased, and I know how to ^{cr}abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things ^{cs}through ^{ct}Christ who strengthens me.

14 Nevertheless you have done well that ^{cu}you shared in my distress.

15 Now you Philipians know also that in the beginning of the gospel,

12 ^{a1} Cor. 4:11 ¹live humbly ²live in prosperity 13 ^aJohn 15:5 ¹NU Him who 14 ^aPhil. 1:7

when I departed from Macedonia, ^ano church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities.

17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek ^athe fruit that abounds to your account.

18 Indeed I ¹have all and abound. I am full, having received from ^aEpaphroditus the things *sent* from you, ²a sweet-smelling aroma, ^aan acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

15 ^a2 Cor. 11:8, 9

17 ^aTitus 3:14

18 ^aPhil. 2:25

^bHeb. 13:16

^c2 Cor. 9:12

¹Or *have received all*

19 ^aPs. 23:1

20 ^aRom. 16:27

21 ^aGal. 1:2

23 ¹NU *your spirit*

19 And my God ^ashall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

20 ^aNow to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Greeting and Blessing

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren ^awho are with me greet you.

22 All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with ¹you all. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the

COLOSSIANS

IF Ephesians can be labeled the epistle portraying the “church of Christ,” then Colossians must surely be the “Christ of the church.” Ephesians focuses on the body; Colossians focuses on the Head. Like Ephesians, the little Book of Colossians divides neatly in half with the first portion doctrinal (1 and 2) and the second practical (3 and 4). Paul’s purpose is to show that Christ is preeminent—first and foremost in everything—and the Christian’s life should reflect that priority. Because believers are rooted in Him, alive in Him, hidden in Him, and complete in Him, it is utterly inconsistent for them to live life without Him. Clothed in His love, with His peace ruling in their hearts, they are equipped to make Christ first in every area of life.

This epistle became known as *Pros Kolossaeis*, “To the Colossians,” because of 1:2. Paul also wanted it to be read in the neighboring church at Laodicea (4:16).

Greeting

PAUL, ^aan apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints ^aand faithful brethren in Christ *who are in* Colosse:

^bGrace to you and peace from God our Father ¹and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Their Faith in Christ

3 ^aWe give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 ^asince we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of ²your love for all the saints;

5 because of the hope ^awhich is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

6 which has come to you, ^aas *it has*

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aEph. 1:1

2 ^a1 Cor. 4:17

^bGal. 1:3 ¹NU

omits *and the*

Lord Jesus

Christ

3 ^aPhil. 1:3

4 ^aEph. 1:15

^b[Heb. 6:10]

5 ^a[1 Pet. 1:4]

6 ^aMatt. 24:14

^bJohn 15:16

^cEph. 3:2 ¹NU,

M add *and*

growing

7 ^aPhilem. 23

^b2 Cor. 11:23

8 ^aRom. 15:30

9 ^aEph.

1:15–17

^b1 Cor. 1:5

^c[Rom. 12:2]

^aEph. 1:8

10 ^aEph. 4:1

^b1 Thess. 4:1

^cHeb. 13:21

^d2 Pet. 3:18

11 ^a[Eph. 3:16;

6:10] ^bEph. 4:2

^c[Acts 5:41]

also in all the world, and ²is bringing forth ¹fruit, as *it* is also among you since the day you heard and knew ^athe grace of God in truth;

7 as you also learned from ^aEpaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is ²a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

8 who also declared to us your ^alove in the Spirit.

Preeminence of Christ

9 ^aFor this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask ²that you may be filled with ^athe knowledge of His will ^ain all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 ^athat you may walk worthy of the Lord, ^afully pleasing *Him*, ^abeing fruitful in every good work and increasing in the ^aknowledge of God;

11 ^astrengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, ²for all patience and longsuffering ^awith joy;

12 ^agiving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of ^bthe inheritance of the saints in the light.

13 He has delivered us from ^athe power of darkness ^band ^cconveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 ^ain whom we have redemption ^bthrough His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is ^athe image of the invisible God, ^bthe firstborn over all creation.

16 For ^aby Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or ^bdominions or ^cprincipalities or ^dpowers. All things were created ^athrough Him and for Him.

17 ^aAnd He is before all things, and in Him ^ball things consist.

18 And ^aHe is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, ^bthe firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Reconciled in Christ

19 For it pleased *the Father* that ^ain Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and ^bby Him to reconcile ^aall things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, ^ahaving made peace through the blood of His cross.

21 And you, ^awho once were alienated and enemies in your mind ^bby wicked works, yet now He has ^areconciled

22 ^ain the body of His flesh through death, ^bto present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

23 if indeed you continue ^ain the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are ^bnot moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, ^awhich was preached to every creature under heaven, ^aof which I, Paul, became a minister.

Sacrificial Service for Christ

24 ^aI now rejoice in my sufferings ^bfor you, and fill up in my flesh ^awhat is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for ^athe sake of His body, which is the church,

25 of which I became a minister according to ^athe ^bstewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

26 ^athe ^bmystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, ^bbut now has been revealed to His saints.

27 ^aTo them God willed to make known what are ^bthe riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: ^awhich is ^aChrist in you, ^athe hope of glory.

28 Him we preach, ^awarning every man and teaching every man in all

12 ^a[Eph. 5:20]
^bEph. 1:11

13 ^aEph. 6:12
^b2 Pet. 1:11
^ctransferred

14 ^aEph. 1:7
^bNU, M omit through His blood

15 ^a2 Cor. 4:4
^bRev. 3:14

16 ^aHeb. 1:2, 3
^b[Eph. 1:20, 21]
^cHeb. 2:10

^drulers
^eauthorities

17 ^a[John 17:5]
^bHeb. 1:3

18 ^aEph. 1:22
^bRev. 1:5

19 ^aJohn 1:16

20 ^aEph. 2:14
^b2 Cor. 5:18
^cEph. 1:10

21 ^a[Eph. 2:1]
^bTitus 1:15
^c2 Cor. 5:18, 19

22 ^a2 Cor. 5:18
^b[Eph. 5:27]

23 ^aEph. 3:17
^b[John 15:6]
^cCol. 1:6
^dCol. 1:25

24 ^a2 Cor. 7:4
^bEph. 3:1, 13
^c2 Cor. 1:5;
12:15] ^dEph. 1:23

25 ^aGal. 2:7
^bdispensation or administration

26 ^a[1 Cor. 2:7]
^b[2 Tim. 1:10]
^csecret or hidden truth

27 ^a2 Cor. 2:14
^bRom. 9:23
^c[Rom. 8:10, 11]
^d1 Tim. 1:1 ^eM who

28 ^aActs 20:20
^bEph. 5:27

29 ^aEph. 3:7
CHAPTER 2

1 ^aPhil. 1:30
^bstruggle

2 ^aNU omits both of the Father and

3 ^a1 Cor. 1:24, 30

4 ^aRom. 16:18

5 ^a1 Thess. 2:17

^b1 Cor. 14:40
^c1 Pet. 5:9 ^dLit. and seeing

6 ^a1 Thess. 4:1

7 ^aEph. 2:21
^bNU omits in it

8 ^aGal. 1:14
^bGal. 4:3, 9, 10
^cLit. plunder you or take you captive

9 ^a[John 1:14]
^bin bodily form

wisdom, ^bthat we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

29 To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me ^amightily.

Not Philosophy but Christ

2 For I want you to know what a great ^aconflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,

2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, ^bboth of the Father and of Christ,

3 ^ain whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 Now this I say ^alest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.

5 For ^athough I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing ^bto see ^byour good order and the ^csteadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 ^aAs you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 ^arooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding ^bin it with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest anyone ^acheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to ^athe tradition of men, according to the ^bbasic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

9 For ^ain Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead ^bbodily;

10 and you are complete in Him, who is the ^ahead of all ^bprincipality and power.

Not Legalism but Christ

11 In Him you were also ^acircumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by ^bputting off the body ^bof the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

12 ^aburied with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through ^bfaith in the working of God, ^awho raised Him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

14 ^ahaving wiped out the ^bhandwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

10 ^a[Eph. 1:20, 21] ^brule and authority

11 ^aDeut. 10:16 ^bRom. 6:6; 7:24 ^cNU omits of the sins ^d2 Rom. 6:4 ^eEph. 1:19, 20 ^fActs 2:24

14 ^a[Eph. 2:15, 16] ^bcertificate of debt with its

15 ^aHaving disarmed ^bprincipalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

16 So let no one ^ajudge you in food or in drink, or regarding a ^festival or a new moon or sabbaths,

17 ^awhich are a shadow of things to come, but the ¹substance is of Christ.

18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in *false* humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has ¹not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to ^athe Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, ^bgrows with the increase *that is* from God.

20 ¹Therefore, if you ^adied with Christ from the basic principles of the world, ^bwhy, as *though* living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations—

21 ^a“Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,”

22 which all concern things which perish with the using—^aaccording to the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 ^aThese things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, *false* humility, and ¹neglect of the body, *but are* of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Not Carnality but Christ

3 If then you were ^araised with Christ, seek those things which are above, ^bwhere Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the ^aearth.

3 ^aFor you died, ^band your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 ^aWhen Christ *who is* ^bour life appears, then you also will appear with Him in ^aglory.

5 ^aTherefore put to death ^byour members which are on the earth: ^afornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, ^awhich is idolatry.

6 ^aBecause of these things the wrath of God is coming upon ^bthe sons of disobedience,

7 ^ain which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

8 ^aBut now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

10 and have put on the new *man* who ^ais renewed in knowledge ^baccording to the image of Him who ^acreated him,

11 where there is neither ^aGreek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircum-

15 ^a[Is. 53:12]

^bEph. 6:12

16 ^aRom. 14:3

¹feast day

17 ^aHeb. 8:5;

10:1 ¹Lit. *body*

18 ¹NU omits

not

19 ^aEph. 4:15

^bEph. 1:23;

4:16

20 ^aRom. 6:2-5

^bGal. 4:3, 9

¹NU, M omit

Therefore

21 ^a1 Tim. 4:3

22 ^aTitus 1:14

23 ^a1 Tim. 4:8

¹severe treat-

ment, asceti-

cism

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aCol. 2:12

^bPs. 68:18;

110:1 Eph.

1:20

2 ^a[Matt.

6:19-21]

3 ^a[Rom. 6:2]

^b[2 Cor. 5:7]

4 ^a[1 John 3:2]

^bJohn 14:6

^c1 Cor. 15:43

5 ^a[Rom. 8:13]

^b[Rom. 6:13]

^cEph. 5:3

^dEph. 4:19;

5:3, 5

6 ^aRom. 1:18

^b[Eph. 2:2]

7 ^a1 Cor. 6:11

8 ^aEph. 4:22

10 ^aRom. 12:2

^b[Rom. 8:29]

^c[Eph. 2:10]

11 ^aGal. 3:27;

28 ^bEph. 1:23

12 ^a[1 Pet. 1:2]

^b1 John 3:17

13 ^a[Mark

11:25]

14 ^a1 Pet. 4:8

^b[1 Cor. 13]

^cEph. 4:3

15 ^a[John

14:27] ^b1 Cor.

7:15 ^cEph. 4:4

^d[1 Thess.

5:18]

16 ^aEph. 5:19

17 ^a1 Cor.

10:31

18 ^a1 Pet. 3:1

^b[Eph. 5:22—

6:9]

19 ^a[Eph. 5:25]

^bEph. 4:31

20 ^aEph. 6:1

^bEph. 5:24

21 ^aEph. 6:4

22 ^aEph. 6:5

23 ^a[Eccl. 9:10]

24 ^aEph. 6:8

^b1 Cor. 7:22

¹NU omits *for*

25 ^aRom. 2:11

CHAPTER 4

1 ^aEph. 6:9

2 ^aLuke 18:1

^bCol. 2:7

3 ^aEph. 6:19

^b1 Cor. 16:9

^cEph. 3:3, 4;

6:19 ^dEph.

6:20 ¹hidden

truth

cised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, ^bbut Christ is all and in all.

Character of the New Man

12 Therefore, ^aas *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, ^bput on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 ^abearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must* do.

14 ^aBut above all these things ^bput on love, which is the ^abond of perfection.

15 And let ^athe peace of God rule in your hearts, ^bto which also you were called ^ain one body; and ^bbe thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another ^ain psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And ^awhatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The Christian Home

18 ^aWives, submit to your own husbands, ^bas is fitting in the Lord.

19 ^aHusbands, love your wives and do not be ^bbitter toward them.

20 ^aChildren, obey your parents ^bin all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

21 ^aFathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

22 ^aBondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

23 ^aAnd whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

24 ^aknowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; ^bfor¹ you serve the Lord Christ.

25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and ^athere is no partiality.

4 Masters,^a give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Christian Graces

2 ^aContinue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it ^bwith thanksgiving;

3 ^ameanwhile praying also for us, that God would ^bopen to us a door for the word, to speak ^athe ¹mystery of Christ, ^afor which I am also in chains,

4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 ^aWalk in ^bwisdom toward those who are outside, ^credeeming the time.

6 ^aLet your speech always be ^awith grace, ^bseasoned with salt, ^cthat you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Final Greetings

7 ^aTychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.

8 ^aI am sending him to you for this very purpose, that ^bhe may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,

9 with ^aOnesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is ^aone of you. They will make known to you all things which ^aare happening here.

10 ^aAristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with ^bMark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),

11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These ^aare my only fellow workers

5 ^aEph. 5:15

^b[Matt. 10:16]

^cEph. 5:16

6 ^aEccl. 10:12

^bMark 9:50

^c1 Pet. 3:15

7 ^a2 Tim. 4:12

8 ^aEph. 6:22

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cumstances

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comfort

9 ^aPhilem. 10

10 ^aActs 19:29;

20:4; 27:2

²2 Tim. 4:11

12 ^aPhilem. 23

^bRom. 15:30

^cMatt. 5:48

¹NU fully

assured

13 ¹NU con-

cern

14 ^a2 Tim. 4:11

²2 Tim. 4:10

15 ^aRom. 16:5

¹NU Nympha

²NU her

16 ^a1 Thess.

5:27

17 ^aPhilem. 2

²2 Tim. 4:5

18 ^a1 Cor.

16:21 ^bHeb.

13:3

for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

12 ^aEpaphras, who is ^aone of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always ^blaboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand ^cperfect and ^dcomplete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him witness that he has a great ^azeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

14 ^aLuke the beloved physician and ^bDemas greet you.

15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and ^aNymphas and ^bthe church that is in ^chis house.

Closing Exhortations and Blessing

16 Now when ^athis epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the ^aepistle from Laodicea.

17 And say to ^aArchippus, "Take heed to ^bthe ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

18 ^aThis salutation by my own hand—Paul. ^bRemember my chains. Grace ^abe with you. Amen.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the

THESSALONIANS

PAUL has many pleasant memories of the days he spent with the infant Thessalonian church. Their faith, hope, love, and perseverance in the face of persecution are exemplary. Paul's labors as a spiritual parent to the fledgling church have been richly rewarded, and his affection is visible in every line of his letter.

Paul encourages them to excel in their newfound faith, to increase in their love for one another, and to rejoice, pray, and give thanks always. He closes his letter with instruction regarding the return of the Lord, whose advent signifies hope and comfort for believers both living and dead.

Because this is the first of Paul's two canonical letters to the church at Thessalonica, it received the title *Pros Thessalonikeis A*, the "First to the Thessalonians."

Greeting

PAUL, ^aSilvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the ^aThessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace ^afrom God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Their Good Example

2 ^aWe give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

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1 ^a1 Pet. 5:12

^bActs 17:1–9

¹NU omits

from God our

Father and

the Lord

Jesus Christ

2 ^aRom. 1:8

3 ^aJohn 6:29

^bRom. 16:6

4 ^aCol. 3:12

5 ^aMark 16:20

²2 Cor. 6:6

^cHeb. 2:3

6 ^a1 Cor. 4:16;

11:1 ^bActs

5:41; 13:52

3 remembering without ceasing ^ayour work of faith, ^blabor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

4 knowing, beloved brethren, ^ayour election by God.

5 For ^aour gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, ^band in the Holy Spirit ^cand in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And ^ayou became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, ^bwith joy of the Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

8 For from you the word of the Lord ^ahas sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also ^bin every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

9 For they themselves declare concerning us ^awhat manner of entry we had to you, ^band how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

10 and ^ato wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us ^bfrom the wrath to come.

Paul's Conduct

2 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain.

2 But ¹even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at ^aPhilippi, as you know, we were ^bbold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.

3 ^aFor our exhortation *did* not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit.

4 But as ^awe have been approved by God ^bto be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, ^cnot as pleasing men, but God ^awho tests our hearts.

5 For ^aneither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a ¹cloak for covetousness—^aGod is witness.

6 ^aNor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when ^bwe might have ^amade demands ^aas apostles of Christ.

7 But ^awe were gentle among you, just as ^anursing mother cherishes her own children.

8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased ^ato impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also ^bour own lives, because you had become dear to us.

9 For you remember, brethren, our ^alabor and toil; for laboring night and day, ^bthat we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

10 ^aYou are witnesses, and God also, ^bhow devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;

11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and ¹charged every one of you, as a father *does* his own children,

12 ^athat you would walk worthy of God ^bwho calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Their Conversion

13 For this reason we also thank God ^awithout ceasing, because when you ^breceived the word of God which

8 ^aRom. 10:18
^bRom. 1:8;
16:19

9 ^{a1} Thess. 2:1
^{b1} Cor. 12:2

10 ^a[Rom. 2:7]
^bRom. 5:9

CHAPTER 2

2 ^aActs 14:5;

16:19–24

^bActs 17:1–9

¹NU, M omit

even

3 ^{a2} Cor. 7:2

4 ^{a1} Cor. 7:25

^bTitus 1:3

^cGal. 1:10

^dProv. 17:3

5 ^{a2} Cor. 2:17

^bRom. 1:9

¹pretext for

greed

6 ^{a1} Tim. 5:17

^{b1} Cor. 9:4

^{c2} Cor. 11:9

^{d1} Cor. 9:1

7 ^{a1} Cor. 2:3

8 ^aRom. 1:11

^{b2} Cor. 12:15

9 ^aActs 18:3;

20:34, 35

^{b2} Cor. 12:13

10 ^{a1} Thess.

1:5 ^{b2} Cor. 7:2

11 ¹NU, M

implored

12 ^aEph. 4:1

^{b1} Cor. 1:9

13 ^{a1} Thess.

1:2, 3 ^bMark

4:20 ^cGal.

4:14] ^d[1 Pet.

1:23]

14 ^aGal. 1:22

^bActs 17:5

15 ^aActs 2:23

^bMatt. 5:12;

23:34, 35

^cEsth. 3:8

¹hostile

16 ^aLuke 11:52

^bGen. 15:16

^cMatt. 24:6

17 ^{a1} Cor. 5:3

18 ^aRom. 1:13;

15:22

19 ^{a2} Cor. 1:14

^bProv. 16:31

^cJude 24

^{d1} Cor. 15:23

CHAPTER 3

2 ^aRom. 16:21

3 ^aEph. 3:13

^bActs 9:16;

14:22

4 ^aActs 20:24

5 ^{a1} Cor. 7:5

^bGal. 2:2

6 ^aActs 18:5

^bPhil. 1:8

7 ^{a2} Cor. 1:4

8 ^aPhil. 4:1

you heard from us, you welcomed it ^anot as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively ^aworks in you who believe.

14 For you, brethren, became imitators ^aof the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For ^byou also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans,

15 ^awho killed both the Lord Jesus and ^btheir own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God ^aand are ¹contrary to all men,

16 ^aforbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always ^bto fill up *the measure* of their sins; ^cbut wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

Longing to See Them

17 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time ^ain presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire.

18 Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but ^aSatan hindered us.

19 For ^awhat is our hope, or joy, or ^bcrown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the ^apresence of our Lord Jesus Christ ^aat His coming?

20 For you are our glory and joy.

Concern for Their Faith

3 Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone,

2 and sent ^aTimothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,

3 ^athat no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that ^bwe are appointed to this.

4 ^aFor, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know.

5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, ^alest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and ^bour labor might be in vain.

Encouraged by Timothy

6 ^aBut now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, ^aas we also to *see* you—

7 therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress ^awe were comforted concerning you by your faith.

8 For now we live, if you ^astand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render

to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,
10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face^a and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

Prayer for the Church

11 Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,

13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Plea for Purity

4 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

2 for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who is his avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

A Brotherly and Orderly Life

9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,

12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

The Comfort of Christ's Coming

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those

10 ^{a2} Cor. 13:9

11 ^a Mark 1:3

12 ^a Phil. 1:9

13 ^{a2} Thess. 2:17

CHAPTER 4

1 ^{a1} Cor. 15:58
^b Phil. 1:27

3 ^a [Rom. 12:2]

^b Eph. 5:27

^c [1 Cor. 6:15-20]

4 ^a Rom. 6:19

5 ^a Col. 3:5

^b Eph. 4:17, 18

^c 1 Cor. 15:34

6 ^{a2} Thess. 1:8

7 ^a Lev. 11:44

8 ^a Luke 10:16

^{b1} Cor. 2:10

¹ NU who also gives

9 ^a [Jer. 31:33, 34] ^b Matt. 22:39

10 ^{a1} Thess. 3:12

11 ^{a2} Thess. 3:11

^b Acts 20:35

12 ^a Rom. 13:13

13 ^a Lev. 19:28

^b [Eph. 2:12]

¹ Died

14 ^{a1} Cor. 15:13

^{b1} Cor. 15:20, 23

¹ Or through Jesus sleep

15 ^{a1} Kin. 13:17; 20:35

^{b1} Cor. 15:51, 52

¹ Dead

16 ^a [Matt. 24:30, 31]

^b [1 Cor. 15:52]

^c [1 Cor. 15:23]

17 ^a [1 Cor. 15:51-53]

^b Acts 1:9

^c John 14:3; 17:24

18 ^{a1} Thess. 5:11

CHAPTER 5

1 ^a Matt. 24:3

2 ^a [2 Pet. 3:10]

3 ^a Is. 13:6-9

^b Hos. 13:13

4 ^{a1} John 2:8

5 ^a Eph. 5:8

6 ^a Matt. 25:5

^b [1 Pet. 5:8]

¹ self-controlled

7 ^a [Luke 21:34] ^b Acts 2:15

8 ^a Eph. 6:14

9 ^a Rom. 9:22

^b [2 Thess. 2:13]

who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The Day of the Lord

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Various Exhortations

12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

13 and to esteem them very highly

10 ^{a2} Cor. 5:15 11 ¹ Or encourage ² build one another up 12 ¹ Cor. 16:18 ¹ instruct or warn

in love for their work's sake. ^aBe at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we ¹exhort you, brethren, ^awarn those who are ²unruly, ^bcomfort the fainthearted, ^cuphold the weak, ^dbe patient with all.

15 ^aSee that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always ^bpursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

16 ^aRejoice always,

17 ^apray without ceasing.

18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

19 ^aDo not quench the Spirit.

20 ^aDo not despise prophecies.

21 ^aTest all things; ^bhold fast what is good.

22 Abstain from every form of evil.

13 ^aMark 9:50

14 ^{a2} Thess.

3:6, 7, 11

^bHeb. 12:12

^cRom. 14:1;

15:1 ^aGal. 5:22

¹encourage

²insubordi-

nate or idle

15 ^aLev. 19:18

^bGal. 6:10

16 ^a[2 Cor.

6:10]

17 ^aEph. 6:18

19 ^aEph. 4:30

20 ^{a1} Cor. 14:1,

31

21 ^{a1} John 4:1

^bPhil. 4:8

23 ^aPhil. 4:9

^{b1} Thess. 3:13

^{c1} Cor. 1:8, 9

¹set you apart

Blessing and Admonition

23 Now may ^athe God of peace Himself ^bsanctify¹ you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body ^cbe preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 He who calls you is ^afaithful, who also will ^bdo it.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this ¹epistle be read to all the ²holy brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

24 ^a[1 Cor. 10:13] ^bPhil. 1:6 27 ¹letter ²NU omits *holy*

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the

THESSALONIANS

SINCE Paul's first letter, the seeds of false doctrine have been sown among the Thessalonians, causing them to waver in their faith. Paul removes these destructive seeds and again plants the seeds of truth. He begins by commending the believers on their faithfulness in the midst of persecution and encouraging them that present suffering will be repaid with future glory. Therefore, in the midst of persecution, expectation can be high.

Paul then deals with the central matter of his letter: a misunderstanding spawned by false teachers regarding the coming day of the Lord. Despite reports to the contrary, that Day has not yet come, and Paul recounts the events that must first take place. Laboring for the gospel, rather than lazy resignation, is the proper response.

As the second letter in Paul's Thessalonian correspondence, this was entitled *Pros Thessalonikeis B*, the "Second to the Thessalonians."

Greeting

PAUL, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Final Judgment and Glory

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

4 so that ^awe ourselves boast of

CHAPTER 1

2 ^{a1} Cor. 1:3

4 ^{a2} Cor. 7:4

^{b1} Thess. 1:3

^{c1} Thess. 2:14

¹afflictions

5 ^aPhil. 1:28

^{b1} Thess. 2:14

¹plain

6 ^aRev. 6:10

¹affliction

7 ^aRev. 14:13

^bJude 14

you among the churches of God ^bfor your patience and faith ^cin all your persecutions and ¹tribulations that you endure,

5 *which is* ^amanifest¹ evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, ^bfor which you also suffer;

6 *since it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with ¹tribulation those who trouble you,

7 and to *give* you who are troubled ^arest with us when ^bthe Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 ^aThese shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and ^bfrom the glory of His power,

10 when He comes, in that Day, ^ato be ^bglorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who ¹believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

11 Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would ^acount you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and ^bthe work of faith with power,

12 ^athat the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Great Apostasy

2 Now, brethren, ^aconcerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ ^band our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

2 ^anot to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of ¹Christ had come.

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* ^aunless the falling away comes first, and ^bthe man of ¹sin is revealed, ^athe son of perdition,

4 who opposes and ^aexalts himself ^babove all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits ¹as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

7 For ^athe ¹mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only ²He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, ^awhom the Lord will consume ^bwith the breath of His mouth and destroy ^cwith the brightness of His coming.

9 The coming of the *lawless one* is ^aaccording to the working of Satan, with all power, ^bsigns, and lying wonders,

10 and with all unrighteous deception among ^athose who perish, because they did not receive ^bthe love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And ^afor this reason God will send them strong delusion, ^bthat they should believe the lie,

12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but ^ahad pleasure in unrighteousness.

9 ^aPhil. 3:19
^bDeut. 33:2

10 ^aMatt. 25:31
^bJohn 17:10
¹NU, M *have believed*

11 ^aCol. 1:12
^b1 Thess. 1:3

12 ^a[Col. 3:17]
CHAPTER 2

1 ^a[1 Thess. 4:15-17]

^bMatt. 24:31

2 ^aMatt. 24:4
¹NU *the Lord*

3 ^a1 Tim. 4:1
^bDan. 7:25;
8:25; 11:36
^cJohn 17:12
¹NU *lawless-ness*

4 ^aIs. 14:13, 14
^b1 Cor. 8:5
¹NU *omits as God*

7 ^a1 John 2:18
¹*hidden truth*
²*Or he*

8 ^aDan. 7:10
^bIs. 11:4 ^cHeb. 10:27

9 ^aJohn 8:41
^bDeut. 13:1

10 ^a2 Cor. 2:15
^b1 Cor. 16:22

11 ^aRom. 1:28
^b1 Tim. 4:1

12 ^aRom. 1:32

13 ^aEph. 1:4
^b1 Thess. 1:4
^c[1 Pet. 1:2]

¹*under obligation* ²*being set apart by*

14 ^a1 Pet. 5:10

15 ^a1 Cor. 16:13 ^b1 Cor. 11:2 ¹*letter*

16 ^a[Rev. 1:5]
^b1 Pet. 1:3

17 ^a1 Cor. 1:8
¹*strengthen*

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aEph. 6:19

2 ^aRom. 15:31
^bActs 28:24

3 ^a1 Cor. 1:9
^bJohn 17:15

4 ^a2 Cor. 7:16

5 ^a1 Chr. 29:18

6 ^aRom. 16:17
^b1 Cor. 5:1

^c1 Thess. 4:11
¹NU, M *they*

8 ^a1 Thess. 2:9
¹*Lit. for nothing*

9 ^a1 Cor. 9:4, 6-14

11 ^a1 Pet. 4:15

12 ^aEph. 4:28
¹*encourage*

Stand Fast

13 But we are ¹bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God ^afrom the beginning ^bchose you for salvation ^cthrough ²sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

14 to which He called you by our gospel, for ^athe obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, ^astand fast and hold ^bthe traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our ¹epistle.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, ^awho has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and ^bgood hope by grace,

17 comfort your hearts ^aand ¹establish you in every good word and work.

Pray for Us

3 Finally, brethren, ^apray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as ¹it is with you,

2 and ^athat we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; ^bfor not all have faith.

3 But ^athe Lord is faithful, who will establish you and ^bguard you from the evil one.

4 And ^awe have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you.

5 Now may ^athe Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Warning Against Idleness

6 But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^athat you withdraw ^bfrom every brother who walks ^cdisorderly and not according to the tradition which ¹he received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you;

8 nor did we eat anyone's bread ¹free of charge, but worked with ^alabor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you,

9 not because we do not have ^aauthority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are ^abusybodies.

12 Now those who are such we command and ¹exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ ^athat they work in

quietness and eat their own bread.
13 But as for you, brethren, ^ado not grow weary in doing good.

14 And if anyone does not obey our word in this ¹epistle, note that person and ^ado not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 ^aYet do not count *him* as an enemy, ^bbut ¹admonish *him* as a brother.

13 ^aGal. 6:9

14 ^aMatt. 18:17

¹letter

15 ^aLev. 19:17

^bTitus 3:10

¹warn

16 ^aRom. 15:33

17 ^a1 Cor.

16:21 ¹letter

18 ^aRom.

16:20, 24

Benediction

16 Now may ^athe Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.

17 ^aThe salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is a sign in every ¹epistle; so I write.

18 ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to

TIMOTHY

PAUL, the aged and experienced apostle, writes to the young pastor Timothy who is facing a heavy burden of responsibility in the church at Ephesus. The task is challenging: false doctrine must be erased, public worship safeguarded, and mature leadership developed. In addition to the conduct of the church, Paul talks pointedly about the conduct of the minister. Timothy must be on his guard lest his youthfulness become a liability, rather than an asset, to the gospel. He must be careful to avoid false teachers and greedy motives, pursuing instead righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and the gentleness that befits a man of God.

The Greek title for this letter is *Pros Timotheon A*, the "First to Timothy." *Timothy* means "honoring God" or "honored by God," and probably was given to him by his mother Eunice.

Greeting

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

2 To Timothy, a ^atrue son in the faith:

^bGrace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

No Other Doctrine

3 As I urged you ^awhen I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may ¹charge some ^bthat they teach no other doctrine, ⁴ ^anor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

5 Now ^athe purpose of the commandment is love ^bfrom a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from ¹sincere faith,

6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to ¹idle talk,

7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what

CHAPTER 1

2 ^aTitus 1:4

^bGal. 1:3

3 ^aActs 20:1, 3

^bGal. 1:6, 7

¹command

4 ^aTitus 1:14

5 ^aRom.

13:8–10 ^bEph.

6:24 ¹Lit.

¹unhypocritical

6 ^a1 Tim. 6:4,

20

8 ^aRom. 7:12,

16

10 ¹opposed

11 ^a1 Tim. 6:15

^b1 Cor. 9:17

12 ^a1 Cor.

15:10 ^b1 Cor.

7:25 ^cCol. 1:25

13 ^aActs 8:3

^bJohn 4:21

¹violently

¹arrogant

14 ^aRom. 5:20

^b2 Tim. 1:13;

2:22

they say nor the things which they affirm.

8 But we know that the law is ^agood if one uses it lawfully,

9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is ¹contrary to sound doctrine,

11 according to the glorious gospel of the ^ablessed God which was ^bcommitted to my trust.

Glory to God for His Grace

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has ^aenabled me, ^bbecause He counted me faithful, ^cputting *me* into the ministry,

13 although ^aI was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an ¹insolent man; but I obtained mercy because ^bI did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14 ^aAnd the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, ^bwith faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

15 ^aThis is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that ^bChrist Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

17 Now to ^athe King eternal, ^bimmortal, ^cinvisible, to ¹God ^awho alone is wise, ^ebe honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Fight the Good Fight

18 This ¹charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,

20 of whom are ^aHymenaeus and ^bAlexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to ^cblaspheme.

Pray for All Men

2 Therefore I ¹exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

2 ^afor kings and ^ball who are in ¹authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and ²reverence.

3 For this is ^agood and acceptable in the sight ^bof God our Savior,

4 ^awho desires all men to be saved ^band to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 ^aFor *there is* one God and ^bone Mediator between God and men, *the Man Christ Jesus,*

6 ^awho gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

7 ^afor which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth ¹in Christ and not lying—^ba teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Men and Women in the Church

8 I desire therefore that the men pray ^aeverywhere, ^blifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

9 in like manner also, that the ^awomen adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and ¹moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

10 ^abut, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

12 And ^aI do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

15 ^a1 Tim. 3:1; 4:9; 2 Tim. 2:11; Titus 3:8

^bIs. 53:5; 61:1; Hos. 6:1-3; Matt. 1:21; 9:13

17 ^aPs. 10:16; ^bRom. 1:23; ^cHeb. 11:27

^dRom. 16:27; ^e1 Chr. 29:11

¹NU the only God.

18 ¹command

20 ^a2 Tim. 2:17, 18

^b2 Tim. 4:14; ^cActs 13:45

CHAPTER 2

1 ¹encourage

2 ^aEzra 6:10; ^b[Rom. 13:1]

^{1a} prominent place ²dignity

³Rom. 12:2; ^b2 Tim. 1:9

4 ^aEzek. 18:23; 32; John 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:10;

Titus 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:9

^b[John 17:3]

5 ^a1 Cor. 8:6; Gal. 3:20

^b[Heb. 9:15]

6 ^aMark 10:45

7 ^aEph. 3:7, 8; 1 Tim. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:11

^b[Gal. 1:15]

16 ¹NU omits in Christ

8 ^aLuke 23:34; ^bPs. 134:2

9 ^a1 Pet. 3:3; ¹discretion

10 ^a1 Pet. 3:4

12 ^a1 Cor. 14:34; Titus 2:5

CHAPTER 3

1 ¹Lit. overseer

3 ¹addicted

²NU omits not greedy for money ³loving money

6 ¹new convert

7 ^a1 Tim. 6:9; 2 Tim. 2:26

8 ^aEzek. 44:21

9 ¹hidden truth

11 ¹malicious gossip

13 ^aMatt. 25:21

15 ¹foundation, mainstay

16 ^a[John 1:14; 1 Pet. 1:20; 1 John 1:2; 3:5, 8] ^b[Matt. 3:16; Rom. 1:4] ^cMatt. 28:2 ^dActs 10:34; Rom. 10:18 ¹hidden truth ²NU Who

13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

Qualifications of Overseers

3 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a ¹bishop, he desires a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

3 not ¹given to wine, not violent, ²not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not ³covetous;

4 one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence

5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

6 not a ¹novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the ^asnare of the devil.

Qualifications of Deacons

8 Likewise deacons *must be* reverent, not double-tongued, ^anot given to much wine, not greedy for money,

9 holding the ¹mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

10 But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being *found* blameless.

11 Likewise, *their wives must be* reverent, not ¹slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.

12 Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well.

13 For those who have served well as deacons ^aobtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The Great Mystery

14 These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly;

15 but if I am delayed, *I write so* that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ¹ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the ¹mystery of godliness:

^aGod² was manifested in the flesh,

^bJustified in the Spirit,

^cSeen by angels,

^dPreached among the Gentiles,

^aBelieved on in the world,
^fReceived up in glory.

The Great Apostasy

4 Now the Spirit ¹expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed ^{to} deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
2 ^aspeaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience ^bseared with a hot iron,
3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;
5 for it is ¹sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

A Good Servant of Jesus Christ

6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, ^anourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.
7 But ^areject profane and old wives' fables, and ^bexercise yourself toward godliness.
8 For ^abodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, ^bhaving promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.
9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.
10 For to this end ¹we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, ^awho is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.
11 These things command and teach.

Take Heed to Your Ministry

12 Let no one ¹despise your youth, but be an ^aexample to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, ²in spirit, in faith, in purity.
13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to ¹doctrine.
14 ^aDo not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy ^bwith the laying on of the hands of the eldership.
15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.
16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Treatment of Church Members

5 Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.

¹⁶ ^aRom. 16:26; 2 Cor. 1:19; Col. 1:6;
²³ ¹Luke 24:51

CHAPTER 4

¹ ^{a2} Tim. 3:13;
 Rev. 16:14
¹explicitly

² ^aMatt. 7:15
^bEph. 4:19

⁵ ¹set apart

⁶ ^{a2} Tim. 3:14

⁷ ^{a2} Tim. 2:16;
 Titus 1:14
^bHeb. 5:14

⁸ ^{a1} Cor. 8:8
^bPs. 37:9

¹⁰ ^aPs. 36:6
¹NU we labor and strive,

¹² ^aPhil. 3:17;
 Titus 2:7;
 1 Pet. 5:3
¹look down on your youthfulness
¹NU omits in spirit

¹³ ¹teaching

¹⁴ ^{a2} Tim. 1:6
^bActs 6:6;
 1 Tim. 5:22

CHAPTER 5

⁴ ^aGen. 45:10
¹NU, M omit good and

⁵ ^aActs 26:7

⁶ ¹indulgence

⁸ ^aIs. 58:7;
 2 Cor. 12:14
^{b2} Tim. 3:5
^cMatt. 18:17

¹¹ ¹Refuse to enroll

¹² ¹Or solemn promise

¹⁶ ¹NU omits man or ²give aid to

¹⁸ ^aDeut. 25:4;
 1 Cor. 9:7-9
^bLev. 19:13;
 Deut. 24:15;
 Matt. 10:10;
 Luke 10:7;
 1 Cor. 9:14

¹⁹ ^aDeut. 17:6;
 19:15; Matt. 18:16

²¹ ¹chosen

Honor True Widows

3 Honor widows who are really widows.

4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and ^ato repay their parents; for this is ¹good and acceptable before God.

5 Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers ^anight and day.

6 But she who lives in ¹pleasure is dead while she lives.

7 And these things command, that they may be blameless.

8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, ^aand especially for those of his household, ^bhe has denied the faith ^cand is worse than an unbeliever.

9 Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and ^anot unless she has been the wife of one man,

10 well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

11 But ¹refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry,

12 having condemnation because they have cast off their first ¹faith.

13 And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.

14 Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

15 For some have already turned aside after Satan.

16 If any believing ¹man or woman has widows, let them ²relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

Honor the Elders

17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

18 For the Scripture says, ^a"You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, ^b"The laborer is worthy of his wages."

19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except ^afrom two or three witnesses.

20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the ¹elect

angels that you observe these things without ^aprejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor ^ashare in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent ¹infirmities.

24 Some men's sins are ^aclearly evident, preceding *them* to judgment, but those of some *men* follow later.

25 Likewise, the good works of *some* are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

Honor Masters

6 Let as many ^abondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and *His* doctrine may not be blasphemed.

2 And those who have believing masters, let them not despise *them* because they are brethren, but rather serve *them* because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

Error and Greed

3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to ^awholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^band to the ¹doctrine which accords with godliness,

4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,

5 ¹useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means* of gain. ²From ^asuch withdraw yourself.

6 Now godliness with ^acontentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, ¹and it is ^acertain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be ^acontent.

9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

21 ^aDeut. 1:17

22 ^aEph. 5:6, 7;
2 John 11

23 ¹illnesses

24 ^aGal.
5:19-21

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aEph. 6:5;
Titus 2:9;
1 Pet. 2:18

3 ^a2 Tim. 1:13
^bTitus 1:1
¹teaching

5 ^a2 Tim. 3:5
¹NU, M *constant friction*
²NU omits the rest of v. 5.

6 ^aPhil. 4:11;
Heb. 13:5

7 ^aJob 1:21;
Ps. 49:17;
Eccl. 5:15 ¹NU
omits *and it is certain*

8 ^aProv. 30:8, 9

13 ^aMatt. 27:2;
John 18:36, 37

15 ¹Sovereign

16 ^aDan. 2:22
^bJohn 6:46

17 ^aJer. 9:23;
48:7 ^bEccl.
5:18, 19

19 ^a[Matt. 6:20,
21; 19:21]

20 ^a[2 Tim.
1:12, 14]
^bTitus 1:14
¹empty chatter

10 For the love of money is a root of all *kinds* of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The Good Confession

11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus ^awho witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

14 that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,

15 which He will manifest in His own time, *He who* is the blessed and only ¹Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in ^aunapproachable light, ^bwhom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Instructions to the Rich

17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain ^ariches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things ^bto enjoy.

18 *Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

19 ^astoring up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Guard the Faith

20 O Timothy! ^aGuard what was committed to your trust, ^bavoiding the profane and ¹idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—

21 by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

TIMOTHY

PRISON is the last place from which to expect a letter of encouragement, but that is where Paul's second letter to Timothy originates. He begins by assuring Timothy of his continuing love and prayers, and reminds him of his spiritual heritage and responsibilities. Only the one who perseveres, whether as a soldier, athlete, farmer, or minister of Jesus Christ, will reap the reward. Paul warns Timothy that his teaching will come under attack as men desert the truth for ear-itching words (4:3). But Timothy has Paul's example to guide him and God's Word to fortify him as he faces growing opposition and glowing opportunities in the last days.

Paul's last epistle received the title *Pros Timotheon B*, the "Second to Timothy." When Paul's epistles were collected together the *B* was probably added to distinguish this letter from the first letter he wrote to Timothy.

Greeting

PAUL, an apostle of ¹Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, a beloved son:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Timothy's Faith and Heritage

3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,

4 greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

5 when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

11 to which I was appointed a

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aTitus 1:2
¹NU, M *Christ Jesus*

2 ^{a1} Tim. 1:2;
2 Tim. 2:1;
Titus 1:4

3 ^aActs 24:14
5 ^{a1} Tim. 1:5;
4:6 ^bActs 16:1
¹Lit. *unhypo-*
critical

6 ^{a1} Tim. 4:14
7 ^aJohn 14:27;
Rom. 8:15;
1 John 4:18
^b[Acts 1:8]

8 ^a[Mark 8:38;
Luke 9:26;
Rom. 1:16];
2 Tim. 1:12, 16
^{b1} Tim. 2:6
^cEph. 3:1;
2 Tim. 1:16

9 ^a[Rom. 3:20];
Eph. 2:8, 9
^bRom. 8:28
^cRom. 16:25;
Eph. 1:4; Titus 1:2

10 ^aEph. 1:9
11 ^aActs 9:15
¹NU omits of
the Gentiles

12 ^{a1} Pet. 4:19
13 ^{a2} Tim.
3:14; Titus 1:9
^bRom. 2:20;
6:17 ^{c1} Tim.
6:3

16 ^{a2} Tim. 4:19
18 ^aMatt. 6:4;
Mark 9:41
^{b2} Thess. 1:10
^cHeb. 6:10
¹to me from
Vg., a few Gr.
mss.

CHAPTER 2

1 ^{a1} Tim. 1:2
^bEph. 6:10

3 ^{a2} Tim. 4:5
^{b1} Cor.
9:7-1 Tim. 1:18
¹NU You
must share

4 ^a[2 Pet. 2:20]
5 ^{a1} [1 Cor. 9:25]

preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Be Loyal to the Faith

13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

15 This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

17 but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me.

18 The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day—and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.

Be Strong in Grace

2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

6 The hard-working farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

7 Consider what I say, and ¹may the Lord ^agive you understanding in all things.

8 Remember that Jesus Christ, ^aof the seed of David, ^bwas raised from the dead ^aaccording to my gospel,

9 ^afor which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, ^beven to the point of chains; ^abut the word of God is not chained.

10 Therefore ^aI endure all things for the sake of the ¹elect, ^bthat they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 *This is a faithful saying:*

For ^aif we died with *Him*,
We shall also live with *Him*.

12 ^aIf we endure,
We shall also reign with *Him*.

^bIf we deny *Him*,
He also will deny us.

13 If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;
He ^acannot deny Himself.

*Approved and Disapproved
Workers*

14 Remind *them* of these things, ^acharging *them* before the Lord not to ¹strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.

15 ^aBe diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16 But shun profane and ¹idle babblings, for they will ²increase to more ungodliness.

17 And their message will spread like cancer. ^aHymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort,

18 who have strayed concerning the truth, ^asaying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless ^athe solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord ^bknows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of ¹Christ depart from iniquity."

20 But in a great house there are not only ^avessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, ¹sanctified and useful for the Master, ^aprepared for every good work.

22 ^aFlee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

24 And ^aa servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, ¹able to teach, ^apatient,

7 ^aProv. 2:6
¹NU the Lord will give you

8 ^aRom. 1:3, 4
^b1 Cor. 15:4
^cRom. 2:16

9 ^aActs 9:16
^bEph. 3:1
^cActs 28:31

10 ^aEph. 3:13
^b2 Cor. 1:6
¹chosen ones

11 ^aRom. 6:5, 8
12 ^a[Rom. 5:17; 8:17]
^bMatt. 10:33

13 ^aNum. 23:19
14 ^aTitus 3:9
¹battle

15 ^a2 Pet. 1:10
16 ¹empty chatter ²lead

17 ^a1 Tim. 1:20
18 ^a1 Cor. 15:12

19 ^a[1 Cor. 3:11] ^b[Nah. 1:7] ¹NU, M the Lord

20 ^aRom. 9:21
21 ^a2 Tim. 3:17
¹set apart

22 ^a1 Tim. 6:11
24 ^aTitus 3:2
^bTitus 1:9
^c1 Tim. 3:3

25 ^aGal. 6:1
^bActs 8:22
^c1 Tim. 2:4

26 ^a1 Tim. 3:7
CHAPTER 3

1 ^a1 Tim. 4:1
¹times of stress

3 ¹irreconcilable

4 ^a2 Pet. 2:10
5 ^aTitus 1:16
^b1 Tim. 5:8
^c2 Thess. 3:6

6 ^aMatt. 23:14
7 ^a1 Tim. 2:4

8 ^aEx. 7:11, 12, 22; 8:7; 9:11
^b1 Tim. 6:5
^cRom. 1:28

9 ^aEx. 7:11, 12; 8:18; 9:11
10 ^a1 Tim. 4:6

11 ^aActs 13:44-52
^bActs 14:1-6,
19 ^aActs 14:8-20 ^aPs. 34:19

12 ^a[Ps. 34:19]
13 ^a2 Thess. 2:11

14 ^a2 Tim. 1:13
15 ^aJohn 5:39

16 ^a[2 Pet. 1:20] ^bRom. 4:23; 15:4
¹training, discipline

17 ^a1 Tim. 6:11
^b2 Tim. 2:21

25 ^ain humility correcting those who are in opposition, ^bif God perhaps will grant them repentance, ^cso that they may know the truth,

26 and *that* they may come to their senses and ^aescape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Perilous Times and Perilous Men

3 But know this, that ^ain the last days ¹perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, ¹unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 ^atraitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 ^ahaving a form of godliness but ^bdenying its power. And ^afrom such people turn away!

6 For ^aof this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

7 always learning and never able ^ato come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 ^aNow as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: ^bmen of corrupt minds, ^cdisapproved concerning the faith;

9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, ^aas theirs also was.

The Man of God and the Word of God

10 ^aBut you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me ^aat Antioch, ^bat Iconium, ^cat Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And ^aout of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yes, and ^aall who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

13 ^aBut evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

14 But you must ^acontinue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,

15 and that from childhood you have known ^athe Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 ^aAll Scripture is given by inspiration of God, ^band is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for ¹instruction in righteousness,

17 ^athat the man of God may be complete, ^bthoroughly equipped for every good work.

Preach the Word

4 I ^acharge you ¹therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, ^bwho will judge the living and the dead ²at His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. ^aConvince, ^brebuke, ^cexhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 ^aFor the time will come when they will not endure ^bsound doctrine, ^cbut according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 *and* they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and ^abe turned aside to fables.

5 But you be watchful in all things, ^aendure afflictions, do the work of ^ban evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Paul's Valedictory

6 For ^aI am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of ^bmy departure is at hand.

7 ^aI have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Finally, there is laid up for me ^athe crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous ^bJudge, will give to me ^con that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

The Abandoned Apostle

9 Be diligent to come to me quickly; 10 for ^aDemas has forsaken me, ^bhaving loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

CHAPTER 4

1 ^a1 Tim. 5:21

^bActs 10:42

¹NU omits

therefore

²NU *and by*

2 ^aTitus 2:15

^b1 Tim. 5:20

^c1 Tim. 4:13

3 ^a2 Tim. 3:1

^b1 Tim. 1:10

^c2 Tim. 3:6

4 ^a1 Tim. 1:4

5 ^a2 Tim. 1:8

^bActs 21:8

6 ^aPhil. 2:17

^b[Phil. 1:23]

7 ^a1 Cor.

9:24-27

8 ^aJames 1:12

^bJohn 5:22

^c2 Tim. 1:12

10 ^aCol. 4:14

^b1 John 2:15

11 ^aActs 12:12,

25; 15:37-39

12 ^aActs 20:4

14 ^a1 Tim. 1:20

16 ^aActs 7:60

17 ^aActs 23:11

^bActs 9:15

^c1 Sam. 17:37

18 ^aPs. 121:7

^bRom. 11:36

19 ^aActs 18:2

^b2 Tim. 1:16

20 ^aRom. 16:23

^bActs 20:4;

21:29

22 ¹NU omits

Jesus Christ

11 Only Luke is with me. Get ^aMark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

12 And ^aTychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

13 Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.

14 ^aAlexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

15 You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. ^aMay it not be charged against them.

The Lord Is Faithful

17 ^aBut the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, ^bso that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered ^cout of the mouth of the lion.

18 ^aAnd the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom. ^bTo Him *be* glory forever and ever. Amen!

Come Before Winter

19 Greet ^aPrisca and Aquila, and the household of ^bOnesiphorus.

20 ^aErastus stayed in Corinth, but ^bTrophimus I have left in Miletus sick.

21 Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.

Farewell

22 The Lord ¹Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to

TITUS

TITUS, a young pastor, faces the unenviable assignment of setting in order the church at Crete. Paul writes advising him to appoint elders, men of proven spiritual character in their homes and businesses, to oversee the work of the church. But elders are not the only individuals in the church who are required to excel spiritually. Men and women, young and old, each have their vital functions to fulfill in the church if they are to be living examples of the doctrine they profess. Throughout his letter to Titus, Paul stresses the necessary, practical working out of salvation in the daily lives of both the elders and the congregation. Good works are desirable and profitable for all believers.

This third Pastoral Epistle is simply titled *Pros Titon*, "To Titus." Ironically, this was also the name of the Roman general who destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and succeeded his father Vespasian as emperor.

Greeting

PAUL, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and ^athe acknowledgment of the truth ^bwhich accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life which God, who ^acannot lie, promised before time began,

3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

4 To ^aTitus, a true son in our common faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and ¹the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

Qualified Elders

5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should ^aset in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—

6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, ^ahaving faithful children not accused of ¹dissipation or insubordination.

7 For a ¹bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, ^anot given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

8 but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled,

9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

The Elders' Task

10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle ^atalkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,

11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, ^afor the sake of dishonest gain.

12 ^aOne of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

13 This testimony is true. ^aTherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and ^acommandments of men who turn from the truth.

15 ^aTo the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

16 They profess to ^aknow God, but ^bin works they deny Him, being ¹abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a2 Tim. 2:25
^b1 Tim. 3:16]

2 ^aNum. 23:19

4 ^a2 Cor. 2:13;
8:23; Gal. 2:3;
2 Tim. 4:10

¹NU Christ
Jesus

5 ^a1 Cor. 11:34

6 ^a1 Tim.

3:2-4; Titus
1:6-8

¹debauchery,
lit. incorrigibility

7 ^aLev. 10:9

¹Lit. overseer

10 ^aJames 1:26

11 ^a1 Tim. 6:5

12 ^aActs 17:28

13 ^a2 Cor.

13:10; 2 Tim.
4:2

14 ^aIs. 29:13

15 ^aLuke

11:41; Rom.
14:14, 20;

1 Cor. 6:12

16 ^aMatt.

7:20-23; 25:12;

1 John 2:4

^b2 Tim. 3:5, 7]

¹Rom. 1:28

¹detestable

CHAPTER 2

5 ^a1 Tim. 5:14

^b1 Cor. 14:34;

1 Tim. 2:11

^cRom. 2:24

7 ^aPhil. 3:17;

1 Tim. 4:12

^bEph. 6:24

¹NU omits in-

corruptibility

8 ¹NU, M us

9 ^aEph. 6:5;

1 Tim. 6:1

10 ¹thieving

²honesty

11 ^a[Rom.

5:15]

13 ^a1 Cor. 1:7

^b[Col. 3:4]

14 ^aIs. 53:12;

Gal. 1:4

^bEzek. 37:3;

[Heb. 1:3;

9:14; 1 John

1:7] ^cEx. 15:16

15 ^a1 Tim.

4:13; 5:20;

2 Tim. 4:2

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1 ^a[Rom. 13:1];

1 Pet. 2:13

^bCol. 1:10

3 ^a1 Cor. 6:11;

1 Pet. 4:3

4 ^aTitus 2:11

^b1 Tim. 2:3

Qualities of a Sound Church

2 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—

4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be discreet, chaste, ^ahome-makers, good, ^bobedient to their own husbands, ^athat the word of God may not be blasphemed.

6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,

7 in all things showing yourself to be ^aa pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, ^bincorruptibility,¹

8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of ¹you.

9 Exhort ^abondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back,

10 not ¹pilfering, but showing all good ²fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Trained by Saving Grace

11 For ^athe grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

13 ^alooking for the blessed ^bhope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

14 ^awho gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed ^band purify for Himself ^cHis own special people, zealous for good works.

15 Speak these things, ^aexhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Graces of the Heirs of Grace

3 Remind them ^ato be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, ^bto be ready for every good work,

2 to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

3 For ^awe ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

4 But when ^athe kindness and the love of ^bGod our Savior toward man appeared,

5 ^anot by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through ^bthe washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
6 ^awhom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
7 that having been justified by His grace ^awe should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
8 ^aThis is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Avoid Dissension

9 But ^aavoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

5 ^a[Rom. 3:20]
^bJohn 3:3

6 ^aEzek. 36:26

7 ^a[Rom. 8:17, 23, 24]

8 ^{a1} Tim. 1:15

9 ^{a2} Tim. 2:23

10 ^aMatt. 18:17
¹warning

12 ^aActs 20:4

13 ^aActs 18:24

10 ^aReject a divisive man after the first and second ¹admonition,
11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

Final Messages

12 When I send Artemas to you, or ^aTychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.
13 Send Zenas the lawyer and ^aApollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing.
14 And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Farewell

15 All who *are* with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to

PHILEMON

DOES Christian brotherly love really work, even in situations of extraordinary tension and difficulty? Will it work, for example, between a prominent slave owner and one of his runaway slaves? Paul has no doubt! He writes a “postcard” to Philemon, his beloved brother and fellow worker, on behalf of Onesimus—a deserter, thief, and formerly worthless slave, but now Philemon’s brother in Christ. With much tact and tenderness, Paul asks Philemon to receive Onesimus back with the same gentleness with which he would receive Paul himself. Any debt Onesimus owes, Paul promises to make good. Knowing Philemon, Paul is confident that brotherly love and forgiveness will carry the day.

Since this letter is addressed to Philemon in verse 1, it becomes known as *Pros Philemon*, “To Philemon.” Like First and Second Timothy and Titus, it is addressed to an individual, but unlike the Pastoral Epistles, Philemon is also addressed to a family and a church (v. 2).

Greeting

PAUL, a ^aprisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy *our* brother,

To Philemon our beloved *friend* and fellow laborer,

2 to the beloved Apphia, ^aArchippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon’s Love and Faith

4 ^{a1} thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers,

1 ^aEph. 3:1

2 ^aCol. 4:17
¹NU *our sister Apphia*

4 ^{a2} Thess. 1:3

5 ^aCol. 1:4

6 ^aPhil. 1:9
^{b1} Thess. 5:18]
¹NU, M *us*

7 ¹NU *had* ²M *thanksgiving*
³comfort ⁴Lit. *inward parts*, heart, liver, and lungs

5 ^ahearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,

6 that the sharing of your faith may become effective ^aby the acknowledgment of ^bevery good thing which is in ¹you in Christ Jesus.

7 For we ¹have great ²joy and ³consolation in your love, because the ⁴hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

The Plea for Onesimus

8 Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting,

9 *yet* for love’s sake I rather

appeal to you—being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ—

10 I appeal to you for my son ^aOnesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains,

11 who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.

12 I am sending him ¹back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own ²heart,

13 whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel.

14 But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, ^athat your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.

15 For perhaps he departed for a while for this *purpose*, that you might receive him forever,

16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the ^aflesh and in the Lord.

10 ^aCol. 4:9

12 ¹NU *back to you in person, that is, my own heart*, ²See v. 7.

14 ^{a2} Cor. 9:7

16 ^aCol. 3:22

19 ^{a1} Cor. 16:21

21 ^{a2} Cor. 7:16

22 ^aPhil. 1:25; ^{b2} Cor. 1:11

23 ^aCol. 1:7; 4:12

24 ^aActs 12:12, 25; 15:37–39; ^bActs 19:29; 27:2 ^cCol. 4:14 ^{d2} Tim. 4:11

25 ^{a2} Tim. 4:22

Philemon's Obedience Encouraged

17 If then you count me as a partner, receive him as *you would* me.

18 But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account.

19 I, Paul, am writing with my own ^ahand. I will repay—not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides.

20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.

21 ^aHaving confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

22 But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for ^{a1} I trust that ^bthrough your prayers I shall be granted to you.

Farewell

23 ^aEpaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,

24 as do ^aMark, ^bAristarchus, ^cDemas, ^dLuke, my fellow laborers.

25 ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Epistle to the

HEBREWS

MANY Jewish believers, having stepped out of Judaism into Christianity, want to reverse their course in order to escape persecution by their countrymen. The writer of Hebrews exhorts them to “go on to perfection” (6:1). His appeal is based on the superiority of Christ over the Judaic system. Christ is better than the angels, for they worship Him. He is better than Moses, for He created him. He is better than the Aaronic priesthood, for His sacrifice was once for all time. He is better than the law, for He mediates a better covenant. In short, there is more to be gained in Christ than to be lost in Judaism. Pressing on in Christ produces tested faith, self-discipline, and a visible love seen in good works.

Although the King James Version uses the title “The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews,” there is no early manuscript evidence to support it. The oldest and most reliable title is simply *Pros Ebraious*, “To Hebrews.”

God's Supreme Revelation

GOD, who ¹at various times and ^ain various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ¹worlds; ³ ^awho being the brightness of His glory and the express ^bimage of His person, and ^cupholding all things by the word of His power, ^dwhen He had ¹by Himself ²purged ³our sins, ^esat

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1 ^aNum. 12:6, 8 ¹Or in many portions

2 ¹Or ages, Gr. *aiones*, aeons

3 ^aJohn 1:14 ^{b2} Cor. 4:4 ^cCol. 1:17 ^dHeb. 7:27] ^ePss. 110:1 ¹NU omits *by Himself* ²cleansed

down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

4 having become so much better than the angels, as ^aHe has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

The Son Exalted Above Angels

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say:

³NU omits *our* 4 ^a[Phil. 2:9, 10]

^a"You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You?"

And again:

^b"I will be to Him a Father,
And He shall be to Me a Son"?

6 But when He again brings ^athe firstborn into the world, He says:

^b"Let all the angels of God
worship Him."

7 And of the angels He says:

^a"Who makes His angels spirits
And His ministers a flame of
fire."

8 But to the Son He says:

^a"Your throne, O God, is forever
and ever;
A ¹scepter of righteousness is
the scepter of Your kingdom.
9 You have loved righteousness
and hated lawlessness;
Therefore God, Your God, ^ahas
anointed You
With the oil of gladness more
than Your companions."

10 And:

^a"You, LORD, in the beginning
laid the foundation of the
earth,
And the heavens are the work
of Your hands.
11 ^aThey will perish, but You
remain;
And ^bthey will all grow old like
a garment;
12 Like a cloak You will fold them
up,
And they will be changed.
But You are the ^asame,
And Your years will not fail."

13 But to which of the angels has
He ever said:

^a"Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool"?

14 ^aAre they not all ministering
spirits sent forth to minister for
those who will ^binherit salvation?

Do Not Neglect Salvation

2 Therefore we must give ¹the
more earnest heed to the things
we have heard, lest we drift away.

2 For if the word ^aspoken through
angels proved steadfast, and ^bevery
transgression and disobedience
received a just ¹reward,

3 ^ahow shall we escape if we ne-
glect so great a salvation, ^bwhich at
the first began to be spoken by the

5 ^aPs. 2:7; Acts
13:33; Heb.
5:5 ^b2 Sam.
7:14

6 ^aPs. 89:27;
[Rom. 8:29]
^bDeut. 32:43;
LXX, DSS;
Ps. 97:7; 1 Pet.
3:22; Rev.
5:11-13

7 ^aPs. 104:4
8 ^aPs. 45:6, 7
¹A ruler's
staff

9 ^aIs. 61:1, 3
10 ^aPs.
102:25-27

11 ^a[Is. 34:4]
^bIs. 50:9; 51:6;
Heb. 8:13

12 ^aHeb. 13:8
13 ^aPs. 110:1;
Matt. 22:44;
Heb. 1:3

14 ^aPs. 103:20;
Dan. 7:10
^bRom. 8:17

CHAPTER 2

1 ¹all the more
careful atten-
tion

2 ^aDeut. 33:2;
Acts 7:53;
Gal. 3:19

^bNum. 15:30
¹retribution
or penalty

3 ^aHeb. 10:28
3 ^aMatt. 4:17
^bMark 16:20;

Luke 1:2;
1 John 1:1

4 ^aMark 16:20
^bActs 2:22, 43;
2 Cor. 12:2

^c1 Cor. 12:4, 7,
11; Eph. 4:7

^dEph. 1:5, 9
¹distributions

5 ^a[2 Pet. 3:13]
6 ^aJob 7:17;
Ps. 8:4-6

7 ¹Or for a lit-
tle while ²NU,
M omit the
rest of v. 7.

8 ^aMatt. 28:18
^bPs. 8:6;
1 Cor. 15:25,

27
9 ^aPhil. 2:7-9;
Heb. 1:9 ^bActs
2:33; 3:13;

1 Pet. 1:21 ^cIs.
53:12; [John
3:16] ¹Or for a
little while

10 ^aCol. 1:16
^bHeb. 5:8, 9;
7:28

11 ^aHeb. 10:10
^bActs 17:26
^cMatt. 28:10

¹sets apart
12 ^aPs. 22:22
13 ^a2 Sam.
22:3; Is. 8:17

^bIs. 8:18
14 ^aJohn 1:14
^bCol. 2:15
^c[1 Cor.
15:54-57];
2 Tim. 1:10

Lord, and was ^cconfirmed to us by
those who heard Him,

4 ^aGod also bearing witness ^bboth
with signs and wonders, with vari-
ous miracles, and ^cgifts¹ of the Holy
Spirit, ^aaccording to His own will?

The Son Made Lower than Angels

5 For He has not put ^athe world to
come, of which we speak, in subjec-
tion to angels.

6 But one testified in a certain
place, saying:

^a"What is man that You are
mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take
care of him?"

7 You have made him ¹a little
lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with
glory and honor,

²And set him over the works of
Your hands.

8 ^aYou have put all things in
subjection under his feet."

For in that He put all in subjection
under him, He left nothing ^athat is
not put under him. But now ^bwe do
not yet see all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, ^awho was
made ¹a little lower than the angels,
for the suffering of death ^bcrowned
with glory and honor, that He, by
the grace of God, might taste death
^cfor everyone.

Bringing Many Sons to Glory

10 For it was fitting for Him, ^afor
whom ^aare all things and by whom
^aare all things, in bringing many
sons to glory, to make the captain of
their salvation ^bperfect through suf-
ferings.

11 For ^aboth He who ¹sanctifies
and those who are being sanctified
^bare all of one, for which reason ^aHe
is not ashamed to call them
brethren,

12 saying:

^a"I will declare Your name to My
brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I
will sing praise to You."

13 And again:

^a"I will put My trust in Him."

And again:

^b"Here am I and the children,
whom God has given Me."

14 Inasmuch then as the children
have partaken of flesh and blood, He
^aHimself likewise shared in the
same, ^athat through death He might
destroy him who had the power of
^adeath, that is, the devil,

15 and release those who “through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For indeed He does not ¹give aid to angels, but He does ²give aid to the seed of Abraham.

17 Therefore, in all things He had ³to be made like His brethren, that He might be ⁴a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining to* God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 ⁵For in that He Himself has suffered, being ⁶tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

The Son Was Faithful

3 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as ³Moses also was faithful in all His house.

³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as ⁴He who built the house has more honor than the house.

⁴ For every house is built by someone, but ⁵He who built all things is God.

⁵ ⁶And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as ⁷a servant, ⁸for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*,

⁶ but Christ as ⁹a Son over His own house, ¹⁰whose house we are ¹¹if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope ¹²firm to the end.

Be Faithful

7 Therefore, as ¹the Holy Spirit says:

¹ *“Today, if you will hear His voice,*

8 *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,*

9 *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.*

10 *Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.’*

11 *So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”*

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

13 but ¹exhort one another daily, while it is called *“Today,”* lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning

15 ^aPs. 68:18; Is. 42:7; 45:13; 49:9; 61:1; [Luke 1:74]

16 ¹Or take on the nature of ²Or take on

17 ^aPhil. 2:7; Heb. 2:14; ^b[Heb. 4:15; 5:1–10]

18 ^a[Heb. 4:15; 16] ¹tested

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²Ex. 40:16; Num. 12:7; Heb. 3:5

³Zech. 6:12, 13

⁴[Eph. 2:10]

⁵Ex. 40:16; Num. 12:7; Heb. 3:2 ^bEx. 14:31; Num. 12:7 ^cDeut. 18:15, 18, 19

⁶Ps. 2:7; 110:4; Heb. 1:2 ^b1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Tim. 3:15 ^c[Matt. 10:22] ¹NU omits firm to the end

⁷Acts 1:16 ^bPs. 95:7–11; Heb. 3:15; 4:7

¹³ ¹encourage

15 ^aPs. 95:7, 8

16 ^aNum. 14:2, 11, 30; Deut. 1:35, 36, 38

17 ^aNum. 14:22, 23

18 ^aNum. 14:30

19 ^aNum. 14:1–39; 1 Cor. 10:11, 12

CHAPTER 4

¹2 Cor. 6:1; [Gal. 5:4]; Heb. 12:15

²NU, M since they were not united by faith with those who heeded it

³Ps. 95:11; Heb. 3:11

⁴Gen. 2:2; Ex. 20:11; 31:17

⁵Ps. 95:11

⁷Ps. 95:7, 8

⁸Josh. 22:4 ¹Gr. Jesus, same as Heb. Joshua

11 ^a2 Pet. 1:10

of our confidence steadfast to the end,

15 while it is said:

^a *“Today, if you will hear His voice,*

Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Failure of the Wilderness Wanderers

16 ^aFor who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?*

17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?*

18 And ^ato whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of ^aunbelief.

The Promise of Rest

4 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, ^alet us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, ^anot being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

^a *“So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ”*

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way:

“And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”;

5 and again in this place: *“They shall not enter My rest.”*

6 Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,

7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, *“Today,”* after such a long time, as it has been said:

^a *“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”*

8 For if ¹Joshua had ^agiven them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.

The Word Discovers Our Condition

11 ^aLet us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall ac-

cording to the same example of disobedience.

12 For the word of God is ^aliving and powerful, and ^bsharper than any ^ctwo-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is ^aa discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 ^aAnd there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things ^{are} ^bnaked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give account.*

Our Compassionate High Priest

14 Seeing then that we have a great ^aHigh Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, ^blet us hold fast *our* confession.

15 For ^awe do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but ^bwas in all *points* tempted as we *are*, ^cyet without sin.

16 ^aLet us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Qualifications for High Priesthood

5 For every high priest taken from among men ^ais appointed for men in things *pertaining to* God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

2 He can ^ahave compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to ^aweakness.

3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for ^ahimself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins.

4 And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as ^aAaron was.

A Priest Forever

5 ^aSo also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but *it* was He who said to Him:

^b*"You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You."*

6 As He also says in another place:

^a*"You are a priest forever
According to the order of
Melchizedek";*

7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had ^aoffered up prayers and supplications, ^bwith vehement cries and tears to Him ^cwho was able to save Him from death, and was heard ^abecause of His godly fear,

8 though He was a Son, yet He learned ^aobedience by the things which He suffered.

9 And ^ahaving been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

10 called by God as High Priest

12 ^aPs. 147:15
^bIs. 49:2 ^cEph. 6:17 ^d1 Cor. 14:24, 25

13 ^aPs. 33:13-15; 90:8 ^bJob 26:6

14 ^aHeb. 2:17; 7:26 ^bHeb. 10:23

15 ^aIs. 53:3-5
^bLuke 22:28
^c2 Cor. 5:21

16 ^a[Eph. 2:18]

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aHeb. 2:17; 8:3

2 ^aHeb. 7:28
^b*deal gently with*

3 ^aLev. 9:7; 16:6

4 ^aEx. 28:1

5 ^aJohn 8:54
^bPs. 2:7

6 ^aPs. 110:4

7 ^aMatt. 26:39; 42, 44 ^bPs. 22:1 ^cMatt. 26:53 ^dMatt. 26:39

8 ^aPhil. 2:8

9 ^aHeb. 2:10

10 ^aPs. 110:4

11 ^a[John 16:12] ^b[Matt. 13:15]

12 ^a1 Cor. 3:1-3 ^b*sayings, Scriptures*

13 ^aEph. 4:14

14 ^aIs. 7:15
^b*mature*
^c*practice*

CHAPTER 6

1 ^aHeb. 5:12
^b[Heb. 9:14]
^c*maturity*

2 ^aActs 19:3-5
^b[Acts 8:17]
^cActs 17:31
^dActs 24:25

3 ^aM let us do

4 ^a[John 4:10]
^b[Gal. 3:2, 5]

6 ^aHeb. 10:29
^b*Or and have fallen away*

7 ^aPs. 65:10

8 ^aIs. 5:6

10 ^aRom. 3:4
^b1 Thess. 1:3
^cRom. 15:25
^dNU omits *labor of*

11 ^aCol. 2:2

12 ^aHeb. 10:36
^b*lazy*

^a*"according to the order of Melchizedek,"*

11 of whom ^awe have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become ^adull of hearing.

Spiritual Immaturity

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the ^aoracles of God; and you have come to need ^amilk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is ^aa babe.

14 But solid food belongs to those who are ^aof full age, *that is*, those who by reason of ^ause have their senses exercised ^ato discern both good and evil.

The Peril of Not Progressing

6 Therefore, ^aleaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to ^aperfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from ^bdead works and of faith toward God,
2 ^aof the doctrine of baptisms, ^bof laying on of hands, ^cof resurrection of the dead, ^dand of eternal judgment.

3 And this ^awe will do if God permits.

4 For *it* is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted ^athe heavenly gift, and ^bhave become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
6 ^aif they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, ^asince they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, ^areceives blessing from God;
8 ^abut if it bears thorns and briers, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.

A Better Estimate

9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

10 For ^aGod is not unjust to forget ^byour work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ^aministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence ^ato the full assurance of hope until the end,

12 that you do not become ^asluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience ^ainherit the promises.

God's Infallible Purpose in Christ

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, ^aHe swore by Himself,

14 saying, ^a*"Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."*

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the ^apromise.

16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and ^aan oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to ^athe heirs of promise ^bthe immutability of His counsel, ²confirmed it by an oath,

18 that by two ¹immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to ^alie, we ²might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope ^bset before us.

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, ^aand which enters the *Presence* behind the veil,

20 ^awhere the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, ^bhaving become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

The King of Righteousness

7 For this ^aMelchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the ¹spoils.

5 And indeed ^athose who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;

6 ^abut he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham ^aand blessed ^bhim who had the promises.

7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he *receives them*, ^aof whom it is witnessed that he lives.

9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,

10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

13 ^aGen. 22:16, 17

14 ^aGen. 22:16, 17

15 ^aGen. 12:4; 21:5

16 ^aEx. 22:11

17 ^aHeb. 11:9

^bRom. 11:29

¹unchange-

²ableness of

^aHis purpose

²guaranteed

18 ^aNum.

23:19 ^bCol.

1:5]

¹unchange-

²able ²M omits

^amight

19 ^aLev. 16:2,

15

20 ^a[Heb. 4:14]

^bHeb. 3:1;

5:10, 11

CHAPTER 7

1 ^aGen.

14:18-20

4 ¹plunder

5 ^aNum.

18:21-26

6 ^aGen. 14:19,

20 ^b[Rom.

4:13]

8 ^aHeb. 5:6;

6:20

11 ^aHeb. 7:18;

8:7

13 ¹served

14 ^aGen.

49:8-10; Is.

1:1; 11:1; Mic.

5:2 ^bMatt. 1:2

¹NU priests

17 ^aPs. 110:4

¹NU it is tes-

tified

18 ^a[Rom. 8:3]

19 ^a[Acts

13:39] ^bHeb.

6:18, 19 ^cRom.

5:2 ¹complete

21 ^aPs. 110:4

¹NU ends the

quotation

after forever.

22 ^aHeb. 8:6

¹guarantee

23 ^aJude 24

^bRom. 8:34

¹completely

or forever

26 ^aHeb. 4:15

^bEph. 1:20

¹innocent

Need for a New Priesthood

11 ^aTherefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was *there* that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has ¹officiated at the altar.

14 For *it is* evident that ^aour Lord arose from ^bJudah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning ¹priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest

16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

17 For ¹He testifies:

*^a"You are a priest forever
According to the order of
Melchizedek."*

18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of ^aits weakness and unprofitableness,

19 for ^athe law made nothing ¹perfect; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in of ^aa better hope, through which ^awe draw near to God.

Greatness of the New Priest

20 And inasmuch as He was not *made priest* without an oath

21 (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him:

*^a"The LORD has sworn
And will not relent,
'You are a priest ¹forever
According to the order of
Melchizedek'"),*

22 by so much more Jesus has become a ¹surety of a ^abetter covenant.

23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Therefore He is also ^aable to save ¹to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives ^bto make intercession for them.

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, ^awho is holy, ¹harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, ^aand has become higher than the heavens;

27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

The New Priestly Service

8 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.

4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

A New Covenant

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

9 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD.

10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

11 "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and

27 ^aLev. 9:7; 16:6

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aCol. 3:1

2 ^aHeb. 9:8, 12
^bHeb. 9:11, 24
¹Lit. *holies*

3 ^aHeb. 5:1;
8:4 ^b[Eph. 5:2]

5 ^aHeb. 9:23,
24 ^bCol. 2:17
^cEx. 25:40

6 ^a[2 Cor. 3:6-8] ^bHeb. 7:22

7 ^aEx. 3:8; 19:5

8 ^aJer. 31:31-34

10 ^aJer. 31:33
^bZech. 8:8

11 ^aIs. 54:13
^bJer. 31:34

12 ^aRom. 11:27
¹NU omits
and their lawless deeds

13 ^a[2 Cor. 5:17]

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aEx. 25:8

2 ¹*holy place*,
lit. *holies*

3 ^aEx. 26:31-35; 40:3

4 ^aLev. 16:12
^bEx. 25:10
^cEx. 16:33
^dNum. 17:1-10
^eEx. 25:16;
34:29

5 ^aLev. 16:2

6 ^aNum. 18:2-6; 28:3

7 ^aEx. 30:10
^bHeb. 5:3

8 ^a[John 14:6]

9 ^aHeb. 7:19

10 ^aCol. 2:16
^bNum. 19:7
^cEph. 2:15
¹Lit. *baptisms*

11 ^aHeb. 10:1
¹NU that
have come

12 ^aHeb. 10:4
^bEph. 1:7
^cZech. 3:9
^d[Dan. 9:24]

13 ^aLev. 16:14,
15 ^bNum. 19:2
¹sets apart
²cleansing

their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

13 "In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The Earthly Sanctuary

9 Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;

3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All,

4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Limitations of the Earthly Service

6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.

7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;

8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— 10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

The Heavenly Sanctuary

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal

Spirit offered Himself without ¹spot to God, ^ccleanse your conscience from ^bdead works ^cto serve the living God?

15 And for this reason ^aHe is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that ^bthose who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

The Mediator's Death Necessary

16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For ^aa testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

18 ^aTherefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every ¹precept to all the people according to the law, ^ahe took the blood of calves and goats, ^bwith water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

20 saying, ^a"*This is the ^bblood of the covenant which God has commanded you.*"

21 Then likewise ^ahe sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And according to the law almost all things are ¹purified with blood, and ^awithout shedding of blood there is no ²remission.

Greatness of Christ's Sacrifice

23 Therefore it was necessary that ^athe copies of the things in the heavens should be ¹purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For ^aChrist has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* ¹copies of ^bthe true, but into heaven itself, now ^cto appear in the presence of God for us;

25 not that He should offer Himself often, as ^athe high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—

26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

27 ^aAnd as it is appointed for men to die once, ^bbut after this the judgment,

28 so ^aChrist was ^boffered once to bear the sins ^cof many. To those who ^aeagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Animal Sacrifices Insufficient

10 For the law, having a ^ashadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things,

14 ^{a1} John 1:7
^b Heb. 6:1
^c Luke 1:74
¹ blemish

15 ^a Rom. 3:25
^b Heb. 3:1

17 ^a Gal. 3:15

18 ^a Ex. 24:6

19 ^a Ex. 24:5, 6
^b Lev. 14:4, 7;
Num. 19:6, 18
¹ command

20 ^a [Matt. 26:28] ^b Ex. 24:3-8

21 ^a Ex. 29:12, 36

22 ^a Lev. 17:11
¹ cleansed
² forgiveness

23 ^a Heb. 8:5
¹ cleansed

24 ^a Heb. 6:20
^b Heb. 8:2
^c Rom. 8:34
¹ representations

25 ^a Heb. 9:7

27 ^a Gen. 3:19;
Eccl. 3:20
^b [2 Cor. 5:10];
1 John 4:17

28 ^a Rom. 6:10
^b Is. 53:12;
1 Pet. 2:24
^c Matt. 26:28
^d 1 Cor. 1:7;
Titus 2:13

CHAPTER 10

1 ^a Heb. 8:5
^b Heb. 7:19; 9:9

2 ¹ cleansed

4 ^a Mic. 6:6, 7

5 ^a Ps. 40:6-8

9 ¹ NU, M omit
¹ O God

10 ^a John 17:19;
[Eph. 5:26;
Heb. 2:11;
10:14, 29;
13:12] ^b [Heb. 9:12] ¹ set
apart

11 ^a Num. 28:3

12 ^a Col. 3:1;
Heb. 1:3 ^b Ps. 110:1

13 ^a Ps. 110:1;
Heb. 1:13

14 ¹ set apart

16 ^a Jer. 31:33;
34; Heb. 8:10

17 ^a Jer. 31:34

18 ¹ forgiveness

^b can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once ¹purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

4 For ^ait is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

Christ's Death Fulfills God's Will

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

^a "*Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
But a body You have prepared for Me.*"

6 *In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin
You had no pleasure.*

7 *Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—
In the volume of the book it is written of Me—
To do Your will, O God.'*"

8 Previously saying, "*Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them*" (which are offered according to the law),

9 then He said, "*Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.*" He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

10 ^a By that will we have been ¹sanctified ^bthrough the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Christ's Death Perfects the Sanctified

11 And every priest stands ^aministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12 ^a But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down ^bat the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting ^ctill His enemies are made His footstool.

14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being ¹sanctified.

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

16 ^a "*This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,*"

17 then He adds, ^a "*Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*"

18 Now where there is ¹remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

Hold Fast Your Confession

19 Therefore, brethren, having ^aboldness¹ to enter ^bthe Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 by a new and ^cliving way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,
22 let us ^adraw near with a true heart ^bin full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for ^aHe who promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
25 ^anot forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and ^bso much the more as you see ^cthe Day approaching.

The Just Live by Faith

26 For ^aif we sin willfully ^bafter we have received the knowledge of the truth, there ^cno longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and ^afiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.
28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three ^awitnesses.
29 ^aOf how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, ^bcounted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, ^cand insulted the Spirit of grace?
30 For we know Him who said, ^a*"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,"* ^bsays the Lord. And again, ^c*"The LORD will judge His people."*
31 ^aIt is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
32 But ^arecall the former days in which, after you were ^billuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings:
33 partly while you were made ^aa spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while ^byou became companions of those who were so treated;
34 for you had compassion on ^bme ^ain my chains, and ^bjoyfully accepted the plundering of your ^agoods, knowing that ^cyou have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves ^ain heaven.
35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, ^awhich has great reward.
36 ^aFor you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, ^byou may receive the promise:

19 ^a[Eph. 2:18]
^bHeb. 9:8, 12
¹confidence
20 ^aJohn 14:6
22 ^aHeb. 7:19;
10:1 ^bEph.
3:12
23 ^a1 Cor. 1:9;
10:13
25 ^aActs 2:42
^bRom. 13:11
^cPhil. 4:5
26 ^aNum.
15:30 ^b2 Pet.
2:20 ^cHeb. 6:6
27 ^aZeph. 1:18
28 ^aDeut.
17:2-6; 19:15
29 ^a[Heb. 2:3]
^b1 Cor. 11:29
^c[Matt. 12:31]
30 ^aDeut.
32:35 ^bDeut.
32:36 ¹NU
omits *says the Lord*
31 ^a[Luke
12:5]
32 ^aGal. 3:4
¹enlightened
33 ^a1 Cor. 4:9
^bPhil. 1:7
34 ^a2 Tim. 1:16
^bMatt. 5:12
^cMatt. 6:20
¹NU the prisoners instead of me in my chains ²possessions ³NU omits in heaven
35 ^aMatt. 5:12
36 ^aLuke 21:19
^b[Col. 3:24]
37 ^aLuke 18:8
^bHab. 2:3, 4
¹Or that which ²delay
38 ^aRom. 1:17
¹NU My just one
39 ^a2 Pet. 2:20
^bActs 16:31
¹destruction
CHAPTER 11
1 ^aRom. 8:24
¹realization
2 ^aOr confidence
3 ^aPs. 33:6 ¹Or ages, Gr. aiones, aeons
4 ^aGen. 4:3-5
^bHeb. 12:24
5 ^aGen.
5:21-24
7 ^aGen.
6:13-22
^b1 Pet. 3:20
^cRom. 3:22
8 ^aGen. 12:1-4
9 ^aGen. 12:8;
13:3, 18; 18:1,
9 ^bHeb. 6:17
10 ^a[Heb.
12:22; 13:14]
^b[Rev. 21:10]
11 ^aGen. 17:19;
18:11-14; 21:1,
2 ^bLuke 1:36
^cHeb. 10:23
¹NU omits she bore a child

37 *"For ^ayet a little while, And ^bHe¹ who is coming will come and will not ²tarry. 38 Now ^athe¹ just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."*

39 But we are not of those ^awho draw back to ^bperdition, but of those who ^bbelieve to the saving of the soul.

By Faith We Understand

11 Now faith is the ^asubstance of 11 things hoped for, the ^aevidence ^aof things not seen.
2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.
3 By faith we understand that ^athe ^bworlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Faith at the Dawn of History

4 By faith ^aAbel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still ^aspeaks.
5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, ^a*"and was not found, because God had taken him"*; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
7 By faith ^aNoah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, ^bprepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of ^athe righteousness which is according to faith.

Faithful Abraham

8 By faith ^aAbraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as ^ain a foreign country, ^adwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, ^bthe heirs with him of the same promise;
10 for he waited for ^athe city which has foundations, ^bwhose builder and maker is God.
11 By faith ^aSarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and ^bshe¹ bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him ^afaithful who had promised.

12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as ^adead, were born as many as the ^astars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

The Heavenly Hope

13 These all died in faith, ^anot having received the ^bpromises, but ^ahaving seen them afar off ^bwere assured of them, embraced *them* and ^aconfessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For those who say such things ^adeclare plainly that they seek a homeland.

15 And truly if they had called to mind ^athat *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.

16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed ^ato be called their God, for He has ^bprepared a city for them.

The Faith of the Patriarchs

17 By faith Abraham, ^awhen he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 ^aof whom it was said, ^a*"In Isaac your seed shall be called."*

19 concluding that God ^awas able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received *him* in a figurative sense.

20 By faith ^aIsaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, ^ablessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

22 By faith ^aJoseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

The Faith of Moses

23 By faith ^aMoses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw *he* was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's ^bcommand.

24 By faith ^aMoses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the ^bpassing pleasures of sin,

26 esteeming ^athe ^breproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures ^bin Egypt; for he looked to the ^breward.

27 By faith ^ahe forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

28 By faith ^ahe kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

12 ^aRom. 4:19

^bGen. 15:5;

22:17; 32:12

13 ^aHeb. 11:39

^bGen. 12:7

^cJohn 8:56

^dPs. 39:12

¹NU, M omit *were assured of them*

14 ^aHeb. 13:14

15 ^aGen. 11:31

16 ^aEx. 3:6, 15;

4:5 ^b[Rev.

21:2]

17 ^aJames 2:21

18 ^aGen. 21:12

¹to

19 ^aRom. 4:17

20 ^aGen.

27:26-40

21 ^aGen. 48:1,

5, 16, 20

22 ^aGen. 50:24,

25

23 ^aEx. 2:1-3

^bEx. 1:16, 22

24 ^aEx.

2:11-15

25 ¹temporary

26 ^aHeb. 13:13

^bRom. 8:18

¹reviling

because of

²NU, M of

27 ^aEx. 10:28

28 ^aEx. 12:21

29 ^aEx.

14:22-29

30 ^aJosh. 6:20

31 ^aJosh. 2:9;

6:23 ^bJosh. 2:1

¹were disobedient

32 ^aJudg. 6:11;

7:1-25 ^bJudg.

4:6-24 ^cJudg.

13:24-16:31

^dJudg.

11:1-29;

12:1-7

^{e1} Sam. 16: 17

^{f1} Sam. 7:9-14

33 ^aDan. 6:22

34 ^aDan.

3:23-28

35 ^{a1} Kin.

17:22 ^bActs

22:25

36 ^aGen. 39:20

37 ^{a1} Kin.

21:13 ^{b2} Kin.

1:8 ^cZech.

13:4 ¹NU

omits *were*

tempted

38 ^{a1} Kin.

18:4, 13; 19:9

39 ^aHeb. 11:2,

13

40 ^aHeb. 5:9

CHAPTER 12

1 ^aCol. 3:8

^{b1} Cor. 9:24

^cRom. 12:12

2 ^aLuke 24:26

^bPs. 69:7, 19;

Phil. 2:8

^cPs. 110:1

¹originator

²perfecter

3 ^aMatt. 10:24

^bGal. 6:9

29 By faith ^athey passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land*, *whereas* the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

By Faith They Overcame

30 By faith ^athe walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

31 By faith ^athe harlot Rahab did not perish with those who ^bdid not believe, when ^bshe had received the spies with peace.

32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of ^aGideon and ^bBarak and ^cSamson and ^dJephthah, also of ^eDavid and ^fSamuel and the prophets:

33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, ^astopped the mouths of lions,

34 ^aquenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 ^aWomen received their dead raised to life again. Others were ^btortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and ^aof chains and imprisonment.

37 ^aThey were stoned, they were sawn in two, ^bwere tempted, were slain with the sword. ^bThey wandered about ^cin sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—

38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, ^ain dens and caves of the earth.

39 And all these, ^ahaving obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise.

40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be ^amade perfect apart from us.

The Race of Faith

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, ^alet us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and ^blet us run ^cwith endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking unto Jesus, the ^aauthor and ^bfinisher of our faith, ^awho for the joy that was set before Him ^bendured the cross, despising the shame, and ^chas sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Discipline of God

3 ^aFor consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, ^blest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

4 ^aYou have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.
5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

*^aMy son, do not despise the
¹chastening of the LORD,
Nor be discouraged when you
are rebuked by Him;*

6 *For ^awhom the LORD loves He
chastens,
And scourges every son whom
He receives."*

7 ^aIf¹ you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what ^bson is there whom a father does not chasten?

8 But if you are without chastening, ^aof which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to ^athe Father of spirits and live?
10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, ^athat we may be partakers of His holiness.

11 Now no ¹chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields ^athe peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Renew Your Spiritual Vitality

12 Therefore ^astrengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,

13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

14 ^aPursue peace with all people, and holiness, ^bwithout which no one will see the Lord:

15 looking carefully lest anyone ^afall short of the grace of God; lest any ^broot of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

16 lest there be any ^afornicator or ¹profane person like Esau, ^bwho for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was ^arejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

The Glorious Company

18 For you have not come ¹to ^athe mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and ²darkness and tempest,

19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it ^abegged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

4 ^a[1 Cor. 10:13]

5 ^aProv. 3:11, 12 ¹discipline

6 ^aRev. 3:19

7 ^aDeut. 8:5
^bProv. 13:24;
19:18; 23:13
¹NU, M It is for discipline that you endure; God

8 ^a1 Pet. 5:9

9 ^a[Job 12:10]

10 ^aLev. 11:44

11 ^aJames 3:17, 18 ¹discipline

12 ^aIs. 35:3

14 ^aPs. 34:14
^bMatt. 5:8

15 ^aHeb. 4:1
^bDeut. 29:18

16 ^a[1 Cor. 6:13–18] ^bGen. 25:33 ¹godless

17 ^aGen. 27:30–40

18 ^aDeut. 4:11;
5:22 ¹NU to that which
²NU gloom

19 ^aEx. 20:18–26

20 ^aEx. 19:12,
13 ¹NU, M omit the rest of v. 20.

21 ^aDeut. 9:19

23 ^a[James 1:18] ^bLuke 10:20 ^cPs. 50:6; 94:2
^d[Phil. 3:12] ¹festal gathering

24 ^aHeb. 8:6;
9:15 ^bEx. 24:8
^cGen. 4:10

25 ^aHeb. 2:2, 3

26 ^aHag. 2:6
¹NU will shake

27 ^a[Is. 34:4; 54:10; 65:17]

28 ^aHeb. 13:15,
21 ¹M omits may

29 ^aEx. 24:17

CHAPTER 13

1 ^aRom. 12:10

2 ^aMatt. 25:35
^bGen. 18:1–22; 19:1

3 ^aMatt. 25:36

4 ^aProv. 5:18,
19 ^b1 Cor. 6:9

5 ^aDeut. 31:6,
8; Josh. 1:5

6 ^aPs. 27:1;
118:6

7 ¹lead

20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: ^a*"And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow."*)

21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ^a*"I am exceedingly afraid and trembling."*)

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the ¹general assembly and church of ^athe firstborn ^bwho are registered in heaven, to God ^athe Judge of all, to the spirits of just men ^amade perfect,

24 to Jesus ^athe Mediator of the new covenant, and to ^bthe blood of sprinkling that speaks better things ^athan that of Abel.

Hear the Heavenly Voice

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For ^aif they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven,

26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, ^a*"Yet once more I ¹shake not only the earth, but also heaven."*

27 Now this, *"Yet once more,"* indicates the ^aremoval of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we ¹may ^aserve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

29 For ^aour God is a consuming fire.

Concluding Moral Directions

13 Let ^abrotherly love continue.

2 ^aDo not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing ^bsome have unwittingly entertained angels.

3 ^aRemember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.

4 ^aMarriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; ^bbut fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5 *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ^a"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

6 So we may boldly say:

*^a"The LORD is my helper;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?"*

Concluding Religious Directions

7 Remember those who ¹rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow,

considering the outcome of *their* conduct.

8 Jesus Christ is ^athe same yesterday, today, and forever.

9 Do not be carried ¹about with various and strange doctrines. For *it* is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might ¹sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing ^aHis reproach.

14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

15 ^aTherefore by Him let us continually offer ^bthe sacrifice of praise to God, that is, ^athe fruit of *our* lips, ¹giving thanks to His name.

16 ^aBut do not forget to do good and to share, for ^bwith such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 ^aObey those who ¹rule over you, and be submissive, for ^bthey watch out for your souls, as those who must

8 ^a[John 8:58];
2 Cor. 1:19;
Heb. 1:12

9 ¹NU, M
away

12 ¹set apart

13 ^a1 Pet. 4:14

15 ^aEph. 5:20
^bLev. 7:12 ^cIs.
57:19; Hos.
14:2 ¹Lit. con-
fessing

16 ^aRom. 12:13
^b2 Cor. 9:12;
Phil. 4:18

17 ^aPhil. 2:29
^bIs. 62:6;
Ezek. 3:17;
Acts 20:28
¹lead

18 ^aEph. 6:19
^bActs 23:1

20 ^aRom. 5:1,
2, 10; 15:33
^bPs. 16:10, 11;
Hos. 6:2;
Rom. 4:24 ^cPs.
23:1; Is. 40:11;
63:11; John
10:11; 1 Pet.
2:25; 5:4
^dZech. 9:11;
Heb. 10:29

21 ^aPhil. 2:13
¹perfect
²NU, M us

24 ¹lead

give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Prayer Requested

18 ^aPray for us; for we are confident that we have ^ba good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.

19 But I especially urge *you* to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Benediction, Final Exhortation, Farewell

20 Now may ^athe God of peace ^bwho brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, ^athat great Shepherd of the sheep, ^athrough the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 make you ¹complete in every good work to do His will, ^aworking in ²you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words.

23 Know that *our* brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

24 Greet all those who ¹rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of

JAMES

FAITH without works cannot be called faith. "Faith without works is dead" (2:26), and a dead faith is worse than no faith at all. Faith must work, it must produce, it must be visible. Verbal faith is not enough; mental faith is insufficient. Faith must be there, but it must be more. It must inspire action. Throughout his epistle to Jewish believers, James integrates true faith and everyday practical experience by stressing that true faith must manifest itself in works of faith.

Faith endures trials. Trials come and go, but a strong faith will face them head-on and develop endurance. Faith understands temptations. It will not allow us to consent to our lust and slide into sin. Faith obeys the Word. It will not merely hear and not do. Faith produces doers. Faith harbors no prejudice. For James, faith and favoritism cannot coexist. Faith displays itself in works. Faith is more than mere words; it is more than knowledge; it is demonstrated by obedience; and it overtly responds to the promises of God. Faith controls the tongue. This small but immensely powerful part of the body must be held in check. Faith can do it. Faith acts wisely. It gives us the ability to choose wisdom that is heavenly and to shun wisdom that is earthly. Faith produces separation from the world and submission to God. It provides us with the ability to resist the Devil

and humbly draw near to God. Finally, faith waits patiently for the coming of the Lord. Through trouble and trial it stifles complaining.

The name *Iakobos* (James) in 1:1 is the basis for the early title *Iakoubou Epistole*, "Epistle of James." *Iakobos* is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Jacob, a Jewish name common in the first century.

Greeting to the Twelve Tribes

JAMES, ^aa bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad:

Greetings.

Profiting from Trials

2 My brethren, ^acount it all joy ^bwhen you fall into various trials, ^cknowing that the testing of your faith produces ^dpatience.

4 But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be ^eperfect and complete, lacking nothing.

5 ^aIf any of you lacks wisdom, ^blet him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and ^cit will be given to him.

6 ^aBut let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 *he is* ^aa double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The Perspective of Rich and Poor

9 Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,

10 but the rich in his humiliation, because ^aas a flower of the field he will pass away.

11 For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

Loving God Under Trials

12 ^aBlessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive ^bthe crown of life ^cwhich the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

15 Then, ^awhen desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, ^bbrings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aActs 12:17

2 ^aActs 5:41
^b1 Pet. 1:6

3 ^aRom. 5:3-5
^bendurance or perseverance

4 ^bmature

5 ^a1 Kin. 3:9
^bMatt. 7:7
^cJer. 29:12

6 ^a[Mark 11:23, 24]

8 ^aJames 4:8

10 ^aJob 14:2

12 ^aJames 5:11
^b[1 Cor. 9:25]
^cMatt. 10:22

15 ^aJob 15:35
^b[Rom. 5:12; 6:23]

17 ^aJohn 3:27
^bNum. 23:19

18 ^aJohn 1:13
^b[1 Pet. 1:3, 23]
^c[Eph. 1:12, 13]

19 ^aProv. 10:19; 17:27
^bProv. 14:17;
16:32 ^bNU
Know this or This you know

21 ^aCol. 3:8
^bActs 13:26
^babundance

22 ^aMatt. 7:21-28

23 ^aLuke 6:47

25 ^aJames 2:12
^bJohn 13:17

26 ^aPs. 34:13
^bNU omits
among you

27 ^aMatt. 25:34-36
^bIs. 1:17
^c[Rom. 12:2]

CHAPTER 2

1 ^a1 Cor. 2:8
^bLev. 19:15

2 ^bbright ^cvile

3 ^bLit. look upon

17 ^aEvery good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, ^bwith whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

18 ^aOf His own will He brought us forth by the ^bword of truth, ^cthat we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Qualities Needed in Trials

19 ¹So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, ^aslow to speak, ^bslow to wrath;

20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Doers—Not Hearers Only

21 Therefore ^alay aside all filthiness and ^boverflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, ^bwhich is able to save your souls.

22 But ^abe doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 For ^aif anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

25 But ^ahe who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, ^bthis one will be blessed in what he does.

26 If anyone ¹among you thinks he is religious, and ^adoes not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

27 ^aPure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: ^bto visit orphans and widows in their trouble, ^cand to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Beware of Personal Favoritism

2 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^athe Lord of glory, with ^bpartiality.

2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in ¹fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in ²filthy clothes,

3 and you ¹pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"

4 have you not ¹shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brethren: ^aHas God not chosen the poor of this world to be ^brich in faith and heirs of the kingdom ^cwhich He promised to those who love Him?

6 But ^ayou have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you ^band drag you into the courts?

7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are ^ccalled?

8 If you really fulfill *the royal law* according to the Scripture, ^a*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself,"* you do well;

9 but if you ¹show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as ^atransgressors.

10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet ^astumble in one point, ^bhe is guilty of all.

11 For He who said, ^a*"Do not commit adultery,"* also said, ^b*"Do not murder."* Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by ^athe law of liberty.

13 For ^ajudgment is without mercy to the one who has shown ^bno ^cmercy. ^aMercy triumphs over judgment.

Faith Without Works Is Dead

14 ^aWhat does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

15 ^aIf a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

16 and ^aone of you says to them, ^a"Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." ^aShow me your faith without ¹your works, ^band I will show you my faith by ²my works.

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is ¹dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works ^awhen he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

22 Do you see ^athat faith was working together with his works, and by ^bworks faith was made ¹perfect?

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ^a*"Abraham believed God, and it was ¹accounted to him for righteousness."* And he was called ^bthe friend of God.

4 ¹*differentiated*

5 ^a1 Cor. 1:27

^bLuke 12:21

^cEx. 20:6

6 ^a1 Cor. 11:22

^bActs 13:50

7 ^a1 Pet. 4:16

8 ^aLev. 19:18

9 ^aDeut. 1:17

¹Lit. *receive the face*

10 ^aGal. 3:10

^bDeut. 27:26

11 ^aEx. 20:14;

Deut. 5:18

^bEx. 20:13;

Deut. 5:17

12 ^aJames 1:25

13 ^aJob 22:6

^bProv. 21:13

^cMic. 7:18

^dRom. 12:8

14 ^aMatt.

7:21-23, 26;

21:28-32

15 ^aLuke 3:11

16 ^a[1 John

3:17, 18]

18 ^aHeb. 6:10

^bJames 3:13

¹NU omits

your ²NU

omits *my*

20 ¹NU *useless*

21 ^aGen. 22:9,

10, 12, 16-18

22 ^aHeb. 11:17

^bJohn 8:39

¹complete

23 ^aGen. 15:6

^b2 Chr. 20:7

¹credited

25 ^aHeb. 11:31

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a[Matt. 23:8]

^bLuke 6:37

2 ^a1 Kin. 8:46

^bPs. 34:13

^c[Matt.

12:34-37]

¹mature

3 ^aPs. 32:9

¹NU Now if

5 ^aProv. 12:18;

15:2 ^bPs. 12:3;

73:8

6 ^aProv. 16:27

^b[Matt. 12:36;

15:11, 18]

¹unrighteous-

ness ²exis-

tence ³Gr.

Gehenna

8 ^aPs. 140:3

9 ^aGen. 1:26;

5:1; 9:6 ¹like-

ness

12 ^aMatt.

7:16-20 ¹NU

Neither can a

salty spring

produce fresh

water.

13 ^aGal. 6:4

14 ^aRom. 13:13

^bRom. 2:17

¹selfish ambi-

tion

15 ^aPhil. 3:19

16 ^a1 Cor. 3:3

24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise, ^awas not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

The Untamable Tongue

3 My brethren, ^alet not many of you become teachers, ^bknowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

2 For ^awe all stumble in many things. ¹If anyone does not stumble in word, ^che is a ¹perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

3 ¹Indeed, ^awe put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

5 Even so ^athe tongue is a little member and ^bboasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

6 And ^athe tongue is a fire, a world of ¹iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it ^bdefiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of ²nature; and it is set on fire by ³hell.

7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

8 But no man can tame the tongue. *It is an unruly evil, ^afull of deadly poison.*

9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made ^ain the ¹similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?

12 Can a ^afig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? ¹Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

Heavenly Versus Demonic Wisdom

13 ^aWho is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have ^abitter envy and ^bself-seeking in your hearts, ^cdo not boast and lie against the truth.

15 ^aThis wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For ^awhere envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

17 But ^athe wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, ^bwithout partiality ^cand without hypocrisy.

18 ^aNow the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Pride Promotes Strife

4 Where do ¹wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your *desires for pleasure* that war in your members?

2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and ¹war. ²Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

3 ^aYou ask and do not receive, ^bbecause you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

4 ¹Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that ^afriendship with the world is enmity with God? ^bWhoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, ^a"The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

*^a"God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."*

Humility Cures Worldliness

7 Therefore submit to God. ^aResist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 ^aDraw near to God and He will draw near to you. ^bCleanse your hands, you sinners; and ^cpurify your hearts, you double-minded.

9 ^aLament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

10 ^aHumble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Do Not Judge a Brother

11 ^aDo not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother ^band judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is one ¹Lawgiver, ^awho is able to save and to destroy. ^bWho² are you to judge ³another?

Do Not Boast About Tomorrow

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow ¹we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? ^aIt is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

17 ^{a1} Cor. 2:6,
7 ^bJames 2:1
^cRom. 12:9

18 ^aProv. 11:18
CHAPTER 4

1 ^aRom. 7:23
¹battles

2 ¹battle ²NU,
M omit Yet

3 ^aJob 27:8, 9
^b[Ps. 66:18]

4 ^{a1} John 2:15
^bGal. 1:4 ¹NU
omits *Adulterers and*

5 ^aGen. 6:5

6 ^aProv. 3:34

7 ^a[Eph. 4:27;
6:11]

8 ^{a2} Chr. 15:2
^bIs. 1:16

^{c1} Pet. 1:22

9 ^aMatt. 5:4

10 ^aJob 22:29

11 ^{a1} Pet. 2:1-3
^b[Matt. 7:1-5]

12 ^a[Matt.
10:28] ^bRom.
14:4 ¹NU adds
and Judge
²NU, M But
who ³NU a
neighbor

13 ¹M let us

14 ^aJob 7:7

15 ^aActs 18:21

16 ^{a1} Cor. 5:6

17 ^a[Luke
12:47]

CHAPTER 5

1 ^a[Luke 6:24]

2 ^aMatt. 6:19

^bJob 13:28

¹have rotted

3 ^aRom. 2:5

4 ^aLev. 19:13

^bDeut. 24:15

¹Lit., in Heb.,
Hosts

5 ¹indulgence
²Lit. nour-
ished ³NU
omits as

8 ¹has drawn
near

9 ¹Lit. groan
²NU, M
judged

10 ^aMatt. 5:12
^bHeb. 10:36

11 ^a[Ps. 94:12]

^b[James 1:12]

^cJob 1:21, 22;

2:10 ^aJob

42:10 ^aNum.

14:18

12 ^aMatt.
5:34-37 ¹M
hypocrisy

13 ^aPs. 50:14,

15 ^bEph. 5:19

15 Instead you *ought* to say, ^a"If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

16 But now you boast in your arrogance. ^aAll such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, ^ato him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Rich Oppressors Will Be Judged

5 Come now, you ^arich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you!

2 Your ^ariches ¹are corrupted, and ^byour garments are moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. ^aYou have heaped up treasure in the last days.

4 Indeed ^athe wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and ^bthe cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of ¹Sabaoth.

5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and ¹luxury; you have ²fattened your hearts ³as in a day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

Be Patient and Persevering

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord ¹is at hand.

9 Do not ¹grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be ²condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

10 ^aMy brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and ^bpatience.

11 Indeed ^awe count them blessed who ^bendure. You have heard of ^cthe perseverance of Job and seen ^dthe end ^eintended by the Lord—that ^fthe Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

12 But above all, my brethren, ^ado not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your ^b"Yes" be "Yes," and your ^c"No," ^d"No," lest you fall into ^ejudgment.

Meeting Specific Needs

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him ^apray. Is anyone cheerful? ^bLet him sing psalms.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him,

^aanointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. ^aAnd if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

16 ¹Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. ^aThe effective, ²fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

17 Elijah was a man ^awith a nature like ours, and ^bhe prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not

14 ^aMark 6:13;
16:18

15 ^aIs. 33:24

16 ^aNum. 11:2

¹NU *There-
fore confess
your sins*

²supplication

17 ^aActs 14:15

^b1 Kin. 17:1;

18:1

18 ^a1 Kin.

18:1, 42

19 ^aGal. 6:1

20 ^aRom. 11:14

^b1 Pet. 4:8]

¹NU *his soul*

rain on the land for three years and six months.

18 And he prayed ^aagain, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Bring Back the Erring One

19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone ^aturns him back,

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way ^awill save ¹a soul from death and ^bcover a multitude of sins.

The First Epistle of

PETER

PERSECUTION can cause either growth or bitterness in the Christian life. Response determines the result. In writing to Jewish believers struggling in the midst of persecution, Peter encourages them to conduct themselves courageously for the Person and program of Christ. Both their character and conduct must be above reproach. Having been born again to a living hope, they are to imitate the Holy One who has called them. The fruit of that character will be conduct rooted in submission: citizens to government, servants to masters, wives to husbands, husbands to wives, and Christians to one another. Only after submission is fully understood does Peter deal with the difficult area of suffering. The Christians are not to “think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you” (4:12), but are to rejoice as partakers of the suffering of Christ. That response to life is truly the climax of one’s submission to the good hand of God.

This epistle begins with the phrase *Petros apostolos Iesou Christou*, “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ.” This is the basis of the early title *Petrou A*, the “First of Peter.”

Greeting to the Elect Pilgrims

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the ¹pilgrims ^aof the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 ^aelect ^baccording to the foreknowledge of God the Father, ^cin sanctification of the Spirit, for ^aobedience and ^asprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

^aGrace to you and peace be multiplied.

A Heavenly Inheritance

3 ^aBlessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ^baccording to His abundant mercy ^ahas begotten us again to a living hope ^athrough the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to an inheritance ¹incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aJames 1:1

¹sojourners,

temporary

residents

2 ^aEph. 1:4

^b[Rom. 8:29]

^c2 Thess. 2:13

^aRom. 1:5

^aHeb. 10:22;

12:24 ^aRom.

1:7

3 ^aEph. 1:3

^bGal. 6:16

^c[John 3:3, 5]

^a1 Cor. 15:20

4 ^aCol. 1:5

¹imperishable

5 ^aJohn 10:28

6 ^aMatt. 5:12

^b2 Cor. 4:17

^aJames 1:2

¹distressed

7 ^aJames 1:3

^bJob 23:10

^c[Rom. 2:7]

8 ^a1 John 4:20

^bJohn 20:29

¹M known

away, ^areserved in heaven for you, ⁵ ^awho are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 ^aIn this you greatly rejoice, though now ^bfor a little while, if need be, ^cyou have been ¹grieved by various trials,

7 that ^athe genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though ^bit is tested by fire, ^amay be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

8 ^awhom having not ¹seen you love, ^bThough now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you,

11 searching what, or what manner of time, ^athe Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to ¹us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which ^aangels desire to look into.

Living Before God Our Father

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 as obedient children, not ^aconforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

15 ^abut as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

16 because it is written, *"Be holy, for I am holy."*

17 And if you call on the Father, who ^awithout partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your ¹stay here in fear;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with ¹corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

19 but ^awith the precious blood of Christ, ^bas of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

20 ^aHe indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was ¹manifest ^bin these last times for you

21 who through Him believe in God, ^awho raised Him from the dead and ^bgave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Enduring Word

22 Since you ^ahave purified your souls in obeying the truth ¹through the Spirit in ²sincere ^blove of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

23 ^ahaving been born again, not of ¹corruptible seed but ²incorruptible, ^athrough the word of God which lives and abides ³forever,

24 because

*^a"All flesh is as grass,
And all ¹the glory of man as the
flower of the grass.
The grass withers,
And its flower falls away,*

*25 ^aBut the ¹word of the LORD
endures forever."*

^aNow this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

11 ^a2 Pet. 1:21

12 ^aEph. 3:10
¹NU, M you

14 ^a[Rom.
12:2]

15 ^a[2 Cor. 7:1]

16 ^aLev. 11:44,
45; 19:2; 20:7

17 ^aActs 10:34
¹sojourning,
dwelling as
resident
aliens

18 ¹perishable

19 ^aActs 20:28
^bEx. 12:5;
Is. 53:7

20 ^aRom. 3:25
^bGal. 4:4
¹revealed

21 ^aActs 2:24
^bActs 2:33

22 ^aActs 15:9
^bHeb. 13:1
¹NU omits
through the
Spirit ²Lit.
unhypocritical

23 ^aJohn 1:13
^bJames 1:18
¹perishable
²imperishable
³NU omits
forever

24 ^aIs. 40:6-8
¹NU its glory
as

25 ^aIs. 40:8
^b[John 1:1]
¹spoken word

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aHeb. 12:1

2 ^a[Matt. 18:3;
19:14] ^b1 Cor.
3:2 ¹NU adds
up to salva-
tion

3 ^aHeb. 6:5

4 ^aPs. 118:22

6 ^aIs. 28:16

7 ^aPs. 118:22
¹NU disbe-
lieve

8 ^aIs. 8:14
^b1 Cor. 1:23
^cRom. 9:22

9 ^a[Acts 26:18]

10 ^aHos. 1:9,
10; 2:23

11 ^aJames 4:1

12 ^aPhil. 2:15
^bMatt. 5:16;
9:8

13 ^aMatt. 22:21
¹institution

2 Therefore, ^alaying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

2 ^aas newborn babes, desire the pure ^bmilk of the word, that you may grow ¹thereby,

3 if indeed you have ^atasted that the Lord is gracious.

The Chosen Stone and His Chosen People

4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, ^arejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

*^a"Behold, I lay in Zion
A chief cornerstone, elect,
precious.
And he who believes on Him
will by no means be put to
shame."*

7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who ¹are disobedient,

*^a"The stone which the builders
rejected
Has become the chief
cornerstone,"*

8 and

*^a"A stone of stumbling
And a rock of offense."*

^bThey stumble, being disobedient to the word, ^ato which they also were appointed.

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of ^adarkness into His marvelous light;

10 ^awho once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Living Before the World

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts ^awhich war against the soul,

12 ^ahaving your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, ^bthey may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submission to Government

13 ^aTherefore submit yourselves to every ¹ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,

14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

16 ^aas free, yet not ^busing liberty as a cloak for ^cvice, but as bondservants of God.

17 Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear ^aGod. Honor the king.

Submission to Masters

18 ^aServants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

19 For this is ^acommendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For ^awhat credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

21 For ^ato this you were called, because Christ also suffered for ^aus, ^bleaving ²us an example, that you should follow His steps:

22 *“Who^a committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His
mouth”;*

23 ^awho, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but ^bcommitted *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

24 ^awho *Himself* bore our sins in His own body on the tree, ^bthat we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—^aby whose ¹stripes you were healed.

25 For ^ayou were like sheep going astray, but have now returned ^bto the Shepherd and ¹Overseer of your souls.

Submission to Husbands

3 Wives, likewise, be ^asubmissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, ^bthey, without a word, may ^cbe won by the conduct of their wives,

2 ^awhen they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear.

3 ^aDo not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—

4 ^arather *let it be* ^athe hidden person of the heart, with the ¹incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

16 ^aRom. 6:14, 20, 22 ^bGal. 5:13 ¹wickedness

17 ^aProv. 24:21

18 ^aEph. 6:5-8

19 ^aMatt. 5:10

20 ^aLuke 6:32-34

21 ^aMatt. 16:24
^b[1 John 2:6]
¹NU you ²NU, M you

22 ^aIs. 53:9

23 ^aIs. 53:7
^bLuke 23:46

24 ^a[Heb. 9:28]
^bRom. 7:6 ^cIs. 53:5 ¹wounds

25 ^aIs. 53:5, 6
^bIs. 40:11;
[Ezek. 34:23];
Zech. 13:7
^cCr. Episkopos

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aEph. 5:22
^b1 Cor. 7:16
^cMatt. 18:15

2 ^a1 Pet. 2:12;
3:6

3 ^a1 Tim. 2:9

4 ^aRom. 2:29
¹imperishable

6 ^aGen. 18:12

7 ^a[Eph. 5:25]
^b1 Cor. 12:23
^cJob 42:8

8 ¹NU humble

9 ^a[Prov. 17:13] ^bMatt. 5:44 ^cMatt. 25:34

10 ^aPs. 34:12-16
^bJames 1:26
¹restrain

11 ^aPs. 37:27
^bRom. 12:18

12 ^aJohn 9:31

13 ^aProv. 16:7

14 ^aJames 1:12
^bIs. 8:12

15 ^aPs. 119:46
^b[Titus 3:7]
¹set apart
²NU Christ as Lord

16 ^aHeb. 13:18

18 ¹NU, M you

20 ¹NU, M when the longsuffering of God waited patiently

6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, ^acalling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

A Word to Husbands

7 ^aHusbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, ^aas to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, ^athat your prayers may not be hindered.

Called to Blessing

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be ¹courteous;

9 ^anot returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary ^bblessing, knowing that you were called to this, ^athat you may inherit a blessing.

10 For

^a*“He who would love life*

And see good days,

^b*Let him¹ refrain his tongue from evil,*

And his lips from speaking deceit.

11 *Let him¹ turn away from evil and do good;*

^b*Let him seek peace and pursue it.*

12 *For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,*

^a*And His ears are open to their prayers;*

But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.”

Suffering for Right and Wrong

13 ^aAnd who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

14 ^aBut even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. ^b*“And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.”*

15 But ¹sanctify ²the Lord God in your hearts, and always ^abe ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the ^ahope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

16 ^ahaving a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Christ's Suffering and Ours

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring ¹us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison.

20 who formerly were disobedient, ¹when once the Divine longsuffering

waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

21 ^aThere is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism ^b(not the removal of the filth of the flesh, ^cbut the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven and ^ais at the right hand of God, ^bangels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

4 Therefore, since Christ suffered ¹for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, ^abut for the will of God.

3 For we *have spent* enough of our past ¹lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

5 They will give an account to Him who is ready ^ato judge the living and the dead.

6 For this reason ^athe gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but ^blive according to God in the spirit.

Serving for God's Glory

7 But ^athe end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for ^a"*love will cover a multitude of sins.*"

9 ^aBe hospitable to one another ^bwithout grumbling.

10 ^aAs each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, ^bas good stewards of ^cthe manifold grace of God.

11 ^aIf anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the ¹oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that ^bin all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the ²dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Suffering for God's Glory

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

13 but rejoice ^ato the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that ^bwhen His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

21 ^aEph. 5:26
^b[Titus 3:5]
^c[Rom. 10:10]

22 ^aPs. 110:1
^bRom. 8:38

CHAPTER 4

1 ¹NU omits
for us

2 ^aJohn 1:13

3 ¹NU *time*

5 ^aActs 10:42

6 ^a1 Pet. 1:12;
3:19 ^b[Rom.
8:9, 13]

7 ^aRom. 13:11

8 ^a[Prov.
10:12]

9 ^aHeb. 13:2
^b2 Cor. 9:7

10 ^aRom.
12:6-8 ^b1 Cor.
4:1, 2 ^c1 Cor.
12:4]

11 ^aEph. 4:29
^b1 Cor. 10:31]
¹utterances
²sovereignty

13 ^aJames 1:2
^b2 Tim. 2:12

14 ^aMatt. 5:11
^bMatt. 5:16
¹insulted or
reviled
²NU omits the
rest of v. 14.

15 ¹meddler

16 ¹NU *name*

17 ^aIs. 10:12
^bLuke 10:12

18 ^aProv. 11:31

19 ^a2 Tim. 1:12

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aMatt. 26:37
^bRom. 8:17, 18

2 ^aActs 20:28
^b1 Cor. 9:17
^c1 Tim. 3:3
¹NU adds
according to
God

3 ^aEzek. 34:4
^bPs. 33:12
^cPhil. 3:17
¹masters

4 ^aHeb. 13:20
^b2 Tim. 4:8

5 ^aEph. 5:21
^bProv. 3:34
^cIs. 57:15

8 ¹self-
controlled
²watchful
³NU, M omit
because

10 ^a1 Cor. 1:9
¹NU the God
of all grace,
²NU, M you

14 If you are ¹reproached for the name of Christ, ^ablessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ²On their part He is blasphemed, ^bbut on your part He is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a ¹busybody in other people's matters.

16 Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this ¹matter.

17 For the time *has come* ^afor judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it *begins* with us first, ^bwhat will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 Now

^a*"If the righteous one is scarcely saved,
Where will the ungodly and the
sinner appear?"*

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God ^acommit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Shepherd the Flock

5 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a ^awitness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the ^bglory that will be revealed:

2 ^aShepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, ^bnot by compulsion but ¹willingly, ^cnot for dishonest gain but eagerly;

3 nor as ^abeing ¹lords over ^bthose entrusted to you, but ^cbeing examples to the flock;

4 and when ^athe Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive ^bthe crown of glory that does not fade away.

Submit to God, Resist the Devil

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, ^aall of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

^b*"God resists the proud,
But ^cgives grace to the humble."*

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

8 Be ¹sober, be ²vigilant; ³because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

10 But ¹may the God of all grace, ^awho called ²us to His eternal glory

by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, ³perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

11 ^aTo Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Farewell and Peace

12 By ^aSilvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to

10 ³NU will perfect

11 ^aRev. 1:6

12 ^{a2} Cor. 1:19
^bActs 20:24

13 ^aActs 12:12, 25; 15:37, 39

you briefly, exhorting and testifying ^bthat this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

13 She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does ^aMark my son.

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Second Epistle of

PETER

FIRST Peter deals with problems from the outside; Second Peter deals with problems from the inside. Peter writes to warn the believers about the false teachers who are peddling damaging doctrine. He begins by urging them to keep close watch on their personal lives. The Christian life demands diligence in pursuing moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and selfless love. By contrast, the false teachers are sensual, arrogant, greedy, and covetous. They scoff at the thought of future judgment and live their lives as if the present would be the pattern for the future. Peter reminds them that although God may be long-suffering in sending judgment, ultimately it will come. In view of that fact, believers should live lives of godliness, blamelessness, and steadfastness.

The statement of authorship in 1:1 is very clear: "Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ." To distinguish this epistle from the first by Peter it was given the Greek title *Petrou B*, the "Second of Peter."

Greeting the Faithful

SIMON Peter, a bondservant and ^aapostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have ¹obtained ^blike² precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 ^aGrace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His ^adivine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him ^bwho called us by glory and virtue,

4 ^aby which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be ^bpartakers of the divine nature, having escaped the ¹corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

Fruitful Growth in the Faith

5 But also for this very reason, ^agiving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue ^bknowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aGal. 2:8
^bEph. 4:5

¹received
²faith of the same value

2 ^aDan. 4:1

3 ^{a1} Pet. 1:5
^{b1} Thess. 2:12

4 ^{a2} Cor. 1:20;
7:1 ^{b2} Cor. 3:18]

¹depravity

5 ^{a2} Pet. 3:18
^{b2} Pet. 1:2

6 ¹patience

7 ^aGal. 6:10

8 ^a[John 15:2]
¹useless

9 ^{a1} John 2:9-11

10 ^{a1} John 3:19

12 ^aPhil. 3:1
^{b1} Pet. 5:12

13 ^{a2} Cor. 5:1,
4] ^{b2} Pet. 3:1

¹Body

14 ^{a2} Tim. 4:6]
¹Die and leave this body

self-control ¹perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and ^ato brotherly kindness love.

8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither ¹barren ^anor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he who lacks these things is ^ashortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent ^ato make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peter's Approaching Death

12 For this reason ^aI will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, ^bthough you know and are established in the present truth.

13 Yes, I think it is right, ^aas long as I am in this ¹tent, ^bto stir you up by reminding you,

14 ^aknowing that shortly I must ¹put

off my tent, just as ^bour Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my ¹decease.

The Trustworthy Prophetic Word

16 For we did not follow ^acunningly devised fables when we made known to you the ^bpower and ^ccoming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were ^deyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: ^a"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on ^ethe holy mountain.

19 ¹And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a ²light that shines in a dark place, ^buntil ^cthe day dawns and the morning star rises in your ^dhearts;

20 knowing this first, that ^ano prophecy of Scripture is of any private ¹interpretation,

21 for ^aprophecy never came by the will of man, ^bbut ¹holy men of God spoke as ^cthey were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Destructive Doctrines

2 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be ^afalse teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, ^{and} bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction ¹does not slumber.

Doom of False Teachers

4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast ^{them} down to ¹hell and delivered ^{them} into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

5 ^{and} did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, ^{one} of eight ^{people}, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

6 ^{and} turning the cities of ^aSodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemning ^{them} to destruction, making ^{them} an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

7 ^{and} ^adelivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

14 ^bJohn 13:36; 21:18, 19

15 ¹Lit. *exodus, departure*

16 ^a1 Cor. 1:17
^b[Eph. 1:19-22]

^c[1 Pet. 5:4]

^dMatt. 17:1-5

17 ^aMatt. 17:5

18 ^aMatt. 17:1

19 ^a[John 1:4, 5, 9] ^bProv. 4:18

^cRev. 2:28; 22:16

^d[2 Cor. 4:5-7]

¹Or *We also have the more sure prophetic word*

20 ^a[Rom. 12:6] ¹Or *origin*

21 ^a[2 Tim. 3:16] ^b2 Sam. 23:2 ¹NU *men spoke from God*

CHAPTER 2

1 ^a1 Tim. 4:1, 2

3 ¹M *will not*

4 ¹Lit. *Tartarus*

6 ^aGen. 19:1-26

7 ^aGen. 19:16, 29

8 ^aPs. 119:139

9 ^aPs. 34:15-19

10 ^aJude 4, 7, 8
^bJude 8 ¹*glorious ones*, lit. *glories*

11 ^aJude 9

12 ^aJude 10

13 ^aPhil. 3:19

^bRom. 13:13

^cJude 12
^d1 Cor. 11:20, 21 ¹*revel* ²*revealing*

14 ^aJude 11
¹Lit. *an adulteress*

15 ^aNum. 22:5, 7

17 ^aJude 12, 13
¹NU *and mists* ²NU *omits forever*

18 ¹NU *are barely escaping*

19 ^aJohn 8:34
¹*depravity*
²*slavery*

20 ^aMatt. 12:45

^b[Heb. 6:4-6]

21 ^aLuke 12:47

8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, ^atormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—

9 ^{then} ^athe Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

10 and especially ^athose who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority.

^bThey are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of ¹dignitaries,

11 whereas ^aangels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

Depravity of False Teachers

12 But these, ^alike natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption,

13 ^{and} will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure ^bto ^ccarouse in the daytime. ^aThey are spots and blemishes, ²carousing in their own deceptions while ^athey feast with you,

14 having eyes full of ¹adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. ^aThey have a heart trained in covetous practices, ^{and} are accursed children.

15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of ^aBalaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 ^aThese are wells without water, ¹clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness ²forever.

Deceptions of False Teachers

18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who ¹have actually escaped from those who live in error.

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of ¹corruption; ^afor by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into ²bondage.

20 For if, after they ^ahave escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are ^aagain entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

21 For ^ait would have been better for them not to have known the way

of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: *"A dog returns to his own vomit,"* and, *"a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."*

God's Promise Is Not Slack

3 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both* of which *I* stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

2 that you may be mindful of the words *which* were spoken before by the holy prophets, *and* of the commandment of *us*, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, *walking* according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, *"Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were* from the beginning of *creation."*

5 For this they willfully forget: that *by* the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth *standing* out of water and in the water,

6 *by* which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water.

7 But *the* heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for *fire* until the day of judgment and *perdition* of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and *a* thousand years as one day.

9 *The* Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but *is* longsuffering toward *us*, *not* willing that any should perish but *that* all should come to repentance.

22 ^aProv. 26:11

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a2 Pet. 1:13

2 ^a2 Pet. 1:21

^bJude 17 ¹NU.

M the apostles of your Lord and Savior or your apostles of the Lord and Savior

3 ^a2 Pet. 2:10

4 ^aGen. 6:1-7

5 ^aGen. 1:6, 9
^bPs. 24:2;
136:6

6 ^aGen. 7:11,
12, 21-23

7 ^a2 Pet. 3:10,
12 ^b2 Thess.

1:8

¹*destruction*

8 ^aPs. 90:4

9 ^aHab. 2:3

^bIs. 30:18

^cEzek. 33:11

^d[Rom. 2:4]

¹NU you

10 ^aMatt.
24:42, 43; Luke
12:39; 1 Thess.

5:2; Rev. 3:3;

16:15 ^bPs.

102:25, 26

¹NU *laid bare*,

lit. found

11 ^a1 Pet. 1:15

12 ^a1 Cor. 1:7,

8 ^bPs. 50:3

^cMic. 1:4

13 ^aIs. 65:17;

66:22 ^bRev.

21:1

14 ^a1 Cor. 1:8;

15:58

15 ^aRom. 2:4

16 ^a1 Cor.

15:24 ^b2 Tim.

3:16

17 ^aMark

13:23 ^bEph.

4:14

18 ^aEph. 4:15

^b2 Tim. 4:18

The Day of the Lord

10 But *the* day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which *the* heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be *burned* up.

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of *persons* ought you to be *in* holy conduct and godliness,

12 *looking* for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will *be* dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will *melt* with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for *new* heavens and a *new* earth in which righteousness dwells.

Be Steadfast

14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent *to* be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

15 and consider *that* *the* longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

16 as also in all his *epistles*, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they* do also the *rest* of the Scriptures.

17 You therefore, beloved, *since* you know *this* beforehand, *beware* lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

18 *but* grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *To* Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

The First Epistle of

JOHN

GOD is light; God is love; and God is life. John is enjoying a delightful fellowship with that God of light, love, and life, and he desperately desires that his spiritual children enjoy the same fellowship.

God is light. Therefore, to engage in fellowship with Him we must walk in light and not in darkness. As we walk in the light, we will regularly confess our sins, allowing the blood of Christ to continually cleanse us. Two major roadblocks to hinder this walk will be falling in love with the world and falling for the alluring lies of false teachers.

God is love. Since we are His children we must walk in love. In fact, John says that if we do not love, we do not know God. Love is more than just words; it is actions. Love is giving, not getting. Biblical love is unconditional in its nature. Christ's love fulfilled those qualities and when that brand of love characterizes us, we will be free of self-condemnation and experience confidence before God.

God is life. Those who fellowship with Him must possess His quality of life. Spiritual life begins with spiritual birth which occurs through faith in Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ infuses us with God's life—eternal life.

Although the apostle John's name is not found in this book, it was given the title *Ioannou A*, the "First of John."

What Was Heard, Seen, and Touched

THAT ^awhich was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have ^bseen with our eyes, ^cwhich we have looked upon, and ^dour hands have handled, concerning the ^eWord of life—

2 ^athe life ^bwas manifested, and we have seen, ^cand bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was ^dwith the Father and was manifested to us—

3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is ^awith the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things we write to you ^athat ^byour joy may be full.

Fellowship with Him and One Another

5 ^aThis is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that ^bGod is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

6 ^aIf we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we ^awalk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and ^bthe blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we ^aconfess our sins, He is ^bfaithful and just to forgive us our sins and to ^ccleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we ^amake Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, ^awe have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 And ^aHe Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but ^balso for the whole world.

The Test of Knowing Him

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

CHAPTER 1

1 ^a[John 1:1]

^bJohn 1:14

^c2 Pet. 1:16

^dLuke 24:39

^e[John 1:1, 4,

14]

2 ^aJohn 1:4

^bRom. 16:26

^cJohn 21:24

^d[John 1:1, 18,

16:28]

3 ^a1 Cor. 1:9

4 ^aJohn 15:11;

16:24 ^bNU, M

^cour

5 ^a1 John 3:11

^b[1 Tim. 6:16]

6 ^a[1 John

2:9–11]

7 ^aIs. 2:5

^b[1 Cor. 6:11]

9 ^aProv. 28:13

^b[Rom.

3:24–26]

^cPs. 51:2

10 ^a1 John

5:10

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aHeb. 7:25;

9:24

2 ^a[Rom. 3:25]

^bJohn 1:29

4 ^aRom. 3:4

5 ^aJohn 14:21,

23 ^b[1 John

4:12] ^chas

^dbeen com-

^epleted

6 ^aJohn 15:4

^b1 Pet. 2:21

7 ^a1 John 3:11,

23; 4:21 ^bNU

^cBeloved

^dNU omits

^efrom the

^fbeginning

8 ^aJohn 13:34;

15:12 ^bRom.

13:12 ^c[John

1:9; 8:12;

12:35]

9 ^a[1 Cor. 13:2]

10 ^a[1 John

3:14] ^b2 Pet.

1:10

11 ^a[1 John

2:9; 3:15; 4:20]

^bJohn 12:35

12 ^a[1 Cor.

6:11]

13 ^aJohn 1:1

^b[Rom.

8:15–17]

14 ^aEph. 6:10

4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a ^aliar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But ^awhoever keeps His word, truly the love of God ^bis perfected ^bin him. By this we know that we are in Him.

6 ^aHe who says he abides in Him ^bought himself also to walk just as He walked.

7 ^bBrethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had ^afrom the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard ^afrom the beginning.

8 Again, ^aa new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, ^bbecause the darkness is passing away, and ^cthe true light is already shining.

9 ^aHe who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

10 ^aHe who loves his brother abides in the light, and ^bthere is no cause for stumbling in him.

11 But he who ^ahates his brother is in darkness and ^bwalks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Their Spiritual State

12 I write to you, little children, Because ^ayour sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is ^afrom the beginning.

I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one.

I write to you, little children, Because you have ^bknown the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

I have written to you, young men, Because ^ayou are strong, and the word of God abides in you,

And you have overcome the wicked one.

Do Not Love the World

15 ^aDo not love the world or the things in the world. ^bIf anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, ^athe lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

17 And ^athe world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Deceptions of the Last Hour

18 ^aLittle children, ^bit is the last hour; and as you have heard that ^cthe ¹Antichrist is coming, ^eeven now many antichrists have come, by which we know ^athat it is the last hour.

19 ^aThey went out from us, but they were not of us; for ^bif they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* ^athat they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

20 But ^ayou have an anointing ^bfrom the Holy One, and ^cyou ¹know all things.

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 ^aWho is a liar but he who denies that ^bJesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

23 ^aWhoever denies the Son does not have the ^bFather either; ^che who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Let Truth Abide in You

24 Therefore let that abide in you ^awhich you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, ^byou also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 ^aAnd this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* ¹deceive you.

27 But the ^aanointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and ^byou do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing ^ateaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you ¹will abide in Him.

The Children of God

28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that ¹when He appears, we may have ^aconfidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

29 ^aIf you know that He is righteous, you know that ^beveryone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

15 ^a[Rom. 12:2] ^bJames 4:4

16 ^a[Eccl. 5:10, 11]

17 ^a1 Cor. 7:31

18 ^aJohn 21:5

^b1 Pet. 4:7

^c2 Thess. 2:3

^d2 John 7

^e1 Tim. 4:1

¹NU omits *the*

19 ^aDeut.

13:13 ^bMatt.

24:24 ^c1 Cor.

11:19

20 ^a2 Cor. 1:21

^bActs 3:14

^c[John 16:13]

¹NU you all know.

22 ^a2 John 7

^b1 John 4:3

23 ^aJohn 15:23

^bJohn 5:23

^c1 John 4:15;

5:1

24 ^a2 John 5, 6

^bJohn 14:23

25 ^aJohn

3:14–16; 6:40;

17:2, 3

26 ¹lead you astray

27 ^a[John

14:16; 16:13]

^b[Jer. 31:33]

^c[John 14:16]

¹NU omits will

28 ¹NU if

^a1 John 3:21;

4:17; 5:14

29 ^aActs 22:14

^b1 John 3:7,

10

CHAPTER 3

1 ^a[1 John

4:10] ^b[John

1:12] ^c[John

15:18, 21; 16:3

¹NU adds

And we are.

²M you

2 ^a[Rom. 8:15,

16] ^b[Rom.

8:18, 19, 23]

^cRom. 8:29

^d[Ps. 16:11]

3 ^a1 John 4:17

4 ^aRom. 4:15

5 ^a1 John 1:2;

3:8 ^bJohn 1:29

^c[2 Cor. 5:21]

8 ^aMatt. 13:38

^bLuke 10:18

9 ^aJohn 1:3;

3:3 ^b1 Pet.

1:23

11 ^a[John

13:34; 15:12]

12 ^aGen. 4:4, 8

13 ^a[John

15:18; 17:14]

14 ¹NU omits his brother

15 ^aMatt. 5:21

^b[Gal. 5:20,

21]

16 ^a[John 3:16]

^bJohn 10:11;

15:13

17 ^aDeut. 15:7

3 Behold ^awhat manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that ^bwe should be called children of ¹God! Therefore the world does not know ²us, ^cbecause it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, ^anow we are children of God; and ^bit has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, ^cwe shall be like Him, for ^dwe shall see Him as He is.

3 ^aAnd everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Sin and the Child of God

4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and ^asin is lawlessness.

5 And you know ^athat He was manifested ^bto take away our sins, and ^cin Him there is no sin.

6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

8 ^aHe who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, ^bthat He might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whoever has been ^aborn of God does not sin, for ^bHis seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

The Imperative of Love

10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, ^athat we should love one another,

12 not as ^aCain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if ^athe world hates you.

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love ¹his brother abides in death.

15 ^aWhoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that ^bno murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

The Outworking of Love

16 ^aBy this we know love, ^bbecause He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

17 But ^awhoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need,

and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, ^alet us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

19 And by this we ¹know ^athat we are of the truth, and shall ²assure our hearts before Him.

20 ^aFor if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, ^awe have confidence toward God.

22 And ^awhatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments ^band do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ ^aand love one another, as He gave ¹us commandment.

The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error

24 Now ^ahe who keeps His commandments ^babides in Him, and He in him. And ^bby this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but ^atest the spirits, whether they are of God; because ^bmany false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: ^aEvery spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

3 and every spirit that does not confess ¹that Jesus ²Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than ^ahe who is in the world.

5 ^aThey are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and ^bthe world hears them.

6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. ^aBy this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Knowing God Through Love

7 ^aBeloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who ^bloves is born of God and knows God.

8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

9 ^aIn this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten ^bSon into the world, that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, ^anot that we loved

18 ^aEzek. 33:31

19 ^aJohn 18:37
¹NU shall know ²persuade, set at rest

20 ^a[1 Cor. 4:4, 5]

21 ^a[1 John 2:28; 5:14]

22 ^aPs. 34:15
^bJohn 8:29

23 ^aMatt. 22:39
¹M omits us

24 ^aJohn 14:23
^bJohn 14:21; 17:21 ^aRom. 8:9, 14, 16

CHAPTER 4

1 ^a1 Cor. 14:29
^bMatt. 24:5

2 ^a1 Cor. 12:3

3 ¹NU omits that ²NU omits Christ has come in the flesh

4 ^aJohn 14:30; 16:11

5 ^aJohn 3:31
^bJohn 15:19; 17:14

6 ^a[1 Cor. 2:12-16]

7 ^a1 John 3:10, 11, 23

^b1 Thess. 4:9

9 ^aRom. 5:8
^bJohn 3:16

10 ^aTitus 3:5
^b1 John 2:2

11 ^aMatt. 18:33

12 ^aJohn 1:18

13 ^aJohn 14:20

14 ^aJohn 1:14
^bJohn 3:17; 4:42

15 ^a[Rom. 10:9]

16 ^a[1 John 3:24] ^b[John 14:23]

17 ^a1 John 2:28

19 ^a1 John 4:10 ¹NU omits Him

20 ^a[1 John 2:4] ^b1 John 4:12 ¹NU he cannot

21 ^a[Matt. 5:43, 44; 22:39]

CHAPTER 5

1 ^a1 John 2:22; 4:2, 15 ^bJohn 1:13

2 ^aJohn 15:10

3 ^aJohn 14:15
^bMatt. 11:30; 23:4

4 ^aJohn 16:33
^b1 John 2:13; 4:4 ¹M your

5 ^a1 Cor. 15:57

6 ^aJohn 1:31-34
^b[John 14:17]

God, but that He loved us and sent His Son ^bto be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, ^aif God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Seeing God Through Love

12 ^aNo one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

13 ^aBy this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14 And ^awe have seen and testify that ^bthe Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

15 ^aWhoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and ^ahe who abides in love abides in God, and God ^bin him.

The Consummation of Love

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that ^awe may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

19 ^aWe love ¹Him because He first loved us.

Obedience by Faith

20 ^a“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, ¹how can he love God ²whom he has not seen?

21 And ^athis commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God ^bmust love his brother also.

5 Whoever believes that ^aJesus is the Christ is ^bborn of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and ^akeep His commandments.

3 ^aFor this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And ^bHis commandments are not burdensome.

4 For ^awhatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that ^bhas overcome the world—¹our faith.

5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but ^ahe who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

The Certainty of God's Witness

6 This is He who came ^aby water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. ^bAnd it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three that bear witness ¹in heaven: the Father, ²the Word, and the Holy Spirit; ³and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: ⁴the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

9 If we receive ⁵the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; ⁶for this is the witness of ¹God which He has testified of His Son.

10 He who believes in the Son of God ⁷has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God ⁸has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 ⁹He who has the Son has ¹⁰life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, ¹¹and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Confidence and Compassion in Prayer

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that ¹²if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

7 ^a[John 1:1]
^bJohn 10:30
¹NU, M omit the words from *in heaven* (v. 7) through *on earth* (v. 8); Only 4 or 5 very late mss. contain these words in Greek.

8 ^aJohn 15:26

9 ^aJohn 5:34, 37; 8:17, 18
^b[Matt. 3:16, 17] ¹NU *God, that*

10 ^a[Rom. 8:16] ^bJohn 3:18, 33

12 ^a[John 3:15, 36; 6:47; 17:2, 3] ¹Or *the life*

13 ¹NU omits the rest of v. 13.

14 ^a[1 John 2:28; 3:21, 22]

16 ^aJob 42:8
^b[Matt. 12:31]
^cJer. 7:16;
14:11

17 ^a1 John 3:4

18 ^a[1 Pet. 1:23] ^bJames 1:27 ¹*guards*
²NU *him*

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead to death*, he will ask, and ¹³He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading to death*. ¹⁴There is sin *leading to death*. ¹⁵I do not say that he should pray about that.

17 ¹⁶All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not *leading to death*.

Knowing the True—Rejecting the False

18 We know that ¹⁷whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God ¹⁸keeps¹ ²himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are of God, and ¹⁹the whole world lies *under the sway of the wicked one*.

20 And we know that the ²⁰Son of God has come and ²¹has given us an understanding, ²²that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. ²³This is the true God ²⁴and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

19 ^aGal. 1:4 20 ^a1 John 4:2 ^bLuke 24:45
^cJohn 17:3 ^dIs. 9:6 ^e1 John 5:11, 12

The Second Epistle of

JOHN

LET him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). These words of the apostle Paul could well stand as a subtitle for John's little epistle. The recipients, a chosen lady and her children, were obviously standing. They were walking in truth, remaining faithful to the commandments they had received from the Father. John is deeply pleased to be able to commend them. But he takes nothing for granted. Realizing that standing is just one step removed from falling, he hesitates not at all to issue a reminder: "love one another" (v. 5). The apostle admits that this is not new revelation, but he views it sufficiently important to repeat. Loving one another, he stresses, is equivalent to walking according to God's commandments.

John indicates, however, that this love must be discerning. It is not a naive, unthinking, open to anything and anyone kind of love. Biblical love is a matter of choice; it is dangerous and foolish to float through life with undiscerning love. False teachers abound who do not acknowledge Christ as having come in the flesh. It is false charity to open the door to false teaching. We must have fellowship with God. We must have fellowship with Christians. But we must not have fellowship with false teachers.

The "elder" of verse 1 has been traditionally identified with the apostle John, resulting in the Greek title *Ioannou B*, the "Second of John."

Greeting the Elect Lady

THE ELDER,

To the ¹elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known ^athe truth.

2 because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

3 ^aGrace, mercy, and peace will be with ¹you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Walk in Christ's Commandments

4 I ^arejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

5 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: ^athat we love one another.

6 ^aThis is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that ^bas you

¹ ^aCol. 1:5
¹ ^chosen

³ ^aRom. 1:7;
¹ Tim. 1:2
¹NU, M ^{us}

⁴ ^{a1} Thess.
2:19, 20;
³ John 3, 4

⁵ ^a[John 13:34,
35; 15:12, 17];
¹ John 3:11;
4:7, 11

⁶ ^aJohn 14:15;
¹ John 2:5; 5:3
^{b1} John 2:24

⁷ ^{a1} John 2:19;
4:1 ^{b1} John
4:2 ^{c1} John
2:22

⁸ ^aMark 13:9
^bGal. 3:4 ¹NU
^{you}

⁹ ^aJohn 7:16;
8:31; ¹ John
2:19, 23, 24
¹NU ^{goes}
^{ahead}

¹⁰ ^{a1} Kin.
13:16; Rom.
16:17;
² Thess. 3:6,
14; Titus 3:10

¹² ^{a3} John 13,
14 ^bJohn
17:13

¹³ ^{a1} Pet. 5:13

have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Beware of Antichrist Deceivers

7 For ^amany deceivers have gone out into the world ^bwho do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. ^cThis is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8 ^aLook to yourselves, ^bthat ¹we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.

9 ^aWhoever ¹transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and ^adoes not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

John's Farewell Greeting

12 ^aHaving many things to write to you, I did not wish to *do* so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, ^bthat our joy may be full.

13 ^aThe children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

*The Third Epistle of***JOHN**

IN Third John the apostle encourages fellowship with Christian brothers. Following his expression of love for Gaius, John assures him of his prayers for his health and voices his joy over Gaius's persistent walk in truth and for the manner in which he shows hospitality and support for missionaries who have come to his church.

But not everyone in the church feels the same way. Diotrephes' heart is one hundred and eighty degrees removed from Gaius's heart. He is no longer living in love. Pride has taken precedence in his life. He has refused a letter John has written for the church, fearing that his authority might be superseded by that of the apostle. He also has accused John of evil words and refused to accept missionaries. He forbids others to do so and even expels them from the church if they disobey him. John uses this negative example as an opportunity to encourage Gaius to continue his hospitality. Demetrius has a good testimony and may even be one of those turned away by Diotrephes. He is widely known for his good character and his loyalty to the truth. Here he is well commended by John and stands as a positive example for Gaius.

The Greek titles of First, Second, and Third John are *Ioannou A, B, and G*. The G is gamma, the third letter of the Greek alphabet; *Ioannou G* means the "Third of John."

Greeting to Gaius

THE ELDER,

To the beloved Gaius, ^awhom I love in truth:

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 For I ^arejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth.

4 I have no greater ^ajoy than to hear that ^bmy children walk in ¹truth.

Gaius Commended for Generosity

5 Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren ¹and for strangers,

6 ^{who} have borne witness of your love before the church. *If* you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,

7 ^{because} they went forth for His name's sake, ^ataking nothing from the Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to ^areceive!

1 ^a2 John 1

3 ^a2 John 4

4 ^a1 Thess.

2:19, 20;

2 John 4

^b[1 Cor. 4:15]

¹NU *the truth*

5 ¹NU *and especially for*

7 ^a1 Cor. 9:12, 15

8 ^aMatt. 10:40;

Rom. 12:13;

Heb. 13:2;

1 Pet. 4:9 ¹NU *support*

10 ^aProv. 10:8,

10 ¹ *talking nonsense*

11 ^aPs. 34:14;

37:27; Rom.

14:19;

1 Thess. 5:15;

1 Tim. 6:11;

2 Tim. 2:22

^b[1 John 2:29;

3:10] ^c[1 John

3:10] ¹NU, M

omit *but*

12 ^aActs 6:3;

1 Tim. 3:7

^bJohn 19:35;

21:24 ¹testify

13 ^a2 John 12

such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

Diotrephes and Demetrius

9 I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.

10 Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, ^aprating¹ against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting *them* out of the church.

11 Beloved, ^ado not imitate what is evil, but what is good. ^bHe who does good is of God, ¹but he who does evil has not seen ^cGod.

12 Demetrius ^ahas a *good* testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also ¹bear witness, ²and you know that our testimony is true.

Farewell Greeting

13 ^aI had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink;

14 but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

The Epistle of

JUDE

FIGHT! Contend! Do battle! When apostasy arises, when false teachers emerge, when the truth of God is attacked, it is time to fight for the faith. Only believers who are spiritually “in shape” can answer the summons. At the beginning of his letter Jude focuses on the believers’ common salvation, but then feels compelled to challenge them to contend for the faith. The danger is real. False teachers have crept into the church, turning God’s grace into unbounded license to do as they please. Jude reminds such men of God’s past dealings with unbelieving Israel, disobedient angels, and wicked Sodom and Gomorrah. In the face of such danger Christians should not be caught off guard. The challenge is great, but so is the God who is able to keep them from stumbling.

The Greek title *Iouda*, “Of Jude,” comes from the name *Ioudas* which appears in verse 1. This name, which can be translated Jude or Judas, was popular in the first century because of Judas Maccabaeus (died 160 B.C.), a leader of the Jewish resistance against Syria during the Maccabean revolt.

Greeting to the Called

JUDE, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and ^abrother of James,

To those who are ^bcalled, ¹sanctified by God the Father, and ^cpreserved in Jesus Christ:

1 ^aActs 1:13

^bRom. 1:7

^cJohn 17:11, 12

¹NU *beloved*

2 ^a1 Pet. 1:2

3 ^aTitus 1:4

^bPhil. 1:27

2 Mercy, ^apeace, and love be multiplied to you.

Contend for the Faith

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you ^aconcerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting ^byou to contend earnestly for the faith

which was once for all delivered to the saints.

4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord ¹God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Old and New Apostates

5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that ^athe Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

6 And the angels who did not keep their ¹proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

7 as ^aSodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the ¹vengeance of eternal fire.

8 ^aLikewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and ^bspeak evil of ¹dignitaries.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, in ¹contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, ^a"The Lord rebuke you!"

10 ^aBut these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way ^aof Cain, ^bhave run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished ^cin the rebellion of Korah.

Apostates Depraved and Doomed

12 These are ¹spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving ^{only} themselves. They are clouds without water, carried ^aabout by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 ^araging waves of the sea, ^bfoaming up their own shame; wandering

4 ¹NU omits God

5 ^{a1} Cor.

10:5-10

6 ¹own

7 ^aGen. 19:24

¹punishment

8 ^{a2} Pet. 2:10

^bEx. 22:28

¹glorious ones, lit. glories

9 ^aZech. 3:2

¹arguing

10 ^{a2} Pet. 2:12

11 ^aGen. 4:3-8

^{b2} Pet. 2:15

^cNum. 16:1-3, 31-35

12 ¹stains, or hidden reefs

²NU, M along

13 ^aIs. 57:20

^b[Phil. 3:19]

^{c2} Pet. 2:17

14 ^aMatt.

16:27; 25:31

15 ^{a1} Sam. 2:3

16 ^{a2} Pet. 2:18

^bProv. 28:21

17 ^{a2} Pet. 3:2

18 ^a[1 Tim. 4:1]

19 ¹soulful or worldly

20 ^aCol. 2:7

^b[Rom. 8:26]

21 ^aTitus 2:13

22 ¹NU who

are doubting

(or making distinctions)

23 ^aRom. 11:14

^bAmos 4:11

^c[Zech. 3:4, 5]

¹NU omits

with fear ²NU

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24 ^a[Eph. 3:20]

^bCol. 1:22 ¹M

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25 ¹NU the

only God our

²NU Through

Jesus Christ

our Lord, Be

glory ³NU

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all time,

stars ^cfor whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, ^a"Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

15 ^a"to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the ^aharsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Apostates Predicted

16 These are grumblers, complain-ers, walking according to their own lusts; and they ^amouth great swelling words, ^bflattering people to gain advantage.

17 ^aBut you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:

18 how they told you that ^athere would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

19 These are ¹sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

Maintain Your Life with God

20 But you, beloved, ^abuilding yourselves up on your most holy faith, ^bpraying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, ^alooking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

22 And on some have compassion, ¹making a distinction;

23 but ^aothers save ¹with fear, ^bpulling them out of the ²fire, hating even ^athe garment defiled by the flesh.

Glory to God

24 ^aNow to Him who is able to keep ¹you from stumbling, And ^bto present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

25 To ¹God our Savior, ²Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and ³power, Both now and forever. Amen.

THE REVELATION

of Jesus Christ

JUST as Genesis is the book of beginnings, Revelation is the book of consummation. In it, the divine program of redemption is brought to fruition, and the holy name of God is vindicated before all creation. Although there are numerous prophecies in the Gospels and Epistles, Revelation is the only New Testament book that focuses primarily on prophetic events. Its title means “unveiling” or “disclosure.” Thus, the book is an unveiling of the character and program of God. Penned by John during his exile on the island of Patmos, Revelation centers around visions and symbols of the resurrected Christ, who alone has authority to judge the earth, to remake it and to rule it in righteousness.

The title of this book in the Greek text is *Apokalypsis Ioannou*, “Revelation of John.” It is also known as the Apocalypse, a transliteration of the word *apokalypsis*, meaning “unveiling,” “disclosure,” or “revelation.” Thus, the book is an unveiling of that which otherwise could not be known. A better title comes from the first verse: *Apokalypsis Iesou Christou*, “Revelation of Jesus Christ.” This could be taken as a revelation which came from Christ or as a revelation which is about Christ—both are appropriate. Because of the unified contents of this book, it should not be called Revelations.

Introduction and Benediction

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, ^awhich God gave Him to show His servants—things which must ^bshortly take place. And ^bHe sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,
2 ^awho bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things ^bthat he saw.
3 ^aBlessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for ^bthe time is near.

Greeting the Seven Churches

4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him ^awho is and ^bwho was and who is to come, ^cand from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,
5 and from Jesus Christ, ^athe faithful ^bwitness, the ^cfirstborn from the dead, and ^athe ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him ^awho ^bloved us ^cand washed us from our sins in His own blood,
6 and has ^amade us ^bkings and priests to His God and Father, ^bto Him ^abe glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
7 Behold, He is coming with ^aclouds, and every eye will see Him, even ^bthey who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.
8 ^a“I am the Alpha and the Omega, ^bthe Beginning and the End,” says the ²Lord, ^b“who is and who was and who is to come, the ^cAlmighty.”

Vision of the Son of Man

9 I, John, ^bboth your brother and ^ccompanion in the tribulation and

CHAPTER 1

1 ^aJohn 3:32

^bRev. 22:6

^cquickly or

^dswiftly

2 ^a1 Cor. 1:6

^b1 John 1:1

3 ^aLuke 11:28

^bJames 5:8

4 ^aEx. 3:14

^bJohn 1:1

^c[Is. 11:2]

5 ^aJohn 8:14

^bIs. 55:4

^c[Col. 1:18]

^dRev. 17:14

^eJohn 13:34

^fHeb. 9:14

¹NU loves us

and freed;

M loves us

and washed

6 ^a1 Pet. 2:5, 9

^b1 Tim. 6:16

¹NU, M a

kingdom

7 ^aMatt. 24:30

^bZech.

12:10–14

8 ^aIs. 41:4

11:17 ^bRev.

4:8; ^cIs. 9:6

¹NU, M omit

the Beginning

and the End

²NU, M Lord

God

9 ^aPhil. 1:7

^b[2 Tim. 2:12]

¹NU, M omit

both

10 ^aActs 10:10

^bActs 20:7

^cRev. 4:1

11 ¹NU, M

omit “I am

the Alpha

and the

Omega, the

First and the

Last,” and,

²NU, M omit

which are in

Asia

^bkingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 ^aI was in the Spirit on ^bthe Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me ^aa loud voice, as of a trumpet,

11 saying, ¹“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches ²which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned ^aI saw seven golden lampstands,

13 ^aand in the midst of the seven lampstands ^bOne like the Son of Man, ^cclothed with a garment down to the feet and ^agirded about the chest with a golden band.

14 His head and ^ahair were white like wool, as white as snow, and ^bHis eyes like a flame of fire;

15 ^aHis feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and ^bHis voice as the sound of many waters;

16 ^aHe had in His right hand seven stars, ^bout of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, ^cand His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

17 And ^awhen I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But ^bHe laid His right hand on me, saying ¹to me, “Do not be afraid; ^aI am the First and the Last.

12 ^aEx. 25:37 13 ^aRev. 2:1 ^bEzek. 1:26 ^cDan.

10:5 ^aRev. 15:6 14 ^aDan. 7:9 ^bDan. 10:6

15 ^aEzek. 1:7 ^bEzek. 1:24; 43:2 16 ^aRev. 1:20;

2:1; 3:1 ^bIs. 49:2 ^cMatt. 17:2 17 ^aEzek. 1:28

^bDan. 8:18; 10:10, 12 ^cIs. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12

¹NU, M omit to me

18 ^a"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, ^bI am alive forevermore. Amen. And ^cI have the keys of ¹Hades and of Death.

19 ¹"Write the things which you have ^aseen, ^band the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

20 "The ¹mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are ^athe ²angels of the seven churches, and ^bthe seven lampstands ³which you saw are the seven churches.

The Loveless Church

2 "To the ¹angel of the church of Ephesus write,

"These things says ^aHe who holds the seven stars in His right hand, ^bwho walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

2 ^a"I know your works, your labor, your ¹patience, and that you cannot ²bear those who are evil. And ^byou have tested those ^cwho say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

3 "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have ^anot become weary.

4 "Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, ^aor else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

6 "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 ^a"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give ^bto eat from ^cthe tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

The Persecuted Church

8 "And to the ¹angel of the church in Smyrna write,

"These things says ^athe First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

9 "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are ^arich); and I know the blasphemy of ^bthose who say they are Jews and are not, ^cbut are a ¹synagogue of Satan.

10 ^a"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. ^bBe faithful until death, and I will give you ^cthe crown of life.

11 ^a"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the

18 ^aRom. 6:9
^bRev. 4:9
^cPs. 68:20 ¹Lit. Unseen; the unseen realm

19 ^aRev. 1:9–18
^bRev. 2:1 ^cRev. 4:1 ¹NU, M Therefore, write

20 ^aRev. 2:1
^bZech. 4:2
¹hidden truth
²Or messengers
³NU, M omit which you saw

CHAPTER 2

1 ^aRev. 1:16
^bRev. 1:13
¹Or messenger

2 ^aPs. 1:6
^b1 John 4:1
^c2 Cor. 11:13
¹perseverance
²endure

3 ^aGal. 6:9

5 ^aMatt. 21:41

7 ^aMatt. 11:15
^b[Rev. 22:2,
14] ^c[Gen. 2:9;
3:22]

8 ^aRev. 1:8, 17,
18 ¹Or messenger

9 ^aLuke 12:21
^bRom. 2:17
^cRev. 3:9 ¹congregation

10 ^aMatt. 10:22
^bMatt. 24:13
^cJames 1:12

11 ^aRev. 13:9
^b[Rev. 20:6,
14; 21:8]

12 ^aRev. 1:16;
2:16 ¹Or messenger

14 ^aNum. 31:16 ^bActs 15:29 ^c1 Cor. 6:13

15 ¹NU, M likewise.

16 ^a2 Thess. 2:8

17 ^aEx. 16:33,
34 ^bRev. 3:12

18 ^aRev. 1:14,
15 ¹Or messenger

19 ^aRev. 2:2
¹NU, M faith, service
²perseverance

20 ^a1 Kin. 16:31; 21:25
^bEx. 34:15

¹NU, M against you that you tolerate
²M your wife Jezebel
³NU, M and teaches and seduces

21 ^aRev. 9:20; 16:9, 11 ¹NU, M repent, and she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality.

churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by ^bthe second death."

The Compromising Church

12 "And to the ¹angel of the church in Pergamos write,

"These things says ^aHe who has the sharp two-edged sword:

13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

14 "But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of ^aBalaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, ^bto eat things sacrificed to idols, ^cand to commit sexual immorality.

15 "Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, ¹which thing I hate.

16 "Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and ^awill fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden ^amanna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone ^ba new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

The Corrupt Church

18 "And to the ¹angel of the church in Thyatira write,

"These things says the Son of God, ^awho has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

19 ^a"I know your works, love, ¹service, faith, and your ²patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

20 "Nevertheless I have ^aa few things against you, because you allow ^bthat woman ^cJezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, ³to teach and seduce My servants ^bto commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 "And I gave her time ^ato ¹repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of ^atheir deeds.

23 "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who ^asearches¹ the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

22 ¹NU, M her 23 ^aJer. 11:20; 17:10 ¹examinations

24 “Now to you I say, ¹and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the ²depths of Satan, as they say, ³‘I will put on you no other burden.’

25 “But hold fast ⁴what you have till I come.

26 “And he who overcomes, and keeps ⁵My works until the end, ⁶to him I will give power over the nations—

27 *“He shall rule them with a rod of iron;
They shall be dashed to pieces
like the potter’s vessels”*—

as I also have received from My Father;

28 “and I will give him ⁷the morning star.

29 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The Dead Church

3 “And to the ¹angel of the church in Sardis write,

“These things says He who ²has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

2 “Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before ³God.

3 “Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and ⁴repent. “Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you ⁵as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

4 ¹“You have ²a few names ³even in Sardis who have not ⁴defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me ⁵in white, for they are worthy.

5 “He who overcomes ⁶shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not ⁷blot out his name from the ⁸Book of Life; but ⁹‘I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

6 “¹“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The Faithful Church

7 “And to the ¹angel of the church in Philadelphia write,

“These things says ²‘He who is holy, ³He who is true, ⁴“He who has the key of David, ⁵He who opens and no one shuts, and ⁶shuts and no one opens”:

8 “¹“I know your works. See, I have set before you ²an open door, ³and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

24 ^{a2} Tim. 3:1–9 ^bActs 15:28 ¹NU, M omit and ²NU, M omit will

25 ^aRev. 3:11

26 ^a[John 6:29] ^b[Matt. 19:28]

27 ^aPs. 2:8, 9

28 ^{a2} Pet. 1:19

CHAPTER 3

1 ^aRev. 1:4, 16 ¹Or messenger

2 ¹NU, M My God

3 ^{a1} Tim. 6:20

^bRev. 3:19

^cMatt. 24:42,

43 ^d[Rev. 16:15]

4 ^aActs 1:15

^b[Jude 23]

^cRev. 4:4; 6:11

¹NU, M Never

²NU, M omit

even

5 ^a[Rev. 19:8]

^bEx. 32:32

^cPhil. 4:3

^dLuke 12:8

6 ^aRev. 2:7

7 ^aActs 3:14

^{b1} John 5:20

^cIs. 9:7; 22:22

^d[Matt. 16:19]

^eJob 12:14 ¹Or messenger

8 ^aRev. 3:1

^{b1} Cor. 16:9

¹NU, M which

no one can

shut

9 ^aRev. 2:9 ^bIs. 45:14; 49:23;

60:14

10 ^{a2} Pet. 2:9

^bLuke 2:1 ^cIs. 24:17 ¹Lit. the

word of My

patience

11 ^aPhil. 4:5

^bRev. 2:25

^c[Rev. 2:10]

¹NU, M omit

Behold

12 ^{a1} Kin. 7:21

^bPs. 23:6

^c[Rev. 14:1;

22:4] ^d[Heb. 12:22] ^eRev. 21:2

^f[Rev. 2:17; 22:4]

13 ^aRev. 2:7

14 ^{a2} Cor. 1:20

^bRev. 1:5; 3:7;

19:11 ^cCol. 1:15] ¹Or mes-

senger ²NU, M in Laodicea

15 ^aRev. 3:1

16 ¹NU, M hot

nor cold

17 ^aHos. 12:8

9 “Indeed I will make ¹those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed ²I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

10 “Because you have kept ¹My command to persevere, ²I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon ³the whole world, to test those who dwell ⁴on the earth.

11 ¹“Behold, ²I am coming quickly!

³Hold fast what you have, that no one may take ⁴your crown.

12 “He who overcomes, I will make him ¹a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall ²go out no more. ³I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the ⁴‘New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. ⁵And I will write on him My new name.

13 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The Lukewarm Church

14 “And to the ¹angel of the church ²of the Laodiceans write,

“These things says the Amen, ³the Faithful and True Witness, ⁴the Beginning of the creation of God:

15 “¹I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

16 “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither ¹cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

17 “Because you say, ¹‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

18 “I counsel you ²to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and ³white garments, that you may be clothed, ⁴that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19 “As many as I love, I rebuke and ¹chasten.¹ Therefore be ²zealous and repent.

20 “Behold, ¹I stand at the door and knock. ²If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, ³I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

21 “To him who overcomes ¹I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

18 ^aIs. 55:1 ^{b2} Cor. 5:3 ¹⁹ ^aJob 5:17 ^bHeb. 12:6 ¹discipline ²eager ²⁰ ^aSong 5:2 ^bLuke 12:36, 37 ^c[John 14:23] ²¹ ^aMatt. 19:28

22 ^aRev. 2:7

The Throne Room of Heaven

4 After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a *trumpet* speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

2 Immediately *I* was in the Spirit; and behold, *a* throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

3 *And* He who sat there was *like* a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; *and there* was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

4 *Around* the throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, *clothed* in white *robes*; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

5 And from the throne proceeded *lightnings*, *thunderings*, and voices. *Seven* lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are *the* seven Spirits of God.

6 Before the throne *there* *was* *a* sea of glass, like crystal. *And* in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

7 *The* first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

8 *The* four living creatures, each having *six* wings, *were* full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

*"Holy,¹ holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to
come!"*

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, *who* lives forever and ever,

10 *the* twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 "You^a are worthy, *O* Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by *Your* will they *exist*
and *were* created."

The Lamb Takes the Scroll

5 And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne *a* scroll written inside and on the back, *sealed* with seven seals.

2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, *"Who*

CHAPTER 4

¹ *a* Ezek. 1:1

^b Rev. 1:10

² *a* Rev. 1:10

^b Is. 6:1

³ *a* Rev. 21:11

^b Ezek. 1:28

¹ *M* omits *And*

He who sat

there was,

making the

following a

description of

the throne.

⁴ *a* Rev. 11:16

^b Rev. 3:4, 5

¹ *NU, M robes,*

with crowns

⁵ *a* Rev. 8:5;

11:19; 16:18

^b Ex. 37:23

^c [Rev. 1:4]

¹ *NU, M*

voices, and

thunderings.

² *M* omits *the*

⁶ *a* Rev. 15:2

^b Ezek. 1:5

¹ *NU, M* add

something

like

⁷ *a* Ezek. 1:10;

10:14

⁸ *a* Is. 6:2 ^b Is.

6:3 ^c Rev. 1:8

^d Rev. 1:4 ¹ *M*

has holy

nine

times.

⁹ *a* Rev. 1:18

¹⁰ *a* Rev. 5:8,

14; 7:11; 11:16;

19:4

¹¹ *a* Rev. 1:6;

5:12 ^b Gen. 1:1

^c Col. 1:16

¹ *NU, M* *our*

Lord and God

² *NU, M*

existed

CHAPTER 5

¹ *a* Ezek. 2:9,

10 ^b Is. 29:11

² *a* Rev. 4:11;

5:9

⁴ ¹ *NU, M* omit

and read

⁵ *a* Gen. 49:9

^b Heb. 7:14 ^c Is.

11:1, 10 ^d Rev.

3:21 ^e Rev. 6:1

¹ *NU, M* omit

to loose

⁶ *a* [John 1:29]

^b Zech. 3:9;

4:10 ^c Rev. 1:4;

3:1; 4:5 ¹ *NU,*

M *I saw in the*

midst . . . a

Lamb stand-

ing

⁷ *a* Rev. 4:2

⁸ *a* Rev. 4:8–10;

19:4 ^b Rev. 8:3

⁹ *a* Rev. 14:3

^b Rev. 4:11

^c John 1:29

^d [Heb. 9:12]

¹⁰ ^a Ex. 19:6

^b Is. 61:6 ¹ *NU,*

M *them* ² *NU*

a kingdom

³ *NU, M* *they*

¹² ^a Is. 53:7

¹³ ^a Phil. 2:10

^b 1 Chr. 29:11

is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open *and* read the scroll, or to look at it.

5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, *the* Lion of the tribe of *Judah*, *the* Root of David, has *prevailed* to open the scroll *and* *to* loose its seven seals."

6 And I looked, *and* behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood *a* Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and *seven* eyes, which are *the* seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand *of* Him who sat on the throne.

Worthy Is the Lamb

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, *the* four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the *prayers* of the saints.

9 And *they* sang a new song, say-

ing:
*"You are worthy to take the
scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God
by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue
and people and nation,
10 And have made us kings² and
priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the
earth."*

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,
12 saying with a loud voice:

*"Worthy is the Lamb who was
slain
To receive power and riches
and wisdom,
And strength and honor and
glory and blessing!"*

13 And *every* creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard say-

ing:
*"Blessing and honor and glory
and power*

Be to Him ^cwho sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and
¹ever!"

14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the ¹twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped ²Him who lives forever and ever.

First Seal: The Conqueror

6 Now ^aI saw when the Lamb opened one of the ¹seals; and I heard ^bone of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

2 And I looked, and behold, ^aa white horse. ^bHe who sat on it had a bow; ^cand a crown was given to him, and he went out ^dconquering and to conquer.

Second Seal: Conflict on Earth

3 When He opened the second seal, ^aI heard the second living creature saying, "Come ¹and see."

4 ^aAnother horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to ^btake peace from the earth, and that ^cpeople should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth

5 When He opened the third seal, ^aI heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, ^aa black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of ^cscales¹ in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A ¹quart of wheat for a ²denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and ^ado not harm the oil and the wine."

Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth

7 When He opened the fourth seal, ^aI heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

8 ^a"So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And ^bpower was given to them over a fourth of the earth, ^bto kill with sword, with hunger, with death, ^cand by the beasts of the earth.

Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs

9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under ^athe altar ^bthe souls of those who had been slain ^cfor the word of God and for ^dthe testimony which they held.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ^a"How long, O Lord, ^bholy and true, ^cuntil You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 Then a ^awhite robe was given to

¹³ ^aRev. 4:2, 3; 6:16; 20:11 ¹M adds *Amen*

¹⁴ ¹NU, M omit *twenty-four* ²NU, M omit *Him who lives forever and ever*

CHAPTER 6

¹ ^a[Rev. 5:5-7, 12; 13:8] ^bRev. 4:7 ¹NU, M *seven seals*

² ^aZech. 1:8; 6:3 ^bPs. 45:4, 5, LXX ^cZech. 6:11 ^dMatt. 24:5

³ ^aRev. 4:7 ¹NU, M omit *and see*

⁴ ^aZech. 1:8; 6:2 ^bMatt. 24:6, 7

⁵ ^aRev. 4:7 ^bZech. 6:2, 6 ^cMatt. 24:7 ¹*balances*

⁶ ^aRev. 7:3; 9:4 ¹Gr. *choenix*, about 1 quart ²About 1 day's wage for a worker

⁷ ^aRev. 4:7 ⁸^aZech. 6:3 ^bEzek. 5:12, 17; 14:21; 29:5 ^cLev. 26:22 ¹*authority*

⁹ ^aRev. 8:3

^b[Rev. 20:4]

^cRev. 1:2, 9

^d2 Tim. 1:8

¹⁰ ^aZech. 1:12 ^bRev. 3:7 ^cRev. 11:18

¹¹ ^aRev. 3:4, 5; 7:9 ^bHeb. 11:40

¹² ^aMatt. 24:7

^bJoel 2:10, 31;

³15 ¹NU, M

omit *behold*

²NU, M *whole moon*

¹³ ^aRev. 8:10;

⁹1

¹⁴ ^aIs. 34:4

^bRev. 16:20

^cOr *split apart*

¹⁵ ^aPs. 2:2-4

^bIs. 2:10, 19,

²¹; 24:21 ¹NU,

M *the commanders, the rich men,*

¹⁶ ^aLuke

²³; 29, 30

^bRev. 20:11

¹⁷ ^aZeph. 1:14

CHAPTER 7

¹ ^aDan. 7:2

^bRev. 7:3; 8:7;

⁹4

³ ^aRev. 6:6

^bRev. 22:4

⁴ ^aRev. 9:16

^bRev. 14:1, 3

^cGen. 49:1-27

⁵ ¹NU, M omit *sealed in vv. 5b-8b.*

each of them; and it was said to them ^bthat they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.*

Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, ^aand ^bbehold, there was a great earthquake; and ^bthe sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the ²moon became like blood.

13 ^aAnd the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 ^aThen the sky ¹receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and ^bevery mountain and island was moved out of its place.

15 And the ^akings of the earth, the great men, ¹the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, ^bhid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 ^aand said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who ^bsits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

17 "For the great day of His wrath has come, ^aand who is able to stand?"

The Sealed of Israel

7 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, ^aholding the four winds of the earth, ^bthat the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, ^a"Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God ^bon their foreheads."

4 ^aAnd I heard the number of those who were sealed. ^bOne hundred and forty-four thousand ^cof all the tribes of the children of Israel *were sealed:*

5 of the tribe of Judah
twelve thousand *were sealed;*
of the tribe of Reuben
twelve thousand *were*
sealed;

of the tribe of Gad
twelve thousand *were sealed;*
6 of the tribe of Asher
twelve thousand *were sealed;*
of the tribe of Naphtali
twelve thousand *were sealed;*
of the tribe of Manasseh
twelve thousand *were sealed;*

7 of the tribe of Simeon
twelve thousand *were sealed;*
of the tribe of Levi

- twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Issachar
twelve thousand *were* sealed;
8 of the tribe of Zebulun
twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Joseph
twelve thousand *were* sealed;
of the tribe of Benjamin
twelve thousand *were* sealed.

*A Multitude from the Great
Tribulation*

- 9 After these things I looked, and behold, ^aa great multitude which no one could number, ^bof all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, ^cclothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ^a"Salvation *belongs* to our God ^bwho sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 ^aAll the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and ^bworshipped God,
12 ^asaying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

- 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in ^awhite robes, and where did they come from?"

14 And I said to him, ¹"Sir, you know." So he said to me, ^a"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and ^bwashed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 ^aTherefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will ^adwell among them.

16 ^a"They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; ^bthe sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;
17 ^afor the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne ^awill shepherd them and lead them to ¹living fountains of waters. ^bAnd God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven
Trumpets*

8 When ^aHe opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 ^aAnd I saw the seven angels who stand before God, ^band to them were given seven trumpets.

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with

9 ^aRom. 11:25
^bRev. 5:9 ^cRev. 3:5, 18; 4:4;
6:11

10 ^aPs. 3:8
^bRev. 5:13

11 ^aRev. 4:6
^bRev. 4:11;
5:9, 12, 14;
11:16

12 ^aRev. 5:13,
14

13 ^aRev. 7:9

14 ^aRev. 6:9
^b[Heb. 9:14]
¹NU, M My
lord

15 ^aIs. 4:5, 6

16 ^aIs. 49:10
^bPs. 121:6

17 ^aPs. 23:1
^bRev. 21:4
¹NU, M *foun-
tains of the
waters of life*

CHAPTER 8

1 ^aRev. 6:1

2 ^a[Matt.
18:10] ^{b2} Chr.
29:25-28

3 ^aRev. 5:8
^bEx. 30:1

4 ^aPs. 141:2

5 ^aRev. 11:19;
16:18 ^bRev.
4:5 ^{c2} Sam.
22:8

7 ^aEzek. 38:22
^bRev. 16:2
^cRev. 9:4;
15-18 ¹NU, M
add and a
third of the
earth was
burned up

8 ^aJer. 51:25
^bEx. 7:17
^cEzek. 14:19

9 ^aRev. 16:3

10 ^aIs. 14:12
^bRev. 14:7;
16:4

11 ^aRuth 1:20
^bEx. 15:23

12 ^aIs. 13:10
¹had no light

13 ^aRev. 14:6;
19:17 ^bRev.
9:12; 11:14;
12:12 ¹NU, M
eagle

CHAPTER 9

1 ^aRev. 8:10
^bLuke 8:31
¹Lit. *shaft of
the abyss*

2 ^aJoel 2:2, 10

^athe prayers of all the saints upon ^bthe golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And ^athe smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And ^athere were noises, thunderings, ¹lightnings, ^aand an earthquake.

6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck

7 The first angel sounded: ^aAnd hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown ^bto the ^aearth. And a third ^cof the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

Second Trumpet: The Seas Struck

8 Then the second angel sounded: ^aAnd *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, ^band a third of the sea ^cbecame blood.

9 ^aAnd a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Third Trumpet: The Waters Struck

10 Then the third angel sounded: ^aAnd a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, ^band it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

11 ^aThe name of the star is Wormwood. ^bA third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

*Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens
Struck*

12 ^aThen the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day ¹did not shine, and likewise the night.

13 And I looked, ^aand I heard an ¹angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ^b"Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

*Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the
Bottomless Pit*

9 Then the fifth angel sounded: ^aAnd I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to ^bthe ¹bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the ^asun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, ^aas the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 They were commanded ^anot to harm ^bthe grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have ^cthe seal of God on their foreheads.

5 And ^dthey were not given authority to kill them, ^ebut to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

6 In those days ^amen will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

7 ^aThe shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. ^bOn their heads were crowns of something like gold, ^cand their faces were like the faces of men.

8 They had hair like women's hair, and ^dtheir teeth were like lions' teeth.

9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was ^elike the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.

10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had as king over them ^athe angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is ^bAbaddon, but in Greek he has the name ^c2Apollyon.

12 ^aOne woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the ^agolden altar which is before God,

14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound ^aat the great river Euphrates."

15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill ^aa third of mankind.

16 Now ^athe number of the army ^bof the horsemen was two hundred million; ^cI heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; ^aand the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.

18 By these three ^aplagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

3 ^aJudg. 7:12

4 ^aRev. 6:6
^bRev. 8:7 ^cRev. 7:2, 3

5 ^a[Rev. 9:10; 11:7] ^bThe locusts

6 ^aJer. 8:3

7 ^aJoel 2:4
^bNah. 3:17
^cDan. 7:8

8 ^aJoel 1:6

9 ^aJoel 2:5-7

11 ^aEph. 2:2
^bLit. *Destruction* ^cLit. *Destroyer*

12 ^aRev. 8:13; 11:14

13 ^aRev. 8:3

14 ^aRev. 16:12

15 ^aRev. 8:7-9; 9:18

16 ^aDan. 7:10
^bEzek. 38:4
^cRev. 7:4

17 ^aIs. 5:28, 29

19 ^aIs. 9:15
^bNU, M *the power of the horses*

20 ^aDeut. 31:29 ^b1 Cor. 10:20 ^cDan. 5:23

21 ^aRev. 21:8; 22:15 ^bNU, M *drugs*

CHAPTER 10

1 ^aRev. 4:3
^bRev. 1:16
^cRev. 1:15

2 ^aMatt. 28:18

3 ^aPs. 29:3-9

4 ^aDan. 8:26; 12:4, 9 ^bNU, M *sounded*, ^cNU, M *omit to me*

5 ^aDan. 12:7
^bNU, M *right hand*

6 ^aRev. 4:11
^bRev. 16:17

7 ^aRev. 11:15

9 ^aJer. 15:16

10 ^aEzek. 3:3
^bEzek. 2:10

11 ^bNU, M *they*

19 For ^atheir power is in their mouth and in their tails; ^afor their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, ^adid not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship ^bdemons, ^cand idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

21 And they did not repent of their murders ^aor their ^bsorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The Mighty Angel with the Little Book

10 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. ^aAnd a rainbow was on ^bhis head, his face was like the sun, and ^chis feet like pillars of fire.

2 He had a little book open in his hand. ^aAnd he set his right foot on the sea and ^bhis left foot on the land, ^cand cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, ^aseven thunders uttered their voices.

4 Now when the seven thunders ^auttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying ^bto me, ^c"Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land ^araised up his ^bhand to heaven

6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, ^awho created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, ^athat there should be delay no longer,

7 but ^ain the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

John Eats the Little Book

8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."

9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, ^a"Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, ^aand it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, ^bmy stomach became bitter.

11 And ^ahe said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

The Two Witnesses

11 Then I was given ^aa reed like a measuring rod. ¹And the angel stood, saying, ^b“Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.”

2 “But leave out ^athe court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, ^bfor it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will ^ctread the holy city underfoot for ^dforty-two months.

3 “And I will give power to my two ^awitnesses, ^band they will prophesy ^cone thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

4 These are the ^atwo olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the ¹God of the earth.

5 And if anyone wants to harm them, ^afire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. ^bAnd if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

6 These ^ahave power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

The Witnesses Killed

7 When they ^afinish their testimony, ^bthe beast that ascends ^cout of the bottomless pit ^dwill make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of ^athe great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, ^bwhere also ¹our Lord was crucified.

9 ^aThen those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, ^band not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

10 ^aAnd those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, ^band send gifts to one another, ^cbecause these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

The Witnesses Resurrected

11 ^aNow after the three-and-a-half days ^bthe breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

12 And ¹they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” ^aAnd they ascended to heaven ^bin a cloud, ^cand their enemies saw them.

13 In the same hour ^athere was a great earthquake, ^band a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid ^cand gave glory to the God of heaven.

CHAPTER 11

1 ^aEzek.
40:3—42:20
^bNum. 23:18
¹NU, M omit
And the angel stood

2 ^aEzek. 40:17,
20 ^bPs. 79:1
^cDan. 8:10
^dRev. 12:6;
13:5

3 ^aRev. 20:4
^bRev. 19:10
^cRev. 12:6

4 ^aZech. 4:2, 3,
11, 14 ¹NU, M
Lord

5 ^a2 Kin.
1:10—12
^bNum. 16:29

6 ^a1 Kin. 17:1

7 ^aLuke 13:32
^bRev. 13:1, 11;
17:8 ^cRev. 9:1,
2 ^dDan. 7:21

8 ^aRev. 14:8
^bHeb. 13:12
¹NU, M *their*

9 ^aRev. 17:15
^bPs. 79:2, 3
¹NU, M *see ... and will not allow*

10 ^aRev. 12:12
^bEsth. 9:19, 22
^cRev. 16:10

11 ^aRev. 11:9
^bEzek. 37:5, 9,
10

12 ^aIs. 14:13
^bActs 1:9
^c2 Kin. 2:11,
12 ¹M I

13 ^aRev. 6:12;
8:5; 11:19;
16:18 ^bRev.
16:19 ^cRev.
14:7; 16:9;
19:7

14 ^aRev. 8:13;
9:12

15 ^aRev. 8:2;
10:7 ^bIs. 27:13
^cRev. 12:10
^dEx. 15:18
¹NU, M *kingdom ... has become the kingdom*

16 ^aRev. 4:4
^bRev. 4:11;
5:9, 12, 14;
7:11

17 ^aRev. 16:5
^bRev. 19:6
¹NU, M omit
and who is to come

18 ^aPs. 2:1
^bDan. 7:10
¹anger

19 ^aRev. 4:1;
15:5, 8 ^bRev.
8:5 ^cRev. 16:21
¹M *the covenant of the Lord*

CHAPTER 12

2 ^aIs. 26:17;
66:6—9

3 ^aRev. 13:1;
17:3, 7, 9

14 ^aThe second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

15 Then ^athe seventh angel sounded: ^bAnd there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ^c“The ¹kingdoms of this world have become the *kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, ^dand He shall reign forever and ever!”

16 And ^athe twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and ^bworshiped God,
17 saying:

“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,

The One ^awho is and who was ¹and who is to come,

Because You have taken Your great power ^band reigned.

18 The nations were ^aangry, and Your ¹wrath has come, And the time of the ^bdead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

19 Then ^athe temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of ¹His covenant was seen in His temple. And ^bthere were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, ^cand great hail.

The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

12 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

2 Then being with child, she cried out ^ain labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, ^aa great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

4 ^aHis tail drew a third ^bof the stars of heaven ^cand threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood ^dbefore the woman who was ready to give birth, ^eto devour her Child as soon as it was born.

5 She bore a male Child ^awho was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was ^bcaught up to God and His throne.

6 Then ^athe woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there ^bone thousand two hundred and sixty days.

4 ^aRev. 9:10, 19 ^bRev. 8:7, 12 ^cDan. 8:10 ^dRev. 12:2 ^eMatt. 2:16 ⁵ ^aPs. 2:9 ^bActs 1:9—11
6 ^aRev. 12:4, 14 ^bRev. 11:3; 13:5

Satan Thrown Out of Heaven

7 And war broke out in heaven: ^aMichael and his angels fought ^bwith the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

8 but they ¹did not prevail, nor was a place found for ²them in heaven any longer.

9 So ^athe great dragon was cast out, ^bthat serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, ^cwho deceives the whole world; ^dhe was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ^a"Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, ^bwho accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

11 "And ^cthey overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, ^dand they did not love their lives to the death.

12 "Therefore ^erejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! ^fWoe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, ^gbecause he knows that he has a short time."

The Woman Persecuted

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted ^athe woman who gave birth to the male *Child*.

14 ^aBut the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, ^bthat she might fly ^cinto the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished ^dfor a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

15 So the serpent ^aspewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus ¹Christ.

The Beast from the Sea

13 Then ¹I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw ^aa beast rising up out of the sea, ^bhaving ²seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a ^cblasphemous name.

2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The ^adragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads ^aas if

7 ^aDan. 10:13, 21; 12:1 ^bRev. 20:2

8 ¹were not strong enough ²M him

9 ^aJohn 12:31 ^bGen. 3:1, 4 ^cRev. 20:3 ^dRev. 9:1

10 ^aRev. 11:15 ^bZech. 3:1

11 ^aRom. 16:20 ^bLuke 14:26

12 ^aPs. 96:11 ^bRev. 8:13 ^cRev. 10:6

13 ^aRev. 12:5

14 ^aEx. 19:4 ^bRev. 12:6 ^cRev. 17:3 ^dDan. 7:25; 12:7

15 ^aIs. 59:19

17 ¹NU, M omit *Christ*

CHAPTER 13

1 ^aDan. 7:2, 7 ^bRev. 12:3 ^cRev. 17:3 ¹NU he ²NU, M ten horns and seven heads

2 ^aRev. 12:3, 9; 13:4, 12

3 ^aRev. 13:12,

14 ^bRev. 17:8

4 ^aRev. 18:18

5 ^aDan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25; 11:36 ^bRev. 11:2 ¹M make war

6 ^a[Col. 2:9]

7 ^aDan. 7:21 ^bRev. 11:18 ¹NU, M add and people

8 ^aEx. 32:32 ^bRev. 17:8

9 ^aRev. 2:7

10 ^aIs. 33:1 ^bGen. 9:6 ^cRev. 14:12

¹perseverance

11 ^aRev. 11:7

12 ^aRev. 13:3, 4

13 ^aMatt. 24:24 ^b1 Kin. 18:38

14 ^aRev. 12:9 ^b2 Thess. 2:9 ^c2 Kin. 20:7

¹M my own people

15 ^aRev. 16:2

16 ^aRev. 7:3; 14:9; 20:4

17 ^aRev. 14:9-11 ^bRev. 15:2 ¹NU, M the mark, the name

18 ^aRev. 17:9 ^b[1 Cor. 2:14] ^cRev. 15:2

^aRev. 21:17

it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And ^ball the world marveled and followed the beast.

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ^a"Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given ^aa mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to ¹continue for ²forty-two months.

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, ^aHis tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was granted to him ^ato make war with the saints and to overcome them. And ^bauthority was given him over every ¹tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, ^awhose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain ^bfrom the foundation of the world.

9 ^aIf anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 ^aHe who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; ^bhe who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. ^cHere is the ¹patience and the faith of the saints.

The Beast from the Earth

11 Then I saw another beast ^acoming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, ^awhose deadly wound was healed.

13 ^aHe performs great signs, ^bso that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

14 ^aAnd he deceives ¹those who dwell on the earth ^bby those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword ^cand lived.

15 He was granted ^apower to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak ^aand cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, ^ato receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has ¹the mark or ²the name of the beast, ^bor the number of his name.

18 ^aHere is wisdom. Let him who has ^bunderstanding calculate ^cthe number of the beast, ^dfor it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

The Lamb and the 144,000

14 Then I looked, and behold, ^{1a} *“Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him ^bone hundred and forty-four thousand, ²having His Father’s name ^cwritten on their foreheads.*

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, *“like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of ^bharpists playing their harps.*

3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song ^aexcept the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, ^afor they are virgins. These are the ones ^bwho follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These ^cwere ^dredeemed from among men, ^ebeing firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And ^ain their mouth was found no ¹deceit, for ^bthey are without fault ²before the throne of God.

The Proclamations of Three Angels

6 Then I saw another angel ^aflying in the midst of heaven, ^bhaving the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

7 saying with a loud voice, *“Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; ^band worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*

8 And another angel followed, saying, *“Babylon¹ is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because ^bshe has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”*

9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, *“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his ^bmark on his forehead or on his hand,*

10 *“he himself ^cshall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is ^bpoured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. ^dHe shall be tormented with ^efire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.*

11 *“And ^athe smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”*

12 *“Here is the ¹patience of the saints; ^bhere² are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying ¹to me, *“Write: ^a‘Blessed are the dead ^bwho die in the Lord now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, ^c“that they may rest from*

CHAPTER 14

¹a Rev. 5:6

^bRev. 7:4; 14:3

^cRev. 7:3; 22:4

¹NU, M the

²NU, M add

His name and

²a Rev. 1:15;

19:6 ^bRev. 5:8

³a Rev. 5:9

⁴a [2 Cor. 11:2]

^bRev. 3:4; 7:17

^cRev. 5:9

^dJames 1:18

¹M adds *by*

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⁵a Ps. 32:2

^bEph. 5:27

¹NU, M false-

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of v. 5.

⁶a Rev. 8:13

^bEph. 3:9

^cRev. 13:7

⁷a Rev. 11:18

^bNeh. 9:6

⁸a Is. 21:9

^bJer. 51:7 ¹NU

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great is fallen.

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⁹a Rev. 13:14,

15; 14:11

^bRev. 13:16

¹⁰a Ps. 75:8

^bRev. 18:6

^cRev. 16:19

^dRev. 20:10

^e2 Thess. 1:7

¹¹a Is. 34:8–10

¹²a Rev. 13:10

^bRev. 12:17

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verance ²NU,

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¹³a Eccl. 4:1, 2

^b1 Cor. 15:18

^cHeb. 4:9, 10

^d1 Cor.

3:11–15;

15:58] ¹NU, M

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¹⁵a Rev. 16:17

^bJoel 3:13

^cJer. 51:33

¹NU, M omit

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¹⁸a Rev. 16:8

^bJoel 3:13

¹⁹a Rev. 19:15

²⁰a Is. 63:3

^bHeb. 13:12

^cIs. 34:3 ¹Lit.

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CHAPTER 15

¹a Rev. 12:1, 3

^bRev. 21:9

^cRev. 14:10

²a Rev. 4:6

^b[Matt. 3:11]

^cRev. 13:14, 15

^dRev. 13:17

^eRev. 5:8 ¹NU,

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their labors, and their works follow ^athem.”

Reaping the Earth’s Harvest

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel ^acame out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, ^b“Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come ¹for You to reap, for the harvest ²of the earth is ripe.”

16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Reaping the Grapes of Wrath

17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, ^awho had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, ^b“Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.”

19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into ^athe great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And ^athe winepress was trampled ^boutside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, ^cup to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred ¹furlongs.

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments

15 Then ^aI saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: ^bseven angels having the seven last plagues, ^cfor in them the wrath of God is complete.

2 And I saw *something* like ^aa sea of glass ^bmingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, ^cover his image and ¹over his mark and over the ^dnumber of his name, standing on the sea of glass, ^ehaving harps of God.

3 They sing ^athe song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the ^bLamb, saying:

^c“Great and marvelous *are* Your works,

Lord God Almighty!

^dJust and true *are* Your ways, O King of the ¹saints!

4 ^aWho shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone *are* ^bholy.

For ^call nations shall come and worship before You,

3 ^aEx. 15:1–21 ^bRev. 15:3 ^cDeut. 32:3, 4 ^dPs. 145:17 ¹NU, M *nations* 4 ^eEx. 15:14 ^bRev. 11:44 ^cIs. 66:23

For Your judgments have been manifested."

5 After these things I looked, and ¹behold, ²the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

6 And out of the ¹temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, ²clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

7 ²Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God ³who lives forever and ever.

8 ²The temple was filled with smoke ³from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying ²to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the ¹bowls ²of the wrath of God on the earth."

First Bowl: Loathsome Sores

2 So the first went and poured out his bowl ²upon the earth, and a ¹foul and ²loathsome sore came upon the men ³who had the mark of the beast and those ⁴who worshipped his image.

Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood

3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl ²on the sea, and ¹it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood

4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl ²on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying:

"You are righteous, ¹O Lord, The One ²who is and who ³was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.

6 For ²they have shed the blood ³of saints and prophets, ⁴And You have given them blood to drink. ¹For it is their just due."

7 And I heard ¹another from the altar saying, "Even so, ²Lord God Almighty, ³true and righteous are Your judgments."

Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched

8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl ²on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they ²blasphemed the

5 ²Num. 1:50 ¹NU, M omit ²behold ²sanc-tuary, the inner shrine

6 ²Ex. 28:6 ¹sanc-tuary, the inner shrine

7 ²Rev. 4:6 ¹1 Thess. 1:9

8 ²Ex. 19:18; 40:34 ²2 Thess. 1:9

CHAPTER 16
1 ²Rev. 15:1 ²Rev. 14:10 ¹NU, M seven bowls

2 ²Rev. 8:7 ²Ex. 9:9-11 ²Rev.

13:15-17; 14:9 ²Rev. 13:14 ¹severe and malignant, lit. bad and evil

3 ²Rev. 8:8; 11:6 ²Ex. 7:17-21 ²Rev. 8:9

4 ²Rev. 8:10 ²Ex. 7:17-20

5 ²Rev. 15:3, 4 ²Rev. 1:4, 8 ¹NU, M omit ²O Lord ²NU, M was, the Holy One

6 ²Matt. 23:34 ²Rev. 11:18 ²Is. 49:26 ¹NU, M omit ²For

7 ²Rev. 15:3 ²Rev. 13:10; 19:2 ¹NU, M omit ²another from

8 ²Rev. 8:12 ²Rev. 9:17, 18

9 ²Rev. 16:11 ²Dan. 5:22 ²Rev. 11:13

10 ²Rev. 13:2 ²Rev. 8:12; 9:2 ²Rev. 11:10

12 ²Rev. 9:14 ²Jer. 50:38 ²Is. 41:2, 25; 46:11

13 ²1 John 4:1 ²Rev. 12:3, 9 ²Rev. 13:11, 14; 19:20; 20:10

14 ²2 Thess. 2:9 ²Luke 2:1 ²Rev. 17:14; 19:19; 20:8 ¹NU, M omit ²of the earth and

15 ²Matt. 24:43 ²2 Cor. 5:3

16 ²Rev. 19:19 ¹Lit. Mount Megiddo; M Megiddo

17 ²Rev. 10:6; 21:6

18 ²Rev. 4:5 ²Rev. 11:13 ²Dan. 12:1

name of God who has power over these plagues; ²and they did not repent ³and give Him glory.

Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain

10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl ²on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl ²on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, ³so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean ²spirits like frogs ³coming out of the mouth of ²the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of ²the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, ²performing signs, which go out to the kings ¹of the earth and of ²the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 ²"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, ³lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

16 ²And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, ¹Armageddon.

Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ²"It is done!"

18 And ²there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake ³as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

19 Now ²the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And ²great Babylon ³was remembered before God, ⁴to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

20 Then ²every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, ²each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

19 ²Rev. 14:8 ²Rev. 17:5, 18 ²Rev. 14:8; 18:5 ²Is. 51:17 ²20 ²Rev. 6:14; 20:11

The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast

17 Then ^aone of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying ¹to me, "Come, ^bI will show you the judgment of ^cthe great harlot ^awho sits on many waters,

2 ^a"with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and ^bthe inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

3 So he carried me away in the Spirit ¹into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting ^bon a scarlet beast *which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

4 The woman ^awas arrayed in purple and scarlet, ^band adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, ^chaving in her hand a golden cup ^afull of abominations and the filthiness of ¹her fornication.

5 And on her forehead a name was written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 I saw ^athe woman, drunk ^bwith the blood of the saints and with the blood of ^cthe martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast

7 But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the ¹mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and ^awill ascend out of the bottomless pit and ^bgo to ¹perdition. And those who ^cdwell on the earth ^awill marvel, ^bwhose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and ²yet is.

9 ^a"Here is the mind which has wisdom: ^bThe seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

10 "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must ^acontinue a short time.

11 "The ^abeast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to ¹perdition.

12 ^a"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

CHAPTER 17

1 ^aRev. 1:1;
21:9 ^bRev.
16:19 ^cNah.
3:4 ^dJer. 51:13
¹NU, M omit
to me

2 ^aRev. 2:22;
18:3, 9 ^bJer.
51:7

3 ^aRev. 12:6,
14; 21:10
^bRev. 12:3
^cRev. 13:1

4 ^aRev. 18:12,
16 ^bDan.
11:38 ^cJer.
51:7 ^dRev.
14:8 ¹M the
fornication of
the earth

5 ^a2 Thess. 2:7

6 ^aRev. 18:24
^bRev. 13:15
^cRev. 6:9, 10

7 ¹hidden
truth

8 ^aRev. 11:7
^bRev. 13:10;
17:11 ^cRev.
3:10 ^dRev.
13:3 ^eRev. 13:8
¹destruction
²NU, M shall
be present

9 ^aRev. 13:18
^bRev. 13:1

10 ^aRev. 13:5

11 ^aRev. 13:3,
12, 14; 17:8
¹destruction

12 ^aDan. 7:20

14 ^aRev. 16:14;
19:19 ^bRev.
19:20 ^c1 Tim.
6:15 ^dJer.
50:44

15 ^aIs. 8:7
^bRev. 13:7

16 ^aJer. 50:41
^bRev. 18:17, 19
^cEzek. 16:37;
39 ^dRev. 18:8
¹NU, M saw,
and the beast

17 ^a2 Thess.
2:11 ^bRev.
10:7

18 ^aRev. 11:8;
16:19 ^bRev.
12:4

CHAPTER 18

1 ^aRev. 17:1, 7
^bEzek. 43:2

2 ^aIs. 13:19;
21:9 ^bIs. 13:21;
34:11, 13-15
^cIs. 14:23 ¹NU,
M omit
mightily

3 ^aRev. 14:8
^bIs. 47:15 ¹Lit.
strengths

4 ^aIs. 48:20

5 ^aGen. 18:20
^bRev. 16:19
¹NU, M have
been heaped
up

13 "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

14 ^a"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will ^bovercome them, ^cfor He is Lord of lords and King of kings; ^dand those *who are* with Him ^eare called, chosen, and faithful."

15 Then he said to me, ^a"The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, ^bare peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

16 "And the ten horns which you ¹saw on the beast, ^athese will hate the harlot, make her ^bdesolate ^cand naked, eat her flesh and ^dburn her with fire.

17 ^a"For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, ^buntil the words of God are fulfilled.

18 "And the woman whom you saw ^ais that great city ^bwhich reigns over the kings of the earth."

The Fall of Babylon the Great

18 After ^athese things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, ^band the earth was illuminated with his glory.

2 And he cried ¹mightily with a loud voice, saying, ^a"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and ^bhas become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and ^ca cage for every unclean and hated bird!

3 "For all the nations ^ahave drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, ^band the merchants of the earth have become rich through the ¹abundance of her luxury."

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ^a"Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

5 ^a"For her sins ¹have reached to heaven, and ^bGod has remembered her iniquities.

6 "Render to her just as she rendered ¹to you, and repay her double according to her works; ^bin the cup which she has mixed, ^cmix double for her.

7 ^a"In the measure that she glorified herself and lived ¹luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as ^bqueen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

8 "Therefore her plagues will

6 ^aPs. 137:8 ^bRev. 14:10 ^cRev. 16:19 ¹NU, M omit to you 7 ^aEzek. 28:2-8 ^bIs. 47:7, 8
¹sensuality

come ^ain one day—death and mourning and famine. And ^bshe will be utterly burned with fire, ^cfor strong is the Lord God who ¹judges her.

The World Mourns Babylon's Fall

9 ^a“The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her ^bwill weep and lament for her, ^cwhen they see the smoke of her burning,

10 “standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ^a‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! ^bFor in one hour your judgment has come.’

11 “And ^athe merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

12 ^a“merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

13 “and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and ^asouls of men.

14 “The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have ¹gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

15 “The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 “and saying, ‘Alas, alas, ^athat great city ^bthat was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!’

17 ^a“For in one hour such great riches ¹came to nothing.’ ^bEvery shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance

18 ^a“and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ^b‘What is like this great city?’

19 ^a“They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! ^bFor in one hour she ¹is made desolate.’

20 ^a“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you ¹holy apostles and prophets, for ^bGod has avenged you on her!”

Finality of Babylon's Fall

21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, ^a“Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and ^bshall not be found anymore.

8 ^aRev. 18:10
^bRev. 17:16
^cJer. 50:34
¹NU, M has judged

9 ^aEzek. 26:16; 27:35 ^bJer. 50:46 ^cRev. 19:3

10 ^aIs. 21:9
^bRev. 18:17, 19

11 ^aEzek. 27:27–34

12 ^aRev. 17:4

13 ^aEzek. 27:13

14 ¹NU, M been lost to you

16 ^aRev. 17:18
^bRev. 17:4

17 ^aRev. 18:10
^bIs. 23:14
¹have been laid waste

18 ^aEzek. 27:30 ^bRev. 13:4

19 ^aJosh. 7:6
^bRev. 18:8
¹have been laid waste

20 ^aJer. 51:48
^bLuke 11:49
¹NU, M saints and apostles

21 ^aJer. 51:63, 64 ^bRev. 12:8; 16:20

22 ^aJer. 7:34; 16:9; 25:10

23 ^aJer. 25:10
^bJer. 7:34; 16:9
^cIs. 23:8
²Kin. 9:22

24 ^aRev. 16:6; 17:6 ^bJer. 51:49

CHAPTER 19

1 ^aRev. 11:15; 19:6 ^bRev. 4:11 ¹NU, M add some-thing like

²NU, M omit the Lord

2 ^aRev. 15:3; 16:7 ^bDeut. 32:43

3 ^aIs. 34:10

4 ^aRev. 4:4, 6, 10 ^b1 Chr. 16:36

5 ^aPs. 134:1
^bRev. 11:18
¹NU, M omit both

6 ^aEzek. 1:24
^bRev. 11:15
¹NU, M our

7 ^a[Matt. 22:2; 25:10]

22 ^a“The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

23 ^a“The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, ^band the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For ^cyour merchants were the great men of the earth, ^dfor by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

24 “And ^ain her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who ^bwere slain on the earth.”

Heaven Exults over Babylon

19 After these things ^aI ¹heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! ^bSalvation and glory and honor and power ^cbelong to ²the Lord our God!

2 “For ^atrue and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He ^bhas avenged on her the blood of His servants ^cshed by her.”

3 Again they said, “Alleluia! ^aHer smoke rises up forever and ever!”

4 And ^athe twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, ^b“Amen! Alleluia!”

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, ^a“Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, ^bboth ¹small and great!”

6 “And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ^a“Alleluia! For ^bthe ¹Lord God Omnipotent reigns!”

7 “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for ^athe marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”

8 And ^ato her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, ^bfor the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, “Write: ^a“Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!” ^bAnd he said to me, ^c“These are the true sayings of God.”

10 And ^aI fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ^b“See that you do not ^cdo that! I am your ^d‘fellow servant, and of your brethren ^ewho have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the ^ftestimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

8 ^aEzek. 16:10 ^bPs. 132:9 ^cLuke 14:15 ^bRev. 22:6 ¹⁰ ^aRev. 22:8 ^bActs 10:26 ^c[Heb. 1:14] ^d1 John 5:10 ^eLuke 24:27

Christ on a White Horse

11 ^aNow I saw heaven opened, and behold, ^aa white horse. And He who sat on him was called ^aFaithful and True, and ^ain righteousness He judges and makes war.

12 ^aHis eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. ^bHe ¹had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 ^aHe was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called ^bThe Word of God.

14 ^aAnd the armies in heaven, ^bclothed in ¹fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

15 Now ^aout of His mouth goes a ¹sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And ^bHe Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. ^cHe Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And ^aHe has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

^bKING OF KINGS
AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Beast and His Armies Defeated

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, ^a"Come and gather together for the ¹supper of the great God,

18 ^a"that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all ¹people, ¹free and slave, both small and great."

19 ^aAnd I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 ^aThen the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and ^bthose who worshiped his image. ^cThese two were cast alive into the lake of fire ^bburning with brimstone. 21 And the rest ^awere killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. ^bAnd all the birds ^awere filled with their flesh.

Satan Bound 1000 Years

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, ^ahaving the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of ^athe dragon, that serpent of old, who is ¹the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and ^aset a

11 ^aRev. 15:5
^bRev. 6:2;
19:19, 21
^cRev. 3:7, 14
^dIs. 11:4

12 ^aRev. 1:14
^bRev. 2:17;
19:16 ¹M adds
names written,
and

13 ^aIs. 63:2, 3
^b[John 1:1, 14]

14 ^aRev. 14:20
^bMatt. 28:3
¹NU, ¹M pure
white linen

15 ^aIs. 11:4
^bPs. 2:8, 9
^cIs. 63:3-6 ¹M
sharp two-
edged

16 ^aRev. 2:17;
19:12 ^bDan.
2:47

17 ^aEzek.
39:17 ¹NU, ¹M
great supper
of God

18 ^aEzek.
39:18-20 ¹NU,
¹M both free

19 ^aRev.
16:13-16

20 ^aRev. 16:13
^bRev. 13:8, 12,
13 ^cDan. 7:11
^dRev. 14:10

21 ^aRev. 19:15
^bRev. 19:17, 18
^cRev. 17:16

CHAPTER 20

1 ^aRev. 1:18;
9:1

2 ^a2 Pet. 2:4

3 ^aDan. 6:17
^bRev. 12:9;
20:8, 10

4 ^aDan. 7:9
^b[1 Cor. 6:2, 3]
^cRev. 6:9 ^aRev.
13:12 ^aRev.
13:15 ^dJohn
14:19 ^eRom.
8:17 ¹M the

6 ^a[Rev. 2:11;
20:14] ^bIs.
61:6 ^cRev. 20:4

8 ^aRev. 12:9;
20:3, 10
^bEzek. 38:2;
39:1, 6 ^cRev.
16:14

9 ^aEzek. 38:9,
16

10 ^aRev. 19:20;
20:14, 15
^bRev. 14:10
¹NU, ¹M where
also

11 ^a2 Pet. 3:7
^bDan. 2:35

12 ^aRev. 19:5
^bDan. 7:10
^cPs. 69:28
^dMatt. 16:27
¹NU, ¹M the
throne

13 ^aRev. 1:18;
6:8; 21:4 ^bRev.
2:23; 20:12

seal on him, ^bso that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years

4 And I saw ^athrones, and they sat on them, and ^bjudgment was committed to them. Then I saw ^athe souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, ^awho had not worshiped the beast ^aor his image, and had not received ¹his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they ¹lived and ^areigned with Christ for ¹a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such ^athe second death has no power, but they shall be ^bpriests of God and of Christ, ^aand shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Satanic Rebellion Crushed

7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

8 and will go out ^ato deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, ^bGog and Magog, ^ato gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9 ^aThey went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone ^awhere! the beast and the false prophet ^{are}. And they ^bwill be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Great White Throne Judgment

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face ^athe earth and the heaven fled away. ^bAnd there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, ^asmall and great, standing before ¹God, ^band books were opened. And another ^cbook was opened, which is ¹the Book of Life. And the dead were judged ^aaccording to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, ^aand Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. ^bAnd they were judged, each one according to his works.

14 Then ^aDeath and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. ^bThis is the second ¹death.

15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life ^awas cast into the lake of fire.

All Things Made New

21 Now ^aI saw a new heaven and ^ba new earth, ^bfor the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

2 Then I, ¹John, saw ^athe holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared ^aas a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, ^athe tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and ^bbe their God.

4 ^a"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; ^bthere shall be no more death, ^cnor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

5 Then ^aHe who sat on the throne said, ^b"Behold, I make all things new." And He said ¹to me, "Write, for ^athese words are true and faithful."

6 And He said to me, ^a"It ¹is done!" ^bI am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. ^cI will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

7 ^aHe who overcomes ¹shall inherit all things, and ^cI will be his God and he shall be My son.

8 ^a"But the cowardly, ¹unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in ^bthe lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The New Jerusalem

9 Then one of ^athe seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came ¹to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you ^bthe ²bride, the Lamb's wife."

10 And he carried me away ^ain the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me ^bthe ¹great city, the ²holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

11 ^ahaving the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

12 Also she had a great and high wall with ^atwelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are ^athe names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

14 ^a1 Cor. 15:26 ^bRev. 21:8 ¹NU, M death, the lake of fire.

15 ^aRev. 19:20

CHAPTER 21

1 ^a[2 Pet. 3:13] ^bRev. 20:11

2 ^aIs. 52:1 ^b2 Cor. 11:2 ¹NU, M omit John

3 ^aLev. 26:11

4 ^aIs. 25:8 ^b1 Cor. 15:26 ^cIs. 35:10; 51:11; 65:19

5 ^aRev. 4:2, 9; 20:11 ^bIs. 43:19 ^cRev. 19:9; 22:6 ¹NU, M omit to me

6 ^aRev. 10:6; 16:17 ^bRev. 1:8; 22:13 ^cJohn 4:10 ¹M omits It is done

7 ^aZech. 8:8 ¹M I shall give him these things

8 ^a1 Cor. 6:9 ^bRev. 20:14 ¹M adds and sinners,

9 ^aRev. 15:1 ^bRev. 19:7; 21:2 ¹NU, M omit to me ²M woman, the Lamb's bride

10 ^aRev. 1:10 ^bEzek. 48 ¹NU, M omit great ²NU, M holy city, Jerusalem

11 ^aRev. 15:8; 21:23; 22:5

12 ^aEzek. 48:31-34

13 ^aEzek. 48:31-34

14 ^aEph. 2:20 ¹NU, M twelve names

15 ^aEzek. 40:3

16 ¹Lit. stadia, about 1,380 miles in all

19 ^aIs. 54:11

21 ^aMatt. 13:45, 46 ^bRev. 22:2

22 ^aJohn 4:21, 23

13 ^athree gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and ^aon them were the ¹names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he who talked with me ^ahad a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand ¹furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.

17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

19 ^aThe foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

21 The twelve gates were twelve ^apearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. ^bAnd the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

The Glory of the New Jerusalem

22 ^aBut I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

23 ^aThe city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine ¹in it, for the ²glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

24 ^aAnd the nations ¹of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor ²into it.

25 ^aIts gates shall not be shut at all by day ^b(there shall be no night there).

26 ^aAnd they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into ¹it.

27 But ^athere shall by no means enter it anything ¹that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's ^bBook of Life.

23 ^aIs. 24:23; 60:19, 20 ¹NU, M omit in it ²M very glory 24 ^aIs. 60:3, 5; 66:12 ¹NU, M omit of those who are saved ²M of the nations to Him 25 ^aIs. 60:11 ^bIs. 60:20 26 ^aRev. 21:24 ¹M adds that they may enter in 27 ^aJoel 3:17 ^bPhil. 4:3 ¹NU, M profane, nor one who causes

The River of Life

22 And he showed me ^aa ¹pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

² ^aIn the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was ^bthe tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were ^cfor the healing of the nations.

³ And ^athere shall be no more curse, ^bbut the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His ^cservants shall serve Him.

⁴ ^aThey shall see His face, and ^bHis name *shall be* on their foreheads.

⁵ ^aThere shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor ^blight of the sun, for ^cthe Lord God gives them light. ^dAnd they shall reign forever and ever.

The Time Is Near

⁶ Then he said to me, ^a“These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the ¹holy prophets ^bsent His angel to show His servants the things which must ^cshortly take place.

⁷ ^a“Behold, I am coming quickly! ^bBlessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸ Now I, John, ¹saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, ^aI fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

⁹ Then he said to me, ^a“See *that you do not do that*. ¹For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

¹⁰ ^aAnd he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, ^bfor the time is at hand.

¹¹ “He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him ¹be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

CHAPTER 22

¹ ^aEzek. 47:1
¹NU, M omit
pure

² ^aEzek. 47:12
^bGen. 2:9
^cRev. 21:24

³ ^aZech. 14:11
^bEzek. 48:35
^cRev. 7:15

⁴ ^a[Matt. 5:8]
^bRev. 14:1

⁵ ^aRev. 21:23
^bRev. 7:15
^cPs. 36:9
^dDan. 7:18, 27

⁶ ^aRev. 19:9
^bRev. 1:1
^cHeb. 10:37
¹NU, M *spirits of the prophets*

⁷ ^a[Rev. 3:11]
^bRev. 1:3

⁸ ^aRev. 19:10
¹NU, M *am the one who heard and saw*

⁹ ^aRev. 19:10
¹NU, M omit
For

¹⁰ ^aDan. 8:26
^bRev. 1:3

¹¹ ¹NU, M *do right*

¹² ^aIs. 40:10; 62:11
^bRev. 20:12

¹³ ^aIs. 41:4
¹NU, M *First and the Last, the Beginning and the End*

¹⁴ ^aDan. 12:12
^b[Prov. 11:30]
^cRev. 21:27
¹NU *wash their robes*,

¹⁵ ^a1 Cor. 6:9
^bPhil. 3:2
¹NU, M omit
But

Jesus Testifies to the Churches

12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and ^aMy reward is with Me, ^bto give to every one according to his work.

¹³ ^a“I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.*”

¹⁴ ^aBlessed are those who ¹do His commandments, that they may have the right ^bto the tree of life, ^cand may enter through the gates into the city.

¹⁵ ¹But ^aoutside *are* ^bdogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

¹⁶ ^a“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. ^bI am the Root and the Offspring of David, ^cthe Bright and Morning Star.”

¹⁷ And the Spirit and ^athe bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” ^bAnd let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

A Warning

18 ¹For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: ^aIf anyone adds to these things, ²God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, ^aGod¹ shall take away his part from the ²Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

I Am Coming Quickly

20 He who testifies to these things says, ^a“Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be ¹with you all. Amen.

¹⁶ ^aRev. 1:1 ^bRev. 5:5 ^cNum. 24:17 ¹⁷ ^a[Rev. 21:2, 9] ^bIs. 55:1 ¹⁸ ^aDeut. 4:2; 12:32 ¹NU, M omit
For ²M may God add ¹⁹ ^aEx. 32:33
¹M may God take away ²NU, M *tree of life*
²¹ ¹NU with all; M with all the saints