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Chapter 1

(1) Now king David was old *and* feeble in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he could not stay warm.

(2) Therefore his servants said to him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may be warm.

(3) So they sought for a fair young girl throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

(4) And the young girl *was* very fair {beautiful}, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king did not know her {sexually}.

(5) Then Adonijah^a the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.^b

(6) And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why have you done so? and he also *was a* very handsome man; and *his mother* bore him after Absalom.

(7) And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and following Adonijah they helped *him*.

(8) But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men who *belonged* to David, were not with Adonijah.

(9) And Adonijah killed sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enrogel, and called all his brothers the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:

(10) But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he did not call.

(11) Therefore Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and David our lord does not know *it*?

(12) Now therefore I ask you to come, let me give you counsel, that you may save your own life, and the life of your son Solomon.

(13) Go in to king David, and say to him, Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then does Adonijah reign?

(14) Indeed, while you are still talking there with the king, I also will come in after you, and confirm your words.

1:5a – Adonijah – is the fourth son of David [II Sam. 3:3] - Absalom who was David's third son II Sam. 3:3 was now dead [II Sam. 18:14] ; Amnon who was David's first born [II Sam. 3:2] was killed by Absalom's servants [II Sam. 13:28-29] – David's second son - Chileab [II Sam. 3:3] is never mentioned after II Sam. 3:3 and probably died at an early age [see note on II Sam. 15:1] – so Adonijah assumed that he was next in line to be king.

1:5b – fifty men to run before him – this is exactly what Absalom had done earlier [II Sam. 15:1]

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(15) And Bathsheba went in to the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered to the king.

(16) And Bathsheba bowed, and knelt before the king. And the king said, What do you want?

(17) And she said to him, My lord, you swore by the LORD {Jehovah} your God to your handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

(18) And now, look, Adonijah reigns; and now, my lord the king, you do not know *it*:

(19) And he has killed oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army: but Solomon your servant he has not called.

(20) And you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon you, that you should tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

(21) Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

(22) And, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

(23) And they told the king, saying, Look Nathan the prophet. And when he had come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

(24) And Nathan said, My lord, O king, have you said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

(25) Because he has gone down this day, and has killed oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the captains of the army, and Abiathar the priest; and, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

(26) But me, *even* me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, he has not called.

(27) Is this thing done by my lord the king, and you have not shown *it* to your servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

(28) Then king David answered and said, Call to me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

(29) And the king swore, and said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who has redeemed my soul out of all distress,

(30) Even as I swore to you by the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my place; even so I will certainly do this day.

(31) Then Bathsheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live forever.

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(32) And king David said, Call to me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

(33) The king also said to them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:

(34) And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

(35) Then you shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; because he shall be king in my place: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

(36) And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen {let it be}: the LORD {Jehovah} God of my lord the king says so *also*.

(37) As the LORD {Jehovah} has been with my lord the king, even so He shall be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

(38) So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

(39) And Zadok the priest took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

(40) And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth shook with their sound.

(41) And Adonijah and all the guests who *were* with him heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Why is *this* noise of the city being in an uproar?

(42) And while he yet spoke, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said to him, Come in; because you *are* a valiant man, and bring good news.

(43) And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord king David has made Solomon king.

(44) And the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

(45) And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that you have heard.

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(46) And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom.

(47) And furthermore the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

(48) And also this is what the king said, Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who has given *one* to sit on my throne this day, my own eyes have seen *it*.

(49) And all the guests who *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and every man went his way.

(50) And Adonijah was afraid because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

(51) And it was told Solomon, saying, See, Adonijah is afraid of king Solomon: because, look, he has caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me today that he will not kill his servant with the sword.

(52) And Solomon said, If he will show himself a worthy man, not a hair of him shall fall to the earth: but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.

(53) So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

Chapter 2

(1) Now the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

(2) I go the way of all the earth: therefore, you be strong and show yourself a man;

(3) And keep the charge of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His laws, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself:

(4) That the LORD {Jehovah} may continue His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, *If your children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, He said, there shall not fail of you a man to sit on the throne of Israel.*

(5) Furthermore you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his belt that *was* about his waist, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

(6) Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

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(7) But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite,^a and let them be of those who eat at your table: because they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.

(8) And, indeed, *you have* with you Shimei^b the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at the Jordan River, and I swore to him by the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.^c

(9) Now therefore do not hold him guiltless: because you *are* a wise man, and know what you ought to do to him; but his gray head you bring down to the grave with blood.

(10) So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David {3103 A.H./C-939 B.C.}.^d

(11) And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.^e

(12) Then Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was greatly established.

(13) And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

(14) He said furthermore, I have somewhat to say to you. And she said, Say on.

(15) And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: however the kingdom has turned about, and has become my brother's: because it was his from the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) And now I ask one petition of you, do not deny me. And she said to him, Say on.

(17) And he said, I ask you to speak, to Solomon the king, (because he will not say No to you,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite^f for my wife.

(18) And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for you to the king.

(19) Bathsheba therefore went to king Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

(20) Then she said, I desire one small petition of you; *I ask you*, do not say, No, to me. And the king said to her, Ask on, my mother: because I will not say No to you.

(21) And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother to be his wife.

2:7a – II Sam. 17:27, 31-38

2:8b – II Sam. 16:5-13

2:8c – II Sam. 19:16-23

2:10d – David dies at age 70 [I Chr. 29:27] after 40 years of reign [II Sam. 5:4-5]
– see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

2:11e – II Sam. 5:4-5

2:17f - Abishag the Shunammite – I Ki. 1:3

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(22) And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; because he is my elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

(23) Then king Solomon swore by the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.

(24) Now therefore, *as* the LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who has established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and Who has made me a house, as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

(25) And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

(26) And to Abiathar the priest the king said, Get yourself to Anathoth, to your own fields; because you *are* worthy of death: but I will not at this time put you to death, because you carry the ark of the Lord GOD {Jehovah} before David my father, and because you have been afflicted in all in which my father was afflicted.

(27) So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD {Jehovah}; that he might fulfill the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.^s

(28) Then news came to Joab: because Joab had followed Adonijah, though he did not follow after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tabernacle of the LORD {Jehovah}, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

(29) And it was told king Solomon that Joab had fled to the tabernacle of the LORD {Jehovah}; and, *he is* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, kill him.

(30) And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD {Jehovah}, and said to him, This is what the king says, Come out. And he said, No; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, This is what Joab said, and this is how he answered me.

(31) And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and kill him, and bury him; that you may take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

(32) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, without my father David knowing *it, namely,* Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host {army} of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host {army} of Judah.^h

2:27g – I Sam. 2:31-35; 3:13-14

2:32h – killed Abner [II Sam. 3:27]; and killed Amasa [II Sam. 20:10]

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(33) Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his descendants forever: but upon David, and upon his descendants, and upon his house, and upon his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD {Jehovah}.

(34) So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and killed him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

(35) And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the host {army}: and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

(36) And the king sent and called for Shimei,ⁱ and said to him, Build yourself a house in Jerusalem, and live there, and do not go forth from there anywhere.

(37) Because it shall be, *that* on the day you go out, and pass over the brook Kidron, you shall know for certain that you shall surely die: your blood shall be upon your own head.

(38) And Shimei said to the king, The saying *is* good: as my lord the king has said, so your servant will do. And Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

(39) And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Your servants *are* in Gath.

(40) And Shimei arose, and saddled his donkey and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

(41) And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned again.

(42) And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not make you swear by the LORD {Jehovah}, and protested to you, saying, Know for a certain, on the day you go out, and walk abroad anywhere, that you shall surely die? and you said to me, The word *that* I have heard *is* good.

(43) Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the commandment that I have charged you with?

(44) Furthermore the king said to Shimei, You know all the wickedness which your heart knows, that you did to David my father: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} shall return your wickedness upon your own head;

(45) And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD {Jehovah} forever.

(46) So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; who went out, and killed him {Shimei}, so that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

2:36i – Shimei – II Sam. 16:5-13; 19:16-23; I Ki. 2:8

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Chapter 3

(1) And Solomon made peace with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the wall all around Jerusalem.

(2) However, the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house {temple} built to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, until those days.

(3) And Solomon loved the LORD {Jehovah}, keeping the laws of David his father: however, he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

(4) And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; because that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings upon that altar.

(5) In Gibeon the LORD {Jehovah} appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, *Ask what I shall give you.*

(6) And Solomon said, You have shown to Your servant David my father great mercy, as he walked before You in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; and You have kept for him this great kindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

(7) And now, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, You have made Your servant king instead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I do not know *how* to go out or come in.

(8) And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

(9) Therefore, give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and bad: because who is able to judge this Your so great a people?

(10) And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

(11) And God said to him, *Because You have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life; neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies; but have asked for yourself understanding to discern judgment;*

(12) *Indeed, I have done according to your words: look, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was no one like you before you, neither after shall any arise like you after you.*

(13) *And I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like you all your days.*

(14) *And if you will walk in My ways, to keep My laws and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.*

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(15) And Solomon awoke; and, indeed, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

(16) Then there came two women, who *were* prostitutes, to the king, and stood before him.

(17) And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman live in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

(18) And it came to pass the third day after I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.

(19) And this woman's child died in the night; because she laid on it.

(20) And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

(21) And when I rose in the morning to nurse my child, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, indeed, it was not my son, which I held.

(22) And the other woman said, No; but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* your son. And this said, No; but the dead *is* your son, and the living *is* my son. This is what they spoke before the king.

(23) Then the king said, The one says, This *is* my son that lives, and your son *is* the dead: and the other says, No; but your son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.

(24) And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

(25) And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

(26) Then the woman to whom the living child *belonged* because her heart yearned for her son said to the king, O my lord, give her the living child, and do not kill it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours, *but divide it*.

(27) Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and do not kill it: she *is* its mother.

(28) And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: because they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him, to do judgment.

Chapter 4

(1) So king Solomon was king over all Israel {3103 A.H./C-939 B.C.}.

(2) And these *were* the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,

(3) Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.

(4) And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the army: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests:

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(5) And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend:

(6) And Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the tribute {taxes}.

(7) And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

(8) And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

(9) The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elonbethhanan:

(10) The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *belonged* Sochoh, and all the land of Hephher:

(11) The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; who had Taphath the daughter of Solomon for a wife:

(12) Baana the son of Ahilud; *to him belonged* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abelmeholah, *even to the place that is* beyond Jokneam:

(13) The son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him *belonged* the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him *also belonged* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and brass bars:

(14) Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* Mahanaim:

(15) Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon for a wife:

(16) Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth:

(17) Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

(18) Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

(19) Geber the son of Uri *was* in the country of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *he was* the only officer who *was* in the land.

(20) Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

(21) And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river {Euphrates} to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

(22) And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures {homers; cors} of fine flour {about 1800 gal.; 6,660 L.},^a and sixty measures {homers} of meal {about 3,600 gal.; 13,320 L.},

(23) Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and one hundred sheep, besides deer, and bucks, and wild deer, and fattened birds.

4:22a – measure – cor – homer – 6.25 bushels = 60 gallons = 222 liters
– see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(24) Because he ruled over all *the region* on this side {west} of the river {Euphrates}, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side {west} of the river {Euphrates}: and he had peace on all sides all around him.

(25) And Judah and Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

(26) And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

(27) And those officers provided food for king Solomon, and for all who came to king Solomon's table, every man in his month: and they lacked nothing.

(28) They also brought barley and straw for the horses and camels to the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

(29) And God gave Solomon exceeding wisdom and great understanding, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

(30) And Solomon's wisdom exceeded the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

(31) Because he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations all around.

(32) And he spoke three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

(33) And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall: he spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of crawling things, and of fish.

(34) And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

Chapter 5

(1) And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; because he had heard that they had anointed him king in the place of his father: because Hiram was ever a lover of David.

(2) And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

(3) You know how David my father could not build a house {temple} to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} his God because of the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD {Jehovah} put them under the soles of his feet.

(4) But now the LORD {Jehovah} my God has given me rest on every side, so *that there is* neither adversary nor evil occupant.

(5) And, I have determined to build a house {temple} to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} my God, as the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to David my father, saying, *Your son, whom I will set upon your throne in your place, he shall build a house {temple} to My Name.*

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(6) Now therefore command that they cut for me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with your servants: and to you I will give wages for your servants according to all that you shall appoint: because you know that *there* is not among us anyone who has the skill to cut timber like to the Sidonians.

(7) And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} this day, Who has given to David a wise son over this great people.

(8) And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which you sent to me for: *and* I will do all that you desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

(9) My servants will bring *them* down from Lebanon to the sea {Mediterranean Sea}: and I will convey them by sea in floats to the place that you shall designate to me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and you shall receive *them*: and you shall accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

(10) So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees *according to* all his desire.

(11) And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat {about 1,200,000 gallons; 125,000 bushels; 4,440,000 liters}^a *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil {about 1200 gallons; 4,440 liters}: this is what Solomon gave to Hiram year by year.

(12) And the LORD {Jehovah} gave Solomon wisdom, as He promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and the two of them made a contract together.

(13) And king Solomon raised a draft out of all Israel; and the draft was thirty thousand men.

(14) And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, *and* two months at home: and Adoniram *was* over the draft.

(15) And Solomon had seventy thousand who labored, and eighty thousand cutters in the mountains;

(16) Besides the chief of Solomon's officers who *were* over the work, three thousand three hundred, who ruled over the people who performed the work.

(17) And the king commanded, and they brought large and costly stones, *and* cut stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

(18) And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders cut *them*, and the stone-finishers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house {temple}.

5:11a – measure – homer {cor} [also spelled kor] = 10 ephs = 222 liters = 6.25 bushels = 240 quarts = about 60 gallons – 20,000x60 = 1,200,000 gallons; 125,000 bushels; 4,440,000 liters - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#) – enough to feed 3,000 or more

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Chapter 6

(1) And it came to pass in the four hundred eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel {3107 A.H./C-935 B.C.},^a in the month Zif {modern Iyar [April-May]},^b which is the second month, that he began to build the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD {Jehovah}, its length was sixty cubits {about 90 ft.; 27.4 m.},^c and its width twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and its height thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.}.

(3) And the porch on the front of the temple of the house, was twenty cubits long {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, according to the width of the house {temple}; and its width was ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 3.05 m.} in front of the house {temple}.

(4) And for the house {temple} he made windows of narrow lights.

(5) And against the wall of the house {temple} he built rooms all around, *against* the walls of the house {temple}, *both* of the temple and of the innermost sanctuary he made rooms all around:

(6) The lowest room *was* five cubits wide {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}, and the middle room {above it} *was* six cubits wide {about 9 ft.; 2.7 m.}, and the third room {on top} *was* seven cubits wide {about 10.5 ft.; 3.2 m.}: because outside *in the wall* of the house {temple} he made narrow supports all around, so that *the beams* would not be fastened in the walls of the house {temple}.

(7) And when the house {temple}, was being built, its stones were made ready before they were brought to the site: so that there was neither hammer nor ax *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house {temple}, while it was being built.

(8) The door for the middle chamber *was* in the right side of the house {temple}: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle room {on the second level}, and out of the middle room into the third {level}.

(9) So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

(10) And *then* he built rooms against all the house, five cubits high {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}: and they rested on the house *with* timbers of cedar.

6:1a - 480 years {plus 114 year of oppression} [3107 A.H./C-935 B.C.]

6:1b - month of Zif - the second month of the year - modern Iyar [April-May]

- See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

6:2c - cubit - about 1 1/2 [1.5] feet; 0.46 meters – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(11) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Solomon, saying,

(12) *Concerning this house {temple} which you are building, if you will walk in My laws, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to David your father:*

(13) *And I will live among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.*

(14) So Solomon built the house {temple}, and finished it.

(15) And he built the walls of the house {temple} inside with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: *and* he covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

(16) And he built twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.} on the sides of the house {temple}, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it inside, *even* for the sanctuary, *even* for the most holy *place* {*Holy of Holies*}.

(17) And the house {temple}, that *is*, the temple in front of it, was forty cubits *long* {about 60 ft.; 18.3 m.}.

(18) And the cedar of the house {temple} inside *was* carved with gourds and open flowers: all *was* cedar; no stone was seen there.

(19) And the Holy of Holies he prepared inside the house, to set the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(20) And the Holy of Holies in the forefront *was* twenty cubits in length {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and twenty cubits in width {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and twenty cubits in its height {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar *which was* of cedar.

(21) So Solomon overlaid the house {temple} inside with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the Holy of Holies; and he overlaid it with gold.

(22) And the whole house {temple} he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house {temple}: also the whole altar that *was* by the Holy of Holies he overlaid with gold.

(23) And inside the Holy of Holies he made two cherubims *of* olive tree, *each* ten cubits high {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}.

(24) And five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} the other wing of the cherub: from the outermost part of the one wing to the outermost part of the other *were* ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}.

(25) And the other cherub *was* ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size.

(26) The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}, and so *was* {*the height*} of the other cherub.

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(27) And he set the cherubims within the inner house {temple}: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house {temple}.

(28) And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

(29) And he carved all the walls of the house {temple} all around with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, inside and outside.

(30) And the floor of the house {temple} he overlaid with gold, inside and outside.

(31) And for the entrance of the Holy of Holies he made doors *of* olive tree: the door header *and* side posts *were* a fifth part *of the wall*.

(32) The two doors also *were of* olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

(33) So he also made for the door of the temple posts *of* olive tree, a fourth part *of the wall*.

(34) And the two doors *were of* fir tree: the two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding.

(35) And he carved *on them* cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work.

(36) And he built the inner court with three rows of cut stone, and a row of cedar beams.

(37) In the fourth year {of Solomon's reign} {3107 A.H./C-935 B.C.} the foundation of the house of the LORD {Jehovah} was laid, in the month Zif {modern Iyar [April-May]}:^d

(38) And in the eleventh year {3114 A.H./C- 928 B.C.},^e in the month of Bul {modern Heshvan [Oct.-Nov.]}^f which is the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts, and according to all its fashion. So he was seven years in building it.

Chapter 7

(1) But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

(2) He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length *was* one hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.},^a and its width fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and its height thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.}, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

6:37d - month of Zif - the second month of the year - modern Iyar [April-May]

6:38e - eleventh year of Solomon's reign [3114 A.H./C- 928 B.C.] - See Appendix L:

The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days. See also The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com

6:38f - month of Bul - the eighth month of the year - modern Heshvan [Oct.-Nov.]

7:2a - cubit -1.5 feet; 0.457 meters - see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

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(3) And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the beams, that *lay* on forty-five pillars, fifteen *in* a row.

(4) And *there were* windows *in* three rows, and windows opposite each other in three rows.

(5) And all the doors and posts *were* square, with the windows: and windows opposite each other in three rows.

(6) And he made a porch of pillars; its length *was* fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and its width thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.}: and the porch *was* in front of them: and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *was* before them.

(7) Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of judgment: and *it was* covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.

(8) And his house where he lived *had* another court inside the porch, *which* was of similar work. Solomon made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken *to be his wife*, like this porch.

(9) All these *were of* costly stones, according to the measures of cut stones, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to the top of the wall, and *so* on the outside towards the great court.

(10) And the foundation *was of* costly stones, even large stones, stones of ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}, and stones of eight cubits {about 12 ft.; 3.7 m.}.

(11) And above *were* costly stones, after the measures of cut stones, and cedars.

(12) And the great court all around *was* with three rows of cut stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and for the porch of the house.

(13) And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

(14) He *was* a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and skill to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and performed all his work.

(15) Because he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece {about 27 ft.; 8.2 m.}: and a line of twelve cubits {about 18 ft.; 5.5 m.} encircled each of them.

(16) And he made two caps *of* molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one cap *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}, and the height of the other cap *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}:

(17) *And* nets of grating work, and wreaths of chain work, for the caps which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one cap, and seven for the other cap.

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(18) And he made the pillars, and two rows all around upon the one network, to cover the caps that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and so he did for the other cap also.

(19) And the caps that *were* upon the tops of the pillars *were* of lily work in the porch, four cubits {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}.

(20) And the caps upon the two pillars *had pomegranates* also above, opposite the belly which *was* by the network: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred in rows all around upon the other cap.

(21) And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called its name Jachin {He will establish}:^b and he set up the left pillar, and called its name Boaz {in Him is strength}.^c

(22) And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

(23) And he made a molten sea {bowl; bath tub},^d ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.} from the one brim to the other: *it was* all around, and its height *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}: and a line of thirty cubits {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.} encircled it all around.

(24) And under its brim all around *there were* gourds encircling it, ten in a cubit {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}, encircling the sea {bowl; bath tub} all around: the gourds *were* cast in two rows, when it was cast.

(25) It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea {bowl; bath tub} *was set* above upon them, and all their back ends *were* pointing to the inside.

(26) And it *was* one hand breadth thick {about 4 in.; 10.2 cm.}, and its brim was formed like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths {about 11,600 gal.; 44,000 L.}.^e

(27) And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits *was* the length of one base {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}, and four cubits its width {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}, and three cubits its height {about 4.5 ft.; 1.4 m.}.

(28) And this is the *manner* of work of the bases: they had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges:

7:21b - Jachin {יִכִּין} - He will establish

7:21c - Boaz {בְּעֹז} - in Him is strength

7:23d – molten sea – a huge bowl {bath tub} to be filled with water and used by the priests for bathing [II Chr. 4:6] - 15 feet; 4.6 meters in diameter; 7 ½ feet; 2.3 meters deep.

7:26e – bath – about 5.8 gallons or 22 liters – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#) Note: the tub was one piece of molded brass [I Ki. 7:40-46] about 3 inches; 7.6 centimeters thick

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(29) And on the borders that *were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges *there was* a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of thin work.

(30) And every base had four brass wheels, and plates of brass: and its four corners had supports: under the bowl *were* molten supports, at the side of every addition.

(31) And the mouth of it inside the cap and above *was* a cubit {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}: but its mouth *was* round *after* the work of the base, a cubit and an half {about 2.3 ft.; 0.69 m.}: and also upon its mouth *were* engravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

(32) And under the borders *were* four wheels; and the spokes of the wheels *were joined* to the base: and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit {about 2.3 ft.; 0.69 m.}.

(33) And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot wheel: their axles, and their hubs, and their rims, and their spokes, *were* all molten.

(34) And *there were* four supports to the four corners of one base: *and* the supports *were* of the very base itself.

(35) And in the top of the base *there was* a round circle of half a cubit high {about 9 in.; 0.23 m.}: and on the top of the base its ledges and its borders *were* of the same.

(36) Because on the plates of its ledges, and on its borders, he engraved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions all around.

(37) After this *manner* he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, *and* one size.

(38) Then he made ten bowls of brass: one bowl contained forty baths {about 232 gal.; 80 L.}:^f *and* every bowl was four cubits {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.} : *and* upon every one of the ten bases one bowl.

(39) And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward opposite the south.

(40) And Hiram made the large bowls, and the shovels, and the smaller bowls. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(41) The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the caps that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the caps which *were* upon the top of the pillars;

(42) And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the caps that *were* upon the pillars;

(43) And the ten bases, and ten bowls on the bases;

7:38f - 1 bath = 5.8 gallons; 22 liters - 40 baths = about 232 gallons; 880 liters
- see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(44) And one sea {bowl; bath tub}, and twelve oxen under the sea {bowl; bath tub};

(45) And the pots, and the shovels, and the bowls: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, *were of bright brass.*

(46) In the plain of the Jordan River the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.

(47) And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceedingly many: neither was the weight of the brass measured.

(48) And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, upon which the holy bread *was*,

(49) And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the Holy of Holies, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of gold*,

(50) And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the censers *of pure gold*; and the hinges *of gold*, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the Holy of Holies, *and* for the doors of the house; of the temple.

(51) So all the work that king Solomon made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} was completed. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, he put among the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 8

(1) Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, to king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} out of the city of David, which *is* Zion {Jerusalem}.

(2) And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month^a {modern Tishri [Sept.-Oct.]}

(3) And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

(4) And they brought up the ark of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those the priests and the Levites brought up.

8:2a - month of Ethanim - seventh month - modern Tishri {September-October}
– II Chr. 5:3 - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#).
See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(5) And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

(6) And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} to its place, into the Holy of Holies of the house {temple}, to the most holy *place* {Holy of Holies}, *even* under the wings of the cherubims.

(7) Because the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and its poles above.

(8) And they drew out the poles, that the ends of the poles were seen out in the holy *place* before the Holy of Holies, and they were not seen outside: and there they are to this day.

(9) *There was* nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone,^b which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD {Jehovah} made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

(10) And it came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy *place*,^c that the cloud filled the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(11) So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: because the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} had filled the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) Then Solomon spoke, The LORD {Jehovah} said that He would live in the thick darkness.

(13) I have surely built You a house {temple} to live in, a settled place for You to live in forever.

(14) And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)

(15) And he said, Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who spoke with His mouth to David my father, and has with His hand fulfilled *it*, saying,

(16) *Since the day that I brought forth My people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house {temple}, that My Name might be there; but I chose David to be over My people Israel.*^d

(17) And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.

8:9b – only the stone tablets remained – earlier Aaron's staff had been placed there [Num. 17] and possibly the golden "tumors" and golden mice the Philistines sent back with the ark after they had captured it [I Sam. 6]

8:10c – holy place – mid section of the temple {in front of the Holy of Holies}
- where the priests normally ministered

8:16d – II Chr. 6:5

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(18) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to David my father, **Whereas it was in your heart to build a house {temple} to My Name, you did well what was in your heart.**

(19) **Nevertheless you shall not build the house {temple}; but your son who shall come forth out of your body, he shall build the house {temple} to My Name.**

(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} has performed His word that He spoke, and I have been raised up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD {Jehovah} promised, and have built a house {temple} for the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel.

(21) And I have set there a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He made with our forefathers, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

(22) And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands towards heaven:

(23) And he said, LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, *there is no God like You*, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, Who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart:

(24) Who has kept with Your servant David my father that which You promised him: You spoke also with Your mouth, and have fulfilled *it* with Your hand, as *it is* this day.

(25) Therefore now, LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father that which You promised him, saying, **There shall not fail of you a man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that your children take heed to their ways, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.**^e

(26) And now, O God of Israel, I ask You to let Your word, be verified, which You spoke to Your servant David my father.

(27) But will God indeed live on the earth? Indeed, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain You; how much less this house {temple} which I have built?

(28) Yet You have respect to the prayer of Your servant, and to his request, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer, which Your servant prays before You today:

(29) That Your eyes may be open towards this house {temple} night and day, *even* towards the place of which You have said, **My Name shall be there:** that You may listen to the prayer which Your servant shall make towards this place.

8:25e – II Chr. 6:16

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- (30) And listen to the request of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, when they shall pray towards this place: and hear in heaven Your home: and when You hear, forgive.
- (31) If any man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath comes before Your altar in this house {temple}:
- (32) Then hear in heaven, and do, and judge Your servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.
- (33) When Your people Israel are struck down before the enemy, because they have sinned against You, and shall turn again to You, and confess Your Name, and pray, and make request to You in this house {temple}:
- (34) Then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which You gave to their forefathers.
- (35) When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You; if they pray towards this place, and confess Your Name, and turn from their sin, when You afflict them:^f

- (36) Then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, that You teach them the good way in which they should walk, and give rain upon Your land, which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.
- (37) If there is in the land famine, if there is pestilence, blasting {hot wind; judgment}, mildew, locust, *or* if there is caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness *there may be*;
- (38) What prayer and request ever be *Made* by any man, *or* by all Your people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spreads forth his hands towards this house {temple}:
- (39) Then hear in heaven Your home, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart You know; (because You, *even* You only, know the hearts of all the children of men;)
- (40) That they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our forefathers.
- (41) Furthermore concerning a stranger, that is not of Your people Israel, but comes out of a far country for Your Name's sake;^g

8:35f – II Chr. 6:26
8:41g – II Chr. 6:32

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(42) (Because they shall hear of Your great Name, and of Your strong hand, and of Your stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray towards this house {temple};

(43) Hear in heaven Your home, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for: that all people of the earth may know Your Name, to fear You, as Your people Israel *do*; and that they may know that this house {temple}, which I have built, is called by Your Name.

(44) If Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You shall send them, and shall pray to the LORD {Jehovah} towards the city which You have chosen, and *towards* the house {temple} that I have built for Your Name:

(45) Then hear their prayer in heaven and their request, and maintain their cause.

(46) If they sin against You, (because *there is* no man who does not sin,) and You become angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives to the land of the enemy, far or near;

(47) *Yet* if they shall remember in the land where they were carried captives, and repent, and make request to You in the land of those who carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

(48) And so return to You with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray to You towards their land, which You gave to their forefathers, the city which You have chosen, and the house {temple} which I have built for Your Name:

(49) Then hear their prayer and their request in heaven Your home, and maintain their cause,

(50) And forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their sins in which they have sinned against You, and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

(51) Because they *are* Your people, and Your inheritance, which You brought forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

(52) That Your eyes may be open to the request of Your servant, and to the request of Your people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call to You for.

(53) Because You separated them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* Your inheritance, as You spoke by the hand of Moses Your servant, when You brought our forefathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(54) And it was, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and request to the LORD {Jehovah}, he arose from before the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

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(55) And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

(56) Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah}, Who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised: there has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant.

(57) The LORD {Jehovah} our God be with us, as He was with our forefathers: let Him not leave us, nor forsake us:

(58) That He may incline our hearts to Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His laws, and His judgments, which He commanded our forefathers.

(59) And let these my words, with which I have made request before the LORD {Jehovah}, be near to the LORD {Jehovah} our God day and night, that He maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

(60) That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD {Jehovah} is God, and that there is no other.

(61) Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} our God, to walk in His laws, and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

(62) And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(63) And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD {Jehovah}, twenty-two thousand oxen, and one hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.^h

(64) The same day the king hallowed {cleansed; made holy} the middle of the court that *was* before the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: because there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brass altar that *was* before the LORD {Jehovah} *was* too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

(65) And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entrance of Hamath to the river of Egypt, before the LORD {Jehovah} our God, seven days and another seven days, *even* fourteen days in all.ⁱ

(66) On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart because of all the goodness that the LORD {Jehovah} had done for David His servant, and for Israel His people.

8:63h – II Chr. 7:5

8:65i – II Chr. 7:8

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Chapter 9

(1) And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's house {palace}, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

(2) That the LORD {Jehovah} appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.^a

(3) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, I have heard your prayer and your request, that you have made before Me: I have hallowed {cleansed; made holy} this house {temple}, which you have built, to put My Name there forever; and My eyes and My heart shall be there forever.^b

(4) And if you will walk before Me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, *and* will keep My laws and My judgments:

(5) Then I will establish the throne of your kingdom upon Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, There shall not fail of you a man upon the throne of Israel.

(6) *But* if you shall at all turn from following Me, you or your children, and will not keep My commandments *and* My laws which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:^c

(7) Then I will cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, {temple} which I have hallowed {cleansed; made holy} for My Name, I will cast out of My sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

(8) And at this house {temple}, *which* is high, everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why has the LORD {Jehovah} done this to this land, and to this house {temple}?

(9) And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD {Jehovah} their God, who brought forth their forefathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshiped them, and served them: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} has brought upon them all this evil.

(10) And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, {3127AH./C-915 B.C.}^d when Solomon had built the two houses, the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's house {palace},

(11) (*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

9:2a – I Ki. 3:11-14

9:3b – II Chr. 7:12; 21:3; 33:3

9:6c – II Chr. 7:18

9:10d – II Chr. 8:19:10d – II Chr. 8:1 - 24th year of Solomon's reign; the 20 years of building the temple and palace were completed [3127AH./C-915 B.C.]

– see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(12) And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they did not please him.

(13) And he said, What cities *are* these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul {displeasing}^e to this day.

(14) And Hiram sent to the king six score {120} talents of gold {about 9,072 lbs.; 4,116 kg.}.^f

(15) And this *is* the reason for the tax which king Solomon raised; to build the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and his own house {palace}, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

(16) *Because* Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and given it *for* a present to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

(17) And Solomon built Gezer, and the lower Bethhoron {house of hollowness},^g

(18) And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

(19) And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his rule.

(20) *And* all the people who *were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who *were* not of the children of Israel,

(21) Their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able to completely destroy, upon those Solomon levied a tax of bond-service to this day.

(22) But of the children of Israel Solomon did not make bondmen: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.^h

(23) These *were* the chief of the officers who *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred fifty, who ruled over the people who performed the work.

(24) But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David to her house which *Solomon* had built for her: then he built Millo.ⁱ

(25) And three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built to the LORD {Jehovah}, and he burnt incense upon the altar that *was* before the LORD {Jehovah}. So he finished the house.

9:13e - Cabul {כבול} - displeasing - according to II Chr. 8:2 Hiram returned the cities to Solomon who then gave him another gift more to his liking - it is said that the land had a lot of clay and required hard work to farm.

9:14f - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms - 120 talents would be about 9,072 pounds; 4,116 kilograms – see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

9:17g - Bethhoron {בית חרן} - house of hollowness - the lower - according to II Chr. 8:5 this city had an upper and lower part

9:22h – II Chr. 8:9

9:24i – II Chr. 8:11

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(26) And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

(27) And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, sailors who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

(28) And they came to Ophir {India}, and brought gold from there, four hundred twenty talents {about 31,752 lbs.; 14,406 kg.},^j and brought *it* to king Solomon.

Chapter 10

(1) And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, she came to test him with hard questions.^a

(2) And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she had come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

(3) And Solomon answered all her questions: there was not *anything* hid from the king, which he did not tell her.

(4) And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

(5) And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cup bearers, and his stairway by which he went up to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}; there was no more spirit in her.

(6) And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom.

(7) Nevertheless I did not believe the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen *it*: and, truly, the half was not told me: your wisdom and prosperity exceeds the fame which I heard.

(8) Your men are blessed, your servants are blessed, who stand continually before you, *and* who hear your wisdom.

(9) Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because the LORD {Jehovah} loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do judgment and justice.

(10) And she gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold {about 9,072 lbs.; 4,116 kg.},^b and of a very great store of spices, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

9:28j - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms

– see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

10:1a – II Chr. 9:1; Mat. 12:42; Lk. 11:31

10:10b - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms

– see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(11) And also the navy of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir {India}, brought in from Ophir {India} great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.

(12) And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and for the king's house, harps also and lyres {stringed instruments} for singers: no such almug trees have come, nor have been seen to this day.

(13) And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides *that* which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she returned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

(14) Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred three score and six {666}^c talents of gold {about 50,350 lbs.; 22,844 kg.},

(15) Besides *that he had* of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

(16) And king Solomon made two hundred large shields *of* beaten gold:^d six hundred *shekels* {about 15 lbs.; 6.8 kg.} of gold went to one large shield.

(17) And *he made* three hundred smaller shields *of* beaten gold; three pounds of gold {about 2 kg.} went to one smaller shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

(18) Furthermore the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.^e

(19) The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *had a* round back: and *there were* supports on each side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the supports.

(20) And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was nothing like it made in any kingdom.

(21) And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; none *were of* silver: it {silver} was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon.

(22) Because the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years the navy of Tharshish came, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

(23) So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

(24) And all the earth looked to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

(25) And every man brought his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothes, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

10:14c – II Chr. 9:13; Ezra 2:13; Rev. 13:18

10:16d – II Chr. 9:15

10:18e – II Chr. 9:17

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(26) And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he distributed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

(27) And the king caused silver *to be* {as plentiful} in Jerusalem as stones, and he caused cedars *to be* as abundant as the sycamore trees that *are* in the valley.

(28) And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

(29) And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver {about 15 lbs.; 6.8 kg.}, and a horse for a hundred-fifty [of silver] {about 3.8 lbs.; 1.7 kg.}: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, they brought *them* out by their means.

Chapter 11

(1) But king Solomon loved many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

(2) Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD {Jehovah} said to the children of Israel, You shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in to you: *because* surely they will turn your heart away after their gods: Solomon clung to these in love.

(3) And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

(4) Because it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned his heart away after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} his God, as *was* the heart of David his father.

(5) Because Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

(6) And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and did not fully follow the LORD {Jehovah}, as David his father *did*.

(7) Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

(8) And he did the same for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods.

(9) And the LORD {Jehovah} was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who had appeared to him twice,

(10) And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he did not keep that which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded.

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(11) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} said to Solomon, Since you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My laws, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

(12) Nevertheless, I will not do it for David your father's sake in your days: *but* I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

(13) However, I will not tear away all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to your son for David My servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

(14) And the LORD {Jehovah} stirred up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's offspring in Edom.

(15) Because it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host {army} had gone up to bury the dead, after he had struck every male in Edom;

(16) (For six months Joab remained there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

(17) That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *was* still a little child.

(18) And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt; who gave him a house, and appointed him food, and gave him land.

(19) And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him the sister of his own wife to be his wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

(20) And the sister of Tahpenes gave birth to him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

(21) And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host {army} was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to my own country.

(22) Then Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me, that, you seek to go to your own country? And he answered, Nothing: however let me go anyway.

(23) And God stirred up for Himself *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

(24) And he gathered men to himself, and became captain over a band, when David killed those *of Zobah*: and they went to Damascus, and lived there, and reigned in Damascus.

(25) And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he hated Israel, and reigned over Syria.

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(26) And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name *was* Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up *his* hand against the king.

(27) And this *was* the reason that he lifted up *his* hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, *and* repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

(28) And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valor: and Solomon seeing that the young man was industrious, made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

(29) And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new robe and the two of them *were* alone in the field:

(30) And Ahijah caught the new robe that *was* on him, and tore it *in* twelve pieces:

(31) And he said to Jeroboam, Take for yourself ten pieces: because this is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says, *Listen, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you:*

(32) (But he shall have one tribe for My servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

(33) Because that they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to do *that which is* right in My eyes, and *to keep* My laws and My judgments, as David his father *did*.

(34) However, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David My servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept My commandments and My laws:

(35) But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, *even* ten tribes.

(36) And to his son will I give one tribe, that David My servant may have a light always before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself to put My Name there.

(37) And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and {you} shall be king over Israel.

(38) And it shall be, if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in My ways, and do *that which is* right in My sight, to keep My laws and My commandments, as David My servant did; that I will be with you, and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

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(39) *And I will because of this afflict the descendants of David, but not forever.*
 (40) Solomon therefore sought to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.
 (41) And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?^a
 (42) And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.
 (43) And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: {3143 A.H./C-899 B.C.} and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.^a

Chapter 12

(1) And Rehoboam went to Shechem: because all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.^a
 (2) And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard *of it*, (because he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt;)
 (3) That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

(4) Your father made our yoke heavy: now therefore make the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve you.^b
 (5) And he said to them, Depart *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.
 (6) And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do you advise that I may answer this people?
 (7) And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be a servant to this people this day, and will serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.
 (8) But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, *and* who stood before him:
 (9) And he said to them, What counsel do you give that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which your father put upon us lighter?

11:41a – the book of the acts of Solomon – a book unknown to us today – see Josh. 10:13; II Sam. 1:18
 11:43a – II Chr. 9:31 - Solomon's death after 40 year reign; Rehoboam, his son, begins reign [3143 A.H./C-899 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History
 12:1a – II Chr. 10:2
 12:4b – II Chr. 10:4

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(10) And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, This is what you should say to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter for us; this is what you shall say to them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's thighs.

(11) And now whereas my father loaded you down with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father has chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

(12) So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

(13) And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

(14) And spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

(15) Therefore the king did not listen to the people; because the matter was from the LORD {Jehovah}, that He might perform His saying, which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.^c

(16) So when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion do we have in David? neither do *we have* an inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So Israel departed to their tents.

(17) But *as for* the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

(18) Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute {taxes}; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam quickly got into his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.^d

(19) So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

(20) And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come again, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was no one who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

(21) And when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand {180,000} chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

12:15c - I Ki. 11:31-37

12:18d - II Chr. 10:18

{11} I Kings

(22) But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

(23) **Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,^e**

(24) **This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers the children of Israel: return every man to his house; because this thing is from Me.** Therefore they listened to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and lived there; and went out from there, and built Penuel.

(26) And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now the kingdom shall return to the house of David:

(27) If this people goes up to do sacrifice in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people shall turn again to their lord, *even* to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

(28) Upon this the king took counsel, and made two calves *of* gold, and said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: see your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

(29) And he set the one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

(30) And this thing became a sin: because the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* to Dan.

(31) And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

(32) And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month {modern Heshvan [Oct.-Nov]}, on the fifteenth day of the month,^f like the feast that *is* in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

(33) So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month {modern Heshvan [Oct.-Nov]}, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast to the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

Chapter 13

(1) And, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD {Jehovah} to Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

12:23e – II Chr. 11:4

12:32f - the fifteenth of the eighth month {8/15} -- Judah celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles on the fifteenth of the seventh month [Lev. 23:34] - See Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days. See also The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(2) And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O altar, altar, this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Listen, a child shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon you shall he offer the priests of the high places who burn incense upon you, and men's bones shall be burnt upon you.^a

(3) And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken; See, the altar shall be torn, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

(4) And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his {Jeroboam's} hand, which he put forth against him {the man of God}, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to himself.

(5) The altar also was torn, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) And the king answered and said to the man of God, Call now the face of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me again. And the man of God called upon the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's hand was restored to him again, and became as it was before.

(7) And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.

(8) And the man of God said to the king, If you will give me half your house, I will not go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

(9) Because it was so charged to me by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, and do not return by the same way that you came.

(10) So he went another way, and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel.

(11) Now there lived an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken to the king, they also told to their father.

(12) And their father said to them, Which way did he go? Because his sons had seen the way the man of God went, who came from Judah.

(13) And he said to his sons, Saddle the donkey for me. So they saddled the donkey for him: and he rode on it,

(14) And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said to him, Are you the man of God who came from Judah? And he said, I am.

(15) Then he said to him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

13:2a - fulfilled II Ki. 23:16

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(16) And he said, I may not return with you, nor go in with you: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place:

(17) Because it was said to me by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, **You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, and do not return to go by the way that you came.**

(18) He said to him, I *am* a prophet also as you *are*; and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied to him.

(19) So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

(20) And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to the prophet who brought him back:

(21) And he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Since you have disobeyed the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah}, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD {Jehovah} your God commanded you,**

(22) But came back, and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *the* LORD {Jehovah} said to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water; your dead body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.

(23) And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

(24) And when he had gone, a lion met him by the road, and killed him: and his dead body was cast in the road, and the donkey stood by it, the lion also stood by the dead body.

(25) And, men passed by, and saw the dead body cast into the road, and the lion standing by the dead body: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet lived.

(26) And when the prophet who brought him back from the road heard *of it*, he said, *It is* the man of God, who was disobedient to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him, and killed him, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke to him.

(27) And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle the donkey for me. And they saddled *him*.

(28) And he went and found his dead body cast into the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the dead body: the lion had not eaten the dead body, nor torn the donkey.

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(29) And the prophet took up the dead body of the man of God, and laid it upon the donkey, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

(30) And he laid his dead body in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!

(31) And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

(32) Because the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD {Jehovah} against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

(33) After this thing Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whoever would, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places.

(34) And this thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

Chapter 14

(1) At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

(2) And Jeroboam said to his wife, I ask you to arise, and disguise yourself, that you not be known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get yourself to Shiloh: Indeed, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, who told me that *I should be* king over this people.

(3) And take with you ten loaves, and biscuits, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell you what shall become of the child.

(4) And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; because his eyes were set because of his age.

(5) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Ahijah, *Look, the wife of Jeroboam comes to ask a thing of you for her son; because he is sick: this and this you shall say to her: because it shall be, when she comes in, that she shall pretend to be another woman.*

(6) And it was *that* when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, you wife of Jeroboam; why do you pretend to be another? because I *am* sent to you *with* bad news.

(7) Go, tell Jeroboam, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *Inasmuch as I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over My people Israel,*

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(8) And tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you: and *yet* you have not been as my servant David, who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that *which was* right in My eyes;

(9) But have done evil above all who were before you: because you have gone and made for yourself other gods, and molten images, to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back:

(10) Therefore, listen, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam all males, *and* he who is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man takes away manure, until it is all gone.

(11) He who dies of Jeroboam in the city the dogs shall eat; and he who dies in the field the birds of the air shall eat: because the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken *it*.

(12) Arise therefore, get yourself to your own house: *and* when your feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

(13) And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: because he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing towards the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

(14) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} shall raise up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

(15) Because the LORD {Jehovah} shall strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land, which He gave to their forefathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD {Jehovah} to anger.

(16) And He shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned, and who caused Israel to sin.

(17) And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: *and* when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

(18) And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by the hand of His servant Ahijah the prophet.

(19) And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, indeed, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

(20) And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* twenty-two years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place {3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.}.^a

14:20a - Jeroboam reigned 22 years and died 4 years after the death of Rehoboam (Solomon's son) - Jeroboam reigned over the northern 10 tribes of Israel which came to be called Israel. Rehoboam reigned over the tribes of Judah and Benjamin which came to be called Judah. [3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(21) And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD {Jehovah} chose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His Name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

(22) And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their forefathers had done.

(23) Because they also built for themselves high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

(24) And there were also sodomites {homosexuals}^b in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD {Jehovah} cast out before the children of Israel.

(25) And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam {3148 A.H./C-894 B.C.}, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:^c

(26) And he took away the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king's house {palace}; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.^d

(27) And king Rehoboam made brass shields in their place, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house.

(28) And it was *that* when the king went into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, that the guard carried them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

(29) Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(30) And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.

(31) And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, {3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.}^e and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.

14:24b - sodomites - men who practiced sodomy – homosexuals

14:25c – II Chr. 12:2

14:26d – II Chr. 12:9

14:31e - Rehoboam died in the 18th year of Jeroboam's reign – II Chr. 12:16

[3160 A.H./C- 882 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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Chapter 15

(1) Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat {3160 A.H./C-882 B.C.} Abijam reigned over Judah.^a

(2) Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

(3) And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} his God, as the heart of David his father.

(4) Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD {Jehovah} his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

(5) Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, and did not turn aside from *anything* that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

(6) And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

(7) Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

(8) And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his place.

(9) And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel {3162 A.H./C-880 B.C.} Asa reigned over Judah.

(10) And forty-one years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.^b

(11) And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, as *did* David his father.

(12) And he took away the sodomites {homosexuals} out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

(13) And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.

(14) But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} all his days.

(15) And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which he himself had dedicated, into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, silver, and gold, and vessels.

(16) And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

(17) And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.^c

15:1a – II Chr. 13:1; 14:1 - Abijam dies after 3 years; Asa his son begins reign [3162 A.H./C- 880 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

15:10b – I Ki. 22:41; II Chr. 17:1

15:17c – II Chr. 16:1

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(18) Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria,^d who lived at Damascus, saying,

(19) *There is* a league {alliance} between me and you, *and* between my father and your father: See, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold; come and break your league {alliance} with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

(20) So Benhadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of the army which he had against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

(21) And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *of it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and lived in Tirzah.

(22) Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; no one *was* exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

(23) The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

(24) And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place {3204 A.H./C- 838 B.C.}.

(25) And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah {3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.},^e and reigned over Israel two years.

(26) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin.

(27) And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; because Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

(28) Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah {3165 A.H./C- 877 B.C.} Baasha killed him {Nadab}, and reigned in his place.^f

15:18d – II Chr. 16:2

15:25e - Nadab, Jeroboam's son begins reign over Israel in 2nd year of Asa, king of Judah [3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

15:28f - Baasha kills Nadab and begins reign over Israel in 3rd year of Asa king of Judah's reign [3165 A.H./C- 877 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(29) And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he struck all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:^s

(30) Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he caused Israel to sin, by his provocation with which he provoked the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger.

(31) Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(32) And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

(33) In the third year of Asa king of Judah {3165 A.H./C- 877 B.C.} Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty-four years.

(34) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin.

Chapter 16

(1) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

(2) Since I exalted you out of the dust, and made you prince over My people Israel; and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have caused My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins;

(3) Indeed, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

(4) He who dies of Baasha in the city the dogs shall eat; and he who dies of his in the fields the birds of the air shall eat.

(5) Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(6) So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his place {3188 A.H./C- 854 B.C.}.

(7) And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

(8) In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah {3188 A.H./C- 854 B.C.}^a Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

15:29g – I Ki. 14:14

16:8a - Baasha's reign ends after 24 years; Elah his son begins reign over Israel

[3188 A.H./C- 854 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

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(9) And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of *his* house in Tirzah.

(10) And Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah {3189 A.H./C- 853 B.C.}, and reigned in his place.

(11) And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he killed all the house of Baasha: he did not leave to him a male, neither of his kinfolks, nor of his friends.

(12) So Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,^b

(13) For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they caused Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

(14) Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(15) In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah {3189 S.H./C- 853 B.C.} Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

(16) And the people who *were* encamped heard that Zimri had conspired, and had also killed the king: therefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host {army}, king over Israel that day in the camp.^c

(17) And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

(18) And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

(19) For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to cause Israel to sin.

(20) Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(21) Then the people of Israel divided were into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

(22) But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

16:12b – I Ki. 16:3

16:16c - Elah killed by Zimri after 2 years; Zimri kills himself 7 days later to prevent being captured; Omri begins reign over part of Israel; Tibni reigns over other part [3189 S.H./C- 853 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(23) In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah {3193 A.H./C- 850 B.C.} Omri began to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years he reigned in Tirzah.

(24) And he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver {about 151.2 lbs; 65.6 kg.},^d and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria {watch station}.^e

(25) But Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, and did worse than all who *were* before him.

(26) Because he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

(27) Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(28) So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his place.

(29) And in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah {3200 A.H./C- 842 B.C.} Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

(30) And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} above all who *were* before him.

(31) And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

(32) And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

(33) And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

(34) In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho: he laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn's life, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest *son* Segub's life, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.^f

Chapter 17

(1) And Elijah {My God is Jehovah}^a the Tishbite, *who was* of those who live in Gilead, said to Ahab, As the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

(2) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to him, saying,

(3) **Get yourself away from here, and go eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith,^b that is before {east of} the Jordan River.**

16:24d – talent – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

16:24e – Samaria {שמרון} – watch station

16:34f – Josh. 6:26

17:1a – Elijah {אליהו} – My God is Jah {short for Jehovah}

17:3b – Cherith {כרית} – cut off; separated

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(4) *And it shall be, that you shall drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.*

(5) So he went and did according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}: because he went and lived by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan River.

(6) And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

(7) And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

(8) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to him, saying,

(9) *Arise, get yourself to Zarephath, which belongs to Zidon, and live there: Indeed, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain you.*^c

(10) So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, I ask you to fetch for me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

(11) And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, I ask you to bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.

(12) And she said, *As the LORD {Jehovah} your God lives, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse {jar; bottle}: and, indeed, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.*

(13) And Elijah said to her, Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said: but make me a little cake of it first, and bring *it* to me, and afterward make for you and for your son.

(14) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *The barrel of meal shall not go empty, neither shall the cruse {jar; bottle} of oil fail, until the day that the LORD {Jehovah} sends rain upon the earth.*

(15) And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, ate *many* days.

(16) *And* the barrel of meal did not go empty, neither did the cruse {jar; bottle} of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by Elijah.^d

(17) And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so great, that there was no breath left in him.

(18) And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O you man of God? have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?

(19) And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he stayed, and laid him upon his own bed.

17:9c – Lk. 4:26

17:16d – See Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible

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(20) And he cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, have You also brought evil upon the widow with whom I live, by killing her son?

(21) And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, I ask You, let this child's soul come into him again.

(22) And the LORD {Jehovah} heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

(23) And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him to his mother: and Elijah said, See, your son lives.^e

(24) And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} in your mouth is truth.

Chapter 18

(1) And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Elijah in the third year, saying, **Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.**

(2) And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And *there was* a terrible famine in Samaria.

(3) And Ahab called Obadiah, who *was* the governor of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD {Jehovah} greatly:

(4) Because it was, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD {Jehovah}, that Obadiah took one hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

(5) And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go into the land, to all fountains of water, and to all brooks: perhaps we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we not lose all the beasts.

(6) So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

(7) And as Obadiah was in the way, indeed, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Are* you my lord Elijah?

(8) And he answered him, *I am*: go, tell your lord, Look, Elijah *is here*.

(9) And he said, What have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?

(10) As the LORD {Jehovah} your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom, where my lord has not sent to seek you: and when they said, *He is not there*; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they did not find you.

17:23e – See [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)

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(11) And now you say, Go, tell your lord, See, Elijah *is here*.

(12) And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} shall carry you where I do not know; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall kill me: but I your servant have feared {revered} the LORD {Jehovah} from my youth.

(13) Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD {Jehovah}, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's {Jehovah's} prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

(14) And now you say, Go, tell your lord, See, Elijah *is here*: and he shall kill me.

(15) And Elijah said, As the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies} lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.

(16) So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

(17) And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, *Are you he* who troubles Israel?

(18) And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah}, and you have followed Baalim.

(19) Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel to mount Carmel, and the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of the groves, who eat at Jezebel's table.

(20) So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to mount Carmel.

(21) And Elijah came to all the people, and said, How long will you waver between two opinions? if the LORD {Jehovah} is God, follow Him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people did not answer him a word.

(22) Then Elijah said to the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah}; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred fifty men.

(23) Let them therefore give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bull, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*:

(24) And you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: and the God Who answers by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

(25) And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose for yourselves one bull, and dress *it* first; because you *are* many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under it*.

(26) And they took the bull which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

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(27) And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: because he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or perhaps he sleeps, and must be awakened.

(28) And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

(29) And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice {3 p.m.}, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

(30) And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} *that was* broken down.

(31) And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came, saying, **Israel shall be your name:**

(32) And with the stones he built an altar in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: and he made a trench all around the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed {about 12.5 bushels; 120 gal.; 444 L.}.^a

(33) And he put the wood in order, and cut the bull in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

(34) And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.

(35) And the water ran all around the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

(36) And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice {3 p.m.}, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD {Jehovah} God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that You *are* God in Israel, and *that I am Your* servant, and *that I have done* all these things at Your word.

(37) Hear me, O LORD {Jehovah}, hear me, that this people may know that You *are* the LORD {Jehovah} God, and *that* You have turned their hearts back again.

(38) Then the fire of the LORD {Jehovah} fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

(39) And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD {Jehovah}, He *is* the God; the LORD {Jehovah}, He *is* the God.

(40) And Elijah said to them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there.

(41) And Elijah said to Ahab, Get yourself up, eat and drink; because *there is* a sound of abundance of rain.

18:32a – measure - homer {cor} [also spelled kor] = 10 ephahs = 222 liters = 6.25 bushels = 240 quarts = about 60 gallons – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(42) So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

(43) And said to his servant, Go up now, look towards the sea {Mediterranean Sea}. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is nothing*. And he said, Go again seven times.

(44) And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Look, there arises a little cloud out of the sea {Mediterranean Sea}, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare your *chariot*, and get yourself down, that the rain not stop you.

(45) And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

(46) And the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was on Elijah; and he tied his belt around his waist, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Chapter 19

(1) And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

(2) Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

(3) And when he heard *that*, he arose, and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

(4) But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD {Jehovah}, take away my life; because I *am* not better than my forefathers.

(5) And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, indeed, then an angel touched him, and said to him, *Arise and eat*.

(6) And he looked, and, saw, *there was* a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse {jar; bottle} of water at his head. And he ate and drank, and laid himself down again.

(7) And the angel of the LORD {Jehovah} came again the second time, and touched him, and said, *Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for you*.

(8) And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

(9) And he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and, indeed, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} *came* to him, and He said to him, *What are you doing here, Elijah?*

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(10) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies}: because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

(11) And He said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD {Jehovah}. And, indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD {Jehovah}; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the earthquake:

(12) And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD {Jehovah} *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

(13) And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And *there came* a voice to him, and said, **What are you doing here, Elijah?**

(14) And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}: because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when you come, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria:^a

(16) And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint *to be* king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah you shall anoint *to be* prophet in your place.

(17) And it shall come to pass, *that* he who escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill: and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu Elisha shall kill.

(18) Yet I have left for Myself seven thousand in Israel, all the knees who have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

(19) So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

(20) And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, I ask you to let me kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again: because what have I done to you?

(21) And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

19:15a – anoint Hazael to be king over Syria – note: God chooses even the leaders of pagan nations!

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Chapter 20

(1) And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host {army} together: and *there were* thirty-two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

(2) And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said to him, This is what Benhadad says,

(3) Your silver and your gold *is* mine; your wives also and your children, *even* the best, *are* mine.

(4) And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to your saying, I *am* yours, and all that I have.

(5) And the messengers came again, and said, This is what Benhadad, speaks saying, Although I have sent to you, saying, You shall deliver to me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, and your children;

(6) Yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, *that* whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

(7) Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, I ask you to mark and see how this *man* seeks mischief: because he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I did not deny him.

(8) And all the elders and all the people said to him, Do not listen *to him*, nor consent.

(9) Therefore he said to the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

(10) And Benhadad sent to him, and said, The gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who follow me.

(11) And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Do not let him who ties on *his harness* brag as he who takes it off.^a

(12) And it came to pass, when *Benhadad* heard this message, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said to his servants, Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

(13) And, indeed, there came a prophet to Ahab king of Israel, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Have you seen all this great multitude? indeed, I will deliver it into your hand today; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.**

(14) And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, ***Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces.*** Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, **You.**

20:11a – As you prepare for battle, don't brag as one who has already won the victory

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(15) Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel, *being* seven thousand.

(16) And they went out at noon. But Benhadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who helped him.

(17) And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men coming out of Samaria.

(18) And he said, Whether they are coming out for peace, take them alive; or whether they are coming out for war, take them alive.

(19) So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

(20) And every one killed his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the horsemen.

(21) And the king of Israel went out, and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

(22) And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said to him, *Go, strengthen yourself, and mark, and see what you do: because at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.*

(23) And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

(24) And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their places:

(25) And number an army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he listened to their voice, and did as they said.

(26) And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

(27) And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel camped before them like two little flocks of kids {young goats}; but the Syrians filled the country.

(28) And there came a man of God, and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Because the Syrians have said, The LORD {Jehovah} is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.*

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(29) And they camped opposite each other for seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel killed of the Syrians one hundred thousand footmen in one day.

(30) But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and *there* a wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand of the men *that were* left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

(31) And his servants said to him, Indeed now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: I ask you, let us put sackcloth on our waists, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: perhaps he will save your life.

(32) So they put on sackcloth on their waists, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Your servant Benhadad says, I ask you, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother.

(33) Now the men diligently observed whether *anything would come* from him, that they could quickly notice: and they said, Your brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

(34) And *Benhadad* said to him, The cities, which my father took from your father, I will restore; and you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then *Ahab said*, I will send you away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

(35) And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor in the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, **I ask you to strike me**. And the man refused to strike him.

(36) Then said he to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} {Jehovah}, indeed, as soon as you have departed from me, a lion shall kill you. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and killed him.

(37) Then he found another man, and said, **I ask you to strike me**. And the man struck him, so that in striking he wounded *him*.

(38) So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

(39) And as the king passed by, he cried to the king: and he said, Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, see, a man turned aside, and brought a man to me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he is missing, then your life shall be for his life, or else thou shall pay a talent of silver {about 75.6 lbs.; 34.3 kg.}.^b

20:39b - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms
– see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(40) And as your servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, So *shall* your judgment *be*; you yourself have decided *it*.

(41) And he quickly took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets.

(42) And he said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Because you have let go out of *your* hand a man whom I appointed to complete destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.**

(43) And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

Chapter 21

(1) And it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

(2) And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it *is* near to my house {palace}: and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it; *or*, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money.

(3) And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD {Jehovah} forbid me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you.

(4) And Ahab came into his house sad and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: because he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid himself down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

(5) But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit so sad, that you eat no bread?

(6) And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give you my vineyard.

(7) And Jezebel his wife said to him, Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and let your heart be merry: I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

(8) So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who *were* in his city, living with Naboth.

(9) And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

(10) And set two men, sons of Belial {wickedness}, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, You blasphemed God and the king.^a And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

21:10a – blasphemed God – see Lev. 24:11, 16

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(11) And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent to them.

(12) They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

(13) And there came in two men, children of Belial {wickedness}, and sat before him: and the men of Belial {wickedness} witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth blasphemed God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

(14) Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

(15) And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give to you for money: because Naboth is not alive, but dead.

(16) And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

(17) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

(18) Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Samaria: indeed, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to possess it.

(19) And you shall speak to him, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Have you killed, and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth dogs shall lick your blood, *even* yours.

(20) And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found you: because you have sold yourself to work evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(21) Indeed, I will bring evil upon you, and will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab all males, and he who is shut up and left in Israel,

(22) And will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,^b and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah,^c because of the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and caused Israel to sin.

(23) And of Jezebel the LORD {Jehovah} also spoke, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

21:22b – I Ki. 15:29

21:22c – I Ki. 16:12

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(24) He who dies of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and he who dies in the field shall the birds of the air eat.

(25) But there was no one like Ahab, who sold himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

(26) And he very wickedly followed idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD {Jehovah} cast out before the children of Israel.

(27) And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

(28) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

(29) See how Ahab humbles himself before Me? because he humbles himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days I will bring the evil upon his house.

Chapter 22

(1) And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

(2) And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

(3) And the king of Israel said to his servants, Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *are* still, *and* do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?

(4) And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as you *are*, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.

(5) And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I ask you to inquire at the word of the LORD {Jehovah} today.

(6) Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; because the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

(7) And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah}, that we might inquire of him?

(8) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}: but I hate him; because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Do not let the king say so.

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(9) Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, *Quickly bring* Micaiah the son of Imlah here.

(10) And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

(11) And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, With these you shall push the Syrians, until you have consumed them.

(12) And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: because the LORD {Jehovah} shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

(13) And the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Indeed now, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one mouth: I ask you to let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good.

(14) And Micaiah said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, what the LORD {Jehovah} says to me, that I will speak.

(15) So he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: because the LORD {Jehovah} shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

(16) And the king said to him, How many times shall I command you that you tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}?

(17) And he said, *I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that do not have a shepherd: and the LORD {Jehovah} said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.*^a

(18) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

(19) And he said, Hear therefore the word of the LORD {Jehovah}: I saw the LORD {Jehovah} sitting on His throne, and all the host {army} of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left.

(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, *Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead?* And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

(21) And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, *I will persuade him.*

(22) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, *How?* And he said, *I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.* And he said, *You shall persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.*^b

22:17a – II Chr. 18:16
22:22b – II Chr. 18:21

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(23) Now therefore, indeed, the LORD {Jehovah} has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken evil concerning you.

(24) But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way did the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} go from me to speak to you?

(25) And Micaiah said, [Indeed, you shall see in that day, when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.](#)

(26) And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

(27) And say, This is what the king says, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

(28) And Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken by me.^c And he said, Listen, O people, every one of you.

(29) So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

(30) And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but you put on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

(31) But the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two captains who had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, but only with the king of Israel.

(32) And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

(33) And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

(34) And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; because I am wounded.

(35) And the battle increased that day: and the king was held up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at evening: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.^d

(36) And there went a proclamation throughout the army about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

(37) So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

22:28c – II Chr. 18:27

22:35d – II Chr. 18:34

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(38) And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armor; according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which He spoke.^e

(39) Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(40) So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

(41) And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel {3204 A.H./C- 838 B.C.}.^f

(42) Jehoshaphat *was* thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

(43) And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *because* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

(44) And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

(45) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(46) And the remnant of the sodomites {homosexuals}, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

(47) *There was* then no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king.

(48) Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir {India} for gold: but they did not go; because the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

(49) Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not allow it.

(50) And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his place.^g

(51) Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah {3220 A.H./C- 822 B.C.},^h and reigned two years over Israel.

22:38e – I Ki. 21:19

22:41f - Ahab's 4th year; Asa's reign over Judah ends; Jehoshaphat his son begins reign [3204 A.H./C- 838 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

22:50g – II Chr. 21:1

22:51h - Ahaziah son of Ahab begins co-reign with his father in 17th year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah [3220 A.H./C- 822 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

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(52) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin:

(53) Because he served Baal, and worshiped him, and provoked the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

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Chapter 1

(1) Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

(2) And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said to them, Go, inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

(3) But the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} said to Elijah the Tishbite, *Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that you go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?*

(4) *Now therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, You shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die.* And Elijah departed.

(5) And when the messengers turned back to him, he said to them, Why have you already returned?

(6) And they said to him, There came a man up to meet us, and said to us, Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that you send to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? therefore you shall not come down from the bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die.*

(7) And he asked them, What manner of man *was he* who came up to meet you, and told you these words?

(8) And they answered him, *He was* a hairy man, and with a belt of leather tied around his waist.^a And he {Ahaziah} said, *It is* Elijah the Tishbite.

(9) Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty {soldiers}. And he went up to him: and, he {Elijah} sat on the top of a hill. And he {the captain} spoke to him, You man of God, the king has said, Come down.

(10) And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *am* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty {soldiers}. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty {soldiers}.

(11) Again also he {Ahaziah} sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty {soldiers}. And he {the captain} answered and said to him {Elijah}, O man of God, this is what the king has said, Come down quickly.

(12) And Elijah answered and said to them, If I *am* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty {soldiers}. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

1:8a – Mat. 3:4 – see [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)

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(13) And he {Ahaziah} sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty {soldiers}. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, O man of God, I pray, let my life, and the life of these fifty of your servants, be precious in your sight.

(14) Indeed, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in your sight.

(15) And the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} said to Elijah, **Go down with him: Do not be afraid of him.** And he arose, and went down with him to the king.

(16) And he said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Since you have sent messengers to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? therefore you shall not come down off the bed on which you have lain, but shall surely die.**

(17) So he died according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah {3221 A.H./C-821 B.C.};^b because he had no son.

(18) Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Chapter 2

(1) And it came to pass, when the LORD {Jehovah} would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

(2) And Elijah said to Elisha, I ask you to stay here; because the LORD {Jehovah} has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said *to him*, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.

(3) And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that the LORD {Jehovah} will take away your master from your head today? And he said, Yes, I know *it*; hold your peace.

(4) And Elijah said to him, Elisha, I ask you to stay here; because the LORD {Jehovah} has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho.

(5) And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that the LORD {Jehovah} will take away your master from your head today? And he answered, Yes, I know *it*; hold your peace.

1:17b – Ahaziah began co-reign with his father Ahab in 3220 A.H./C-822 B.C.. His father Ahab dies in battle after 22 years of reign. Ahaziah dies due to accident. Jehoram #2 begins reign over Israel in 3221 A.H./C-821 B.C.
– see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(6) And Elijah said to him, I ask you to stay, here; because the LORD {Jehovah} has sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. And the two of them went on.

(7) And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to watch at a distance: and the two of them stood by Jordan.

(8) And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them went over on dry ground.^a

(9) And it came to pass, when they had gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken away from you. And Elisha said, I ask you, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.

(10) And he said, You have asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so to you; but if not, it shall not be so.

(11) And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

(12) And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and tore them in two pieces.

(13) He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan River;

(14) And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD {Jehovah} God of Elijah? and when he also had stricken the waters, they parted here and there: and Elisha went over.^b

(15) And when the sons of the prophets who *watched* at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah rests upon Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

(16) And they said to him, Indeed now, there are with your servants fifty strong men; let them go, we ask you, to seek your master: lest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} has taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, You shall not send.

(17) And when they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, Send {them}. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but did not find him.

(18) And when they returned to him, (because he stayed at Jericho,) he said to them, Did I not say to you, Do not go?

(19) And the men of the city said to Elisha, Look, I ask you, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord sees: but there is no water, and the ground is barren.

2:8a – see [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)
2:14b – see [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)

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(20) And he said, Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it. And they brought *it* to him.

(21) And he went forth to the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **I have healed these waters; there shall not be from this time forth any more death or barren land.**

(22) So the waters were healed to this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

(23) And he went up from there to Bethel: and as he was going up by the roadway, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, you bald head; go up, you bald head.

(24) And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}. And there came forth two female bears out of the woods, and tore forty-two of their children.^c

(25) And he went from there to mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

Chapter 3

(1) Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah {3221 A.H./C- 821 B.C.}, and reigned twelve years.

(2) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}; but not like his father, and like his mother: because he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

(3) Nevertheless he held onto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not depart from them.

(4) And Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master, and rendered to the king of Israel one hundred thousand lambs, and one hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

(5) But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

(6) And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

(7) And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me: will you go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as you *are*, my people as your people, *and* my horses as your horses.

(8) And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

(9) So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they traveled a seven days' journey: and there was no water for the army, or for the cattle that followed them.

2:24c – Note: Elisha did not kill the children; when he cursed them; they lost the Lord's protection over them and the bears attacked.

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(10) And the king of Israel said, Alas! the LORD {Jehovah} has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

(11) But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD {Jehovah}, that we may inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah.

(12) And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD {Jehovah} is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

(13) And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? go to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, No: because the LORD {Jehovah} has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

(14) And Elisha said, *As* the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies} lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look towards you, nor see you.

(15) But now bring to me a musician. And it came to pass, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} came upon him.

(16) And he said, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Make this valley full of ditches.*

(17) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *You shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that you may drink, both you, and your cattle, and your beasts.*

(18) *And this is but* a light thing in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: He will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

(19) *And you shall strike every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall cut down every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and cover every good piece of land with stones.*

(20) And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered {9 a.m.}, that, indeed, there came water by the road of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

(21) And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered all who were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border.

(22) And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as red as blood*:

(23) And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely killed, and they have killed one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

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(24) And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward striking the Moabites, even in *their* country.

(25) And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land every man cast his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and cut down all the good trees: only in Kirharaseth they left its stones; however the slingers^a went about *it*, and struck it.

(26) And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too great for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through *even* to the king of Edom: but they could not.

(27) Then he took his eldest son who should have reigned in his place, and offered him *for* a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

Chapter 4

(1) Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets to Elisha, saying, Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant did fear the LORD {Jehovah}: and the creditor has come to take to himself my two sons to be slaves.

(2) And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? tell me, what do you have in the house? And she said, Your handmaid does not have anything in the house, except a pot of oil.

(3) Then he said, Go, borrow containers abroad of all your neighbors, *even* empty containers; do not borrow just a few.

(4) And when you have come in, you shall shut the door upon you and upon your sons, and shall pour out into all those containers, and you shall set aside that which is full.

(5) So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the containers* to her; and she poured out.

(6) And it came to pass, when the containers were full, that she said to her son, Bring me yet another container. And he said to her, *There is* not a container left. And the oil stopped.

(7) Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, and you and your children live off the rest.

(8) And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where there *was* a prominent woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread.

3:25a – slingers – soldiers who used slings {[as David did against Goliath
[I Sam. 17:49]}

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(9) And she said to her husband, Look now, I perceive that this *is* a holy man of God, who passes by us continually.

(10) I ask you to let us make a little room, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he comes to us, that he shall turn in there.

(11) And it fell on a day, that he came there, and he turned into the room, and lay there.

(12) And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

(13) And he said to him, Say now to her, Look, you have been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for you? would you be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the army? And she answered, I live among my own people.

(14) And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly she has no child, and her husband is old.

(15) And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

(16) And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, *you* man of God, do not lie to your handmaid.

(17) And the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season that Elisha had said to her, according to the time of life.

(18) And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

(19) And he said to his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

(20) And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

(21) And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

(22) And she called to her husband, and said, I ask you to send me, one of the young men, and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

(23) And he said, Why will you go to him today? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be well.*

(24) Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; do not slow down for me, unless I ask you to.

(25) So she went and came to the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Look, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

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(26) I ask you to run now, to meet her, and say to her, *Is it well with you? is it well with your husband? is it well with the child?* And she answered, *It is well.*

(27) And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to pull her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; because her soul *is* troubled within her: and the LORD {Jehovah} has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me.

(28) Then she said, Did I ask a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

(29) Then he said to Gehazi, Put a belt around your waist, and take my staff in your hand, and go your way: if you meet any man, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

(30) And the mother of the child said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose, and followed her.

(31) And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Therefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child has not awakened.

(32) And when Elisha had come into the house, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

(33) Therefore he went in, and shut the door upon the two of them, and prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(34) And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child grew warm.

(35) Then he returned, and walked in the house back and forth; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.^a

(36) And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she had come in to him, he said, Take up your son.

(37) Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

(38) And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and *there was* a drought in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said to his servant, Set on the great pot, and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets.

(39) And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered of it wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: because they did not know it.

4:35a – see [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)

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(40) So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O man of God, *there is death in the pot*. And they could not eat of it.

(41) But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

(42) And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in its husk. And he said, Give to the people, that they may eat.

(43) And his servant said, What, should I set this before one hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **They shall eat, and shall have food left over.**

(44) So he set *it* before them, and they ate, and had food left over, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.^b

Chapter 5

(1) Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD {Jehovah} had given deliverance to Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, *but he was a leper.*

(2) And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

(3) And she said to her mistress, I wish to God that my master *were* with the prophet who *is* in Samaria! because he would heal him of his leprosy.

(4) And *one* went in, and told his lord, saying, This is what the maid said who *is* of the land of Israel.

(5) And the king of Syria said, Go there, go, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver {about 750 lbs; 340 kg.}, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of clothing.

(6) And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying,

Now when this letter has come to you, see, I have sent Naaman my servant to you with all of this, that you may heal him of his leprosy.

(7) And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he tore his clothes, and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to heal a man of his leprosy? I ask you therefore consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.

(8) And it was *that*, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

(9) So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

4:44b – see [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)

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(10) And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times, and your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be clean.

(11) But Naaman was angry, and went away, and said, Indeed, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, and strike his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.

(12) *Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.*

(13) And his servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid you *do some* great thing, would you not have done *it?* how much rather then, when he said to you, Wash, and be clean?

(14) Then he went down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh returned like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.^a

(15) And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Look, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel: I ask you now therefore, receive a gift from your servant.

(16) But he said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, before Whom I stand, I will receive none. And he {Naaman} urged him to take *it*; but he {Elisha} refused.

(17) And Naaman said, I ask you then shall there not then, be given to your servant two mules' load of dirt? because your servant will from this time forth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD {Jehovah} only.

(18) May the LORD {Jehovah} pardon your servant, in this one thing *that* when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, may the LORD {Jehovah} pardon your servant in this thing.

(19) And he said to him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

(20) But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Indeed, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* the LORD {Jehovah} lives, I will run after him, and take something from him.

5:14a – Lk. 4:27

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(21) So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he climbed down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is all well?*

(22) And he said, *All is well.* My master has sent me, saying, *Look, even now there have come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: I ask you to give to them, a talent of silver {about 75 lbs; 34 kg.}, and two changes of clothes.*

(23) And Naaman said, *Be content, take two talents.* And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothes, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they carried *them* before him.

(24) And when he came to the tower, he took *them* from their hand, and put *them* in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

(25) But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, *Where have you come from, Gehazi?* And he said, *Your servant went nowhere.*

(26) And he {Elisha} said to him, *Did not my heart go with you, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive clothes, and olive groves, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?*

(27) Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you, and to your descendants forever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white as snow.*

Chapter 6

(1) And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, *Look now, the place where we live with you is too small for us.*

(2) *We ask you to let us go, to the Jordan River, and let each one take from there a beam, and let us build us a place there, where we may live.* And he answered, *Go.*

(3) And one said, *I ask you to be content, and go with your servants.* And he answered, *I will go.*

(4) So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan River, they cut down wood.

(5) But as one was cutting a beam, the ax head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, *Alas, master! because it was borrowed.*

(6) And the man of God said, *Where did it fall?* And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in there; and the iron floated.^a

(7) Therefore he said, *Take it up to yourself.* And he put out his hand, and took it.

6:6a – see [Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible](#)

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(8) Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.

(9) And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you not pass such a place; because there the Syrians have come down.

(10) And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not {just} once nor twice.

(11) Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this; and he called his servants, and said to them, Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?

(12) And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.

(13) And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Indeed, *he is* in Dothan.

(14) Therefore he sent horses, and chariots, and a great army there: and they came by night, and encircled the city.

(15) And when the servant of the man of God had risen early, and gone forth, an army had encircled the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, Alas, my master! what shall we do?

(16) And he answered, Do not be afraid: because those who are with us *are* more than those who are with them.

(17) And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD {Jehovah}, I ask You, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD {Jehovah} opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, indeed, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

(18) And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, I ask You to strike this people with blindness. And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

(19) And Elisha said to them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. But he led them to Samaria.

(20) And it came to pass, when they had come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD {Jehovah}, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD {Jehovah} opened their eyes, and they saw; and *they were* in the midst of Samaria.

(21) And the king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I strike *them*? shall I strike *them*?

(22) And he answered, You shall not strike *them*: would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

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(23) And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drank, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria did not return to the land of Israel.

(24) And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

(25) And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver {shekel} {about 32 oz.; 912 gm.},^b and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung {about 11 oz.; 0.31 L.} for five pieces of silver.

(26) And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, a woman cried to him there, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

(27) And he said, If the LORD {Jehovah} does not help you, how shall I help you? out of the barn floor, or out of the wine press?

(28) And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, This woman said to me, Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.

(29) So we boiled my son, and ate him: and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him: and she has hidden her son.

(30) And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, saw, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh.

(31) Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall remain on him this day.

(32) But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *are* not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

(33) And while he yet talked with them, the messenger came down to him: and he said, Look, this evil is of the LORD {Jehovah}; why should I wait for the LORD {Jehovah} any longer?

Chapter 7

(1) Then Elisha said, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}; This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour {homer; cor} {about 6.25 bushels; 60 gallons; 222 liters}^a shall be sold for a shekel [of silver] {about 0.4 oz; 11.4 grams}, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

6:25b – shekel – 0.4 ounces; 11.4 grams

– 1/4 of a cab – about 11 ounces or 0.31 liters – a little less than a pint

- 1 cab = 1/6 seah = about 1 1/3 quarts or 1.2 liters

– see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

7:1a - - measure – cor – homer – 6.25 bushels = 60 gallons = 222 liters

– see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

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(2) Then an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Indeed, *if* the LORD {Jehovah} would make windows in heaven, could this thing be? And he {Elisha} said, You shall see *it* with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.

(3) And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said to one another, Why should we sit here until we die?

(4) If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we will die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall to the host {army} of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

(5) And they rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Syrians: and when they had come to the outermost part of the camp of Syria, *there was* no man there.

(6) Because the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great army: and they said to one another, The king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

(7) Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, even the camp as it *was*, and fled for their lives.

(8) And when these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drank, and carried from there silver, and gold, and clothing, and went and hid *it*; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried from there *also*, and went and hid *it*.

(9) Then they said to one another, We are not doing well: this day *is* a day of good news, and we are holding our peace: if we stay until the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

(10) So they came and called to the porter {gate keeper} of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, indeed, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and donkeys tied, and the tents as they *were*.

(11) And he called the gate keepers; and they told *it* to the king's household inside.

(12) And the king arose in the night, and said to his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

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(13) And one of his servants answered and said, I ask you let *some* take, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (indeed, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: look, *I say*, they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see.

(14) They therefore took two chariot horses; and the king sent after the army of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

(15) And they went after them to the Jordan River: and, all the road *was* full of clothes and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

(16) And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour {homer; cor} {about 6.25 bushels; 60 gallons; 222 liters} was sold for a shekel [of silver] {about 0.4 oz; 11.4 grams}, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.^b

(17) And the king appointed the officer on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

(18) And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

(19) And that officer answered the man of God, and said, Now, look, *if* the LORD {Jehovah} should make windows in heaven, could such a thing be? And he said, Indeed, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.^c

(20) And so it happened to him: because the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

Chapter 8

(1) Then Elisha spoke to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go both you and your household, and live wherever you can live: because the LORD {Jehovah} has called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

(2) And the woman arose, and did according to the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and lived in the land of the Philistines seven years.

(3) And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land.

(4) And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, I ask you, Tell me, all the great things that Elisha has done.

7:16b – II Ki. 7:1

7:19c – II Ki. 7:2

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(5) And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

(6) And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

(7) And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God has come here.

(8) And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

(9) So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' loads, and came and stood before him, and said, Your son Benhadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

(10) And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, You may certainly recover: however the LORD {Jehovah} has shown me that he shall surely die.

(11) And he stared at him, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

(12) And Hazael said, Why do you weep my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword, and will dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

(13) And Hazael said, But what, is your servant a dog, that he should do this terrible thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD {Jehovah} has shown me that you *shall be* king over Syria.

(14) So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What did Elisha say to you? And he answered, He told me *that* you shall surely recover.

(15) And it came to pass on the morning, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his place.

(16) And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign {3225 A.H./C- 817 B.C.}.^a

(17) He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.^b

(18) And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done: because the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.

8:16a -5th year of Joram king of Israel; Jehoram co-reigns with his father Jehoshaphat over Judah [3225 A.H./C- 817 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

8:17b – II Chr. 21:5

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(19) Yet the LORD {Jehovah} would not destroy Judah for David His servant's sake, as He promised him to give him always a light, *and* to his children.

(20) In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.^c

(21) So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

(22) Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

(23) And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(24) And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

(25) Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign in the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel {3232 A.H./C-810 B.C.}.^d

(26) Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Athaliah, the daughter {granddaughter} of Omri king of Israel.^e

(27) And he walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, as the house of Ahab had done: because he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

(28) And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramothgilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

(29) And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.^f

Chapter 9

(1) And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said to him, Put your belt on, and take this box of oil in your hand, and go to Ramothgilead:

(2) And when you come there, seek out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and cause him to rise up from among his brothers, and carry him to an inner room;

(3) Then take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **I have anointed you king over Israel.** Then open the door, and flee, and do not delay.

8:20c – II Chr. 21:10

8:25d – II Chr. 22:1 -Jehoram's death; Ahaziah becomes sole king over Judah
[3232 A.H./C-810 B.C.]

8:26e – daughter – actually granddaughter of Omri – see note on II Chr. 22:2

8:29f – II Chr. 22:6

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(4) So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

(5) And when he came, the captains of the army *were* sitting; and he said, I have an errand for you, O captain. And Jehu said, To which of us? And he said, To you, O captain.

(6) And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, **I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD {Jehovah}, *even* over Israel.**

(7) **And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD {Jehovah}, at the hand of Jezebel.**

(8) **Because the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab all males, and everyone who is shut up and left in Israel:**

(9) **And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,^a and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah:^b**

(10) **And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be no one to bury her.*^c And he opened the door, and fled.**

(11) Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said to him, *Is* all well? why did this mad *fellow* come to you? And he said to them, You know the man, and his communication.

(12) And they said, No we don't; tell us now. And he said, This is what he spoke to me, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **I have anointed you king over Israel.**

(13) Then every man quickly took his clothes, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

(14) So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.

(15) But king Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it is your mind, *then* let no one go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

(16) So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; because Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

(17) And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace?

9:9a – I Ki. 15:29

9:9b – I Ki. 16:12

9:10c – II Ki. 9:36

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(18) So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, This is what the king asks, *Is it peace?* And Jehu said, What do you have to do with peace? turn behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he does not return.

(19) Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, This is what the king asks, *Is it peace?* And Jehu answered, What do you have to do with peace? turn behind me.

(20) And the watchman told, saying, He came even to them, and does not return: and the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; because he drives furiously.

(21) And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

(22) And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it peace, Jehu?* And he answered, What peace, so long as the prostitutions of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so many?*

(23) And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is treachery, O Ahaziah.*

(24) And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and struck Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

(25) Then *Jehu* said to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: because remember how that, when I and you rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD {Jehovah} laid this burden upon him;

(26) *Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and I will require it of you in this place, says the LORD {Jehovah}.* Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(27) But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Strike him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the road going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.^a

(28) And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David.

(29) And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, {3233 A.H./C-809B.C.}^b Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

(30) And when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*; and she painted her face, and adorned her head,^c and looked out at a window.

(31) And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Did Zimri who killed his master have peace?

9:27a – II Chr. 22:8

9:29b - 11th year of Joram king of Israel; Jehu begins reign over Israel

[3233 A.H./C- 809B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

9:30c – adorned her head – possibly put on ear rings or jewels or crown

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(32) And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And two *or* three eunuchs looked out to him.

(33) And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trampled her under foot.

(34) And when he had come in, he ate and drank, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: because she *is* a king's daughter.

(35) And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.

(36) Therefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This *is* the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, **In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:**^d

(37) And the dead body of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

Chapter 10

(1) And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to those who brought up Ahab's *children*, saying,

(2) Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armor;

(3) Seek out the best and fit of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

(4) But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Look, two kings could not stand before him: how then shall we stand?

(5) And he who *was* over the house, and he who *was* over the city, the elders also, and those who brought up *of the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* your servants, and will do what you tell us; we will not make any king: You do *that which is good* in your eyes.

(6) Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If you *are* mine, and *if* you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time. Now the king's sons, *were* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, who brought them up.

(7) And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and killed seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel.

9:36d – I Ki. 21:23; II Ki. 9:10

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(8) And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay them in two piles at the entrance of the gate until the morning.

(9) And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Be righteous: I conspired against my master, and killed him: but who killed all these?

(10) Know now that nothing of the word of the Lord {Jehovah} shall fall to the earth, which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke concerning the house of Ahab: because the LORD {Jehovah} has done *that* which He spoke by His servant Elijah.^a

(11) So Jehu killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his relatives, and his priests, until he left him no one remaining.

(12) And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. *And* as he *was* at the shearing house in the way,

(13) Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* you? And they answered, We *are* the brothers of Ahaziah; and we are going down to greet the children of the king and the children of the queen.

(14) And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing house, *even* forty-two men; neither did he leave any of them {alive}.

(15) And when he had departed from there, he came upon Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he greeted him, and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart *is* with your heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it is, give *me* your hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

(16) And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD {Jehovah}. So they made him ride in his chariot.

(17) And when he came to Samaria, he killed all that remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke to Elijah.^a

(18) And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; *but* Jehu shall serve him much.

(19) Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let no one be lacking: because I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whoever shall be missing, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* deceitfully, to the intent that he might destroy the worshipers of Baal.

(20) And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

10:10,17a – I Ki. 21:21-22; II Ki. 9:8

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(21) And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

(22) And he said to him who *was* over the robe-room, Bring forth robes for all the worshipers of Baal. And he brought them robes.

(23) And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said to the worshipers of Baal, Search, and look that there are here with you no one of the servants of the LORD {Jehovah}, but the worshipers of Baal only.

(24) And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed eighty men outside, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he who lets him go*, his life *shall be* for the life of him.

(25) And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* kill them; let no one come forth. And they struck them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

(26) And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

(27) And they broke down the image of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it an outhouse to this day.

(28) So Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

(29) However *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, Jehu did not depart from after them, that is, the golden calves that *were* in Bethel, and that *were* in Dan.

(30) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Jehu, *Because you have done well in executing that which is right in My eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in My heart, your children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.*

(31) But Jehu did not take heed to walk in the law of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel with all his heart: because he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin.

(32) In those days the LORD {Jehovah} began to cut Israel short: and Hazael struck them in all the coasts of Israel;

(33) From the Jordan River eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

(34) Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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(35) And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place {3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.}.^b

(36) And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty-eight years.

Chapter 11

(1) And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal children.

(2) But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *who were* killed; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not killed.^a

(3) And he was hidden from her in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land.

(4) And the seventh year {of Jehu king of Israel} {3239 A.H./C-803 B.C.} Jehoiada {the priest} sent and called for the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to himself into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and showed them the king's son.

(5) And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that you shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath {Saturday} shall keep watch over the king's house;

(6) And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall you keep the watch of the house, that it not be broken down.

(7) And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath {Saturday}, even they shall keep the watch of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} about the king.

(8) And you shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand: and anyone who comes near the king, let him be killed: and be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in.

(9) And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and every man took his men who were to come in on the sabbath {Saturday}, with those who should go out on the sabbath {Saturday}, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

(10) And to the captains over hundreds the priest gave king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, all around the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

10:35b - 28th year of Jehu; Jehu dies; Jehoahaz his son reigns over Israel
[3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History
11:2a – II Ki. 11:21; 12:1; II Chr. 22:11

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(12) And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

(13) And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(14) And when she looked, the king stood by a pillar, as the custom *was*, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.

(15) But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host {army}, and said to them, Take her forth outside the temple: and everyone who follows her kill with the sword. Because the priest had said, Let her not be killed in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) And they laid hands on her; and she went by the roadway by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there she was killed.

(17) And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD {Jehovah} and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's {Jehovah's} people; between the king also and the people.

(18) And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images they broke in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(19) And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

(20) And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they killed Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

(21) Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign {over Judah} {3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.}.^b

Chapter 12

(1) In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign {3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.}; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beersheba.^a

(2) And Jehoash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

11:21b – II Chr. 22:11 - 7th year of Jehu king of Israel; Jehoash begins reign over Judah [3239 A.H./C- 803 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

12:1a – II Chr. 22:11; 25:1

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(3) But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

(4) And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, *even* the money of everyone that passes *the account*, the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that comes into any man's heart to bring into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(5) Let the priests take *it* to themselves, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the damage of the house {temple}, wherever any damage shall be found.

(6) But it was, *that* in the twenty-third year of king Jehoash {3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.}^b the priests had not repaired the damages of the house {temple}.

(7) Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said to them, Why have you not repaired the damages of the house {temple}? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the damages of the house {temple}.

(8) And the priests consented to receive no *more* money from the people, neither to repair the damages of the house {temple}.

(9) But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one enters into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}: and the priests who kept the door put in it all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) And it was, when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) And they gave the money, being counted, into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, who did the work on the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(12) And to masons, and stone cutters, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the damage of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, and for all that was laid out for the house {temple} to repair *it*.

(13) However there were not made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} bowls of silver, snuffers, wash bowls, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}:

12:6b - Twenty-third year of king Jehoash – repairs made to the temple
[3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.]

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(14) But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} with it.

(15) Furthermore they did not reckon with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be paid on workmen: because they dealt faithfully.

(16) The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: it was the priests'.

(17) Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

(18) And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

(19) And the rest of the acts of Joash,^c and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(20) And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and killed Joash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla.

(21) Because Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 13

(1) In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah {3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.},^a Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years.

(2) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not depart from it.

(3) And the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} was kindled against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

(4) And Jehoahaz sought the LORD {Jehovah}, and the LORD {Jehovah} listened to him: because He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

(5) (And the LORD {Jehovah} gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel lived in their tents, as before.

(6) Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin, *but* walked in them: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.)

(7) Neither did He leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; because the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

12:19c – Joash – alternate spelling of Jehoash

13:1a - 23rd year of Joash king of Judah; Jehoahaz begins reign over Israel

[3261 A.H./C- 781 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(8) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(9) And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his place.

(10) In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah {3275 A.H./C-767 B.C.}, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.

(11) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel sin: *but* he walked in them.

(12) And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(13) And Joash slept with his fathers {3293 A.H./C-749 B.C.}; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

(14) Now Elisha had fallen sick of his sickness of which he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen.

(15) And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took to himself bow and arrows.

(16) And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it*: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

(17) And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's {Jehovah's} deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: because you shall strike the Syrians in Aphek, until you have consumed *them*.

(18) And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike the ground. And he struck three times, and stopped.

(19) And the man of God was angry with him, and said, You should have stricken five or six times; then you would have stricken Syria until you had consumed *it*: since now you shall strike Syria *but* three times.

(20) And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

(21) And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, they saw a group of *men*; and they cast the man into the tomb of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

(22) But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

(23) And the LORD {Jehovah} was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and had respect towards them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither did He cast them from His presence as yet.

(24) So Hazael king of Syria died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his place.

(25) And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

Chapter 14

(1) In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah reigned {3279 A.H./C- 763 B.C.}.^a

(2) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.^b

(3) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

(4) However the high places were not taken away: as yet the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

(5) And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he killed his servants who had killed his father the king.

(6) But the children of the murderers he did not kill: according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, in which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded, saying, *The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.*^c

(7) He killed of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel {obedience to God}^d to this day.

(8) Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.^e

(9) And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to be his wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trampled down the thistle.

14:1a - The second year of Joash king of Israel; Amaziah begins reign over Judah
[3279 A.H./C- 763 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

14:2b – II Chr. 24:27; 25:1

14:6c – Deut. 24:16; II Chr. 25:4

14:7d - Joktheel {יִקְתָּאֵל} - obedience to God

14:8e – II Chr. 25:17

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(10) You have indeed stricken Edom, and your heart has lifted you up: be content with *this*, and stay at home: because why should you meddle to *your* hurt, that you should fall, *even* you, and Judah with you?

(11) But Amaziah would not listen. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which *belongs* to Judah.

(12) And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and every man fled to their tents.

(13) And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits {about 600 ft.; 183 m.}.^f

(14) And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

(15) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(16) And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place {3293 A.H./C- 749 B.C.}.^g

(17) And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

(18) And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(19) Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there.^h

(20) And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

(21) And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

(22) He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

(23) In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah {3293 A.H./C- 749 B.C.}, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years.

(24) And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

14:13f – II Chr. 25:23 cubit – 1.5 feet; 0.457 meters – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

14:16g - Jehoash's reign ends after 16 years; Jeroboam#2 begins reign over Israel in 15th year of Amaziah king of Judah [3293 A.H./C- 749 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

14:19h – II Chr. 25:27

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(25) He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath to the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, which He spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai,ⁱ the prophet, who *was* of Gathhepher.

(26) Because the LORD {Jehovah} saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: because *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

(27) And the LORD {Jehovah} did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

(28) Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(29) And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 15

(1) In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel {3319 A.H./C- 723 B.C.},^a Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign.

(2) He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

(3) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

(4) Except the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

(5) And the LORD {Jehovah} struck the king {Azariah (Uzziah)}, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a hospital house. And Jotham the king's son *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.^b

(6) And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(7) So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his place.

(8) In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah {3356 A.H./C- 686 B.C.},^c Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months.

(9) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, as his fathers had done: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

14:25i – Jonah son of Amittai – Jonah 1:1

15:1a - 27th year of Jeroboam king of Israel; Azariah (also called Uzziah) begins reign over Judah [3319 A.H./C- 723 B.C.]

15:5b – II Chr. 26:20

15:8c - 38th year of Azariah (Uzziah) king of Judah; Zachariah begins reign over Israel [3356 A.H./C- 686 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

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(10) And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place.

(11) And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, look, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

(12) This *was* the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which He spoke to Jehu, saying, **Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.**^d And so it came to pass.

(13) Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah {3357 A.H./C- 685 B.C.}; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

(14) Because Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in his place.

(15) And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, indeed, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

(16) Then Menahem struck Tiphseh, and all who *were* in it, and its coasts from Tirzah: because they did not open *to him*, therefore he struck *it*; *and* all the women in it who were with child he ripped up.

(17) In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah {3357 A.H./C- 685 B.C.},^e Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

(18) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

(19) *And* Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver {about 75000 lbs; 34000 kg.}^f, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

(20) And Menahem taxed the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver {about 20 oz.; 567 gm.}, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and did not stay in the land.

(21) And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

(22) And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.

15:12d – II Ki. 10:30

15:17e - 39th year of Uzziah (Azariah) king of Judah; Shallum reigns for 1 month then Menahem begins reign over Israel [3357 A.H./C- 685 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

15:19f – talent – 75.6 pounds; 34.3 kilograms – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

{12} II Kings

(23) In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah {3368 A.H./C- 674 B.C.},^s Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.

(24) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

(25) But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and struck him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his place.

(26) And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, indeed, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

(27) In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah {3370 A.H./C- 672 B.C.},^h Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years.

(28) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

(29) In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglathpileser king of Assyria came, and took Ijon, and Abelbethmaachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

(30) And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah {3390 A.H./C- 652 B.C.}.ⁱ

(31) And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, look, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

(32) In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah began to reign {3371 A.H./C- 671 B.C.}.^j

(33) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.^k

15:23g - 50th year of Azariah (Uzziah) king of Judah; Pekahiah son of Menahem reigns over Israel [3368 A.H./C- 674 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

15:27h - 52nd year of Azariah (Uzziah) king of Judah; Pekah begins reign over Israel [3370 A.H./C- 672 B.C.]

15:30i - 20th year of Jotham, son of Uzziah king of Judah; Pekah's reign ends; no reigning king over Israel [3390 A.H./C- 652 B.C.]

15:32j - 2nd year of Pekah king of Israel, Uzziah dies; his son Jotham begins reign over Judah [3371 A.H./C- 671 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

15:33k – II Chr. 27:8

{12} II Kings

(34) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

(35) However the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(36) Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(37) In those days the LORD {Jehovah} began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

(38) And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 16

(1) In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign {3386 A.H./C- 656 B.C.}.^a

(2) Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not do *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, like David his father.^b

(3) But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the ungodly nations, whom the LORD {Jehovah} cast out from before the children of Israel.

(4) And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

(5) Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to make war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*.

(6) At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and lived there to this day.

(7) So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* your servant and your son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me.

(8) And Ahaz took the silver and gold that were found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.

(9) And the king of Assyria listened to him: because the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.

16:1a - 17th year of Pekah king of Israel; Ahaz, son of Jotham begins reign over Judah [3386 A.H./C- 656 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

16:2b – II Ki. 16:20; 18:1-2; II Chr. 29:1

{12} II Kings

(10) And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the design of the altar, and its pattern, according to all its workmanship.

(11) And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* before king Ahaz's return from Damascus.

(12) And when the king had come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached the altar, and offered upon it.

(13) And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.

(14) And he brought also the brass altar, which *was* before the LORD {Jehovah}, from the front of the house {temple}, from between the altar and the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and put it on the north side of the altar.

(15) And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brass altar shall be for me to inquire *by*.

(16) So Urijah the priest did, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

(17) And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the bowl from off them; and took down the sea {large bowl; bath tub}^c from off the brass oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

(18) And the covered seats for the sabbath {Saturday} that they had built in the house {temple}, and the king's entry outside, he took from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} for the king of Assyria.

(19) Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(20) And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 17

(1) In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah {3398 A.H./C- 644B.C.}^a Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

(2) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

(3) Against him Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents.

16:17c – molten sea – bath tub for priests – I Ki. 7:23

17:1a - 12th year of Ahaz king of Judah; Hoshea begins reign over Israel
[3398 A.H./C- 644B.C.]

{12} II Kings

(4) And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: because he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

(5) Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

(6) In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria {3406 A.H./C- 636 B.C.},^b and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

(7) Because, the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD {Jehovah} their God, Who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had served other gods,

(8) And walked in the laws of the ungodly nations, whom the LORD {Jehovah} had cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

(9) And the children of Israel secretly did *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and they built for themselves high places {to worship idols} in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

(10) And they setup for themselves images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

(11) And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as the ungodly nations *did* whom the LORD {Jehovah} carried away before them; and did wicked things to provoke the LORD {Jehovah} to anger:

(12) Because they served idols, which the LORD {Jehovah} had said to them, **You shall not do these things.**

(13) Yet the LORD {Jehovah} testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, **Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments *and* My laws, according to all the law which I commanded your forefathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.**

(14) Nevertheless they would not listen, but hardened their necks, like the necks of their forefathers, who did not believe in the LORD {Jehovah} their God.

(15) And they rejected His laws, and His covenant that He had made with their forefathers, and His testimonies which He testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the ungodly nations who *were* all around them, *concerning* whom the LORD {Jehovah} had charged them, that they should not do like them.

17:6b – ninth year of Hoshea - [3406 A.H./C- 636 B.C.] - end of the Northern Kingdom of Israel - 35th year of Isaiah's ministry - 263 years after death of Solomon. 114 years before captivity of the southern kingdom of Judah

{12} II Kings

(16) And they left all the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and made for themselves molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

(17) And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, to provoke Him to anger.

(18) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.^c

(19) Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, but walked in the laws of Israel which they made.

(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} rejected all the descendants of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until He had cast them out of His sight.

(21) Because He tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD {Jehovah}, and caused them to sin a great sin.

(22) Because the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them;

(23) Until the LORD {Jehovah} removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day.

(24) And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and lived in its cities.

(25) And so it was at the beginning of their living there, *that* they did not honor the LORD {Jehovah}: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} sent lions among them, which killed *some* of them.

(26) Therefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, do not know the ways of the God of the land: therefore He has sent lions among them, and, indeed, they kill them, because they do not know the ways of the God of the land.

(27) Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry there one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let them go and live there, and let him teach them the ways of the God of the land.

(28) Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and taught them how they should honor the LORD {Jehovah}.

17:18c – Judah only – actually the tribe of Benjamin was counted with the tribe of Judah as southern Kingdom of Judah

{12} II Kings

(29) However every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived.

(30) And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

(31) And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

(32) So they feared the LORD {Jehovah}, but made to themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

(33) They feared the LORD {Jehovah}, but served their own gods, after the ways of the nations whom they carried away from there.

(34) To this day they do according to their former ways: they do not honor the LORD {Jehovah}, neither do they keep their laws, or their commandments, or after the law and commandment which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel;

(35) With whom the LORD {Jehovah} had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, **You shall not honor other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:**^d

(36) But the LORD {Jehovah}, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched-out arm, Him you shall honor, and Him you shall worship, and to Him you shall do sacrifice.

(37) And the laws, and the commandments, and the law, and the commandment, which He wrote for you, you shall observe to do for evermore; and you shall not honor other gods.

(38) And the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget; neither shall you honor other gods.

(39) But the LORD {Jehovah} your God you shall honor; and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

(40) However they did not listen, but they did after their former ways.

(41) So these nations honored the LORD {Jehovah}, but served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their forefathers, so they do to this day.

Chapter 18

(1) Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign {3400 A.H./C- 642 B.C.}.^a

(2) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.^b

17:35d – Ex. 20:3-5

18:1a – 3400 A.H./C- 642 B.C. - [12] Hezekiah (good) age 25 becomes co-king with his father Ahaz in 3rd year of Hoshea king of Israel (II Ki. 16:2,20; II Ki. 18:1-2)

18:2b – II Ki. 20:21-21:1; II Chr. 33:1

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(3) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that David his father did.

(4) He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves, and broke in pieces the brass serpent that Moses had made: because until those days the children of Israel burnt incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan {the copper [brass] thing}.^c

(5) He trusted in the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him.

(6) Because he hung onto the LORD {Jehovah}, *and* did not depart from following him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD {Jehovah} commanded Moses.

(7) And the LORD {Jehovah} was with him; *and* he prospered wherever he went: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and did not serve him.

(8) He struck the Philistines, *even* to Gaza, and its borders, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

(9) And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel {3404 A.H./C- 638 B.C.},^d *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

(10) And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, {3406 A.H./C-636 B.C.} Samaria was taken.^e

(11) And the king of Assyria carried away Israel to Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

(12) Because they did not obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, but sinned against His covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} commanded, and would not listen to *them*, nor do *them*.

(13) Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah {3414 A.H./C-628 B.C.}^f Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

18:4c - Nehushtan {נְהוּשְׁטָן} – the copper thing

18:9d - 4th year of Hezekiah king of Judah; 7th year of Hoshea king of Israel [3404 A.H./C- 638 B.C.]

18:10e – see note on II Ki. 17:6 – II Chr. 32:15

18:13f - 14th year of Hezekiah king of Judah; Hezekiah gathers gold and silver from temple and palace to pay off the king of Assyria [3414 A.H./C-628 B.C.]

- see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(14) And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which you put on me I will bear. And the king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver {about 22500 lbs.; 10205 kg.}^g and thirty talents of gold {about 2250 lbs.; 1020 kg.}.

(15) And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and in the treasures of the king's house.

(16) At that time Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

(17) And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they had come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the fuller's field.

(18) And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

(19) And Rabshakeh said to them, Speak now to Hezekiah, This is what the great king, the king of Assyria says, What confidence *is* this in which you trust?

(20) You say, (but *they are but* vain words,) *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

(21) Now, indeed, you trust upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him.

(22) But if you say to me, We trust in the LORD {Jehovah} our God: *is* not He, Whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

(23) Now therefore, I ask you, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders upon them.

(24) How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

(25) Have I now come up without the LORD {Jehovah} against this place to destroy it? The LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.^h

(26) Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, Speak, I ask you, to your servants in the Syrian language; because we understand *it*: and do not talk with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people who *are* on the wall.

18:14g – talent - a talent = about 75.6 pounds; 24.3 kilograms
– see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

18:25h – The Lord {Jehovah} said ...- but it is obvious from II Ki. 19:16-17 that the Lord {Jehovah} did not speak to the king of Assyria.

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(27) But Rabshakeh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? *has he not sent me* to the men who sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

(28) Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

(29) This is what the king says, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you: because he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

(30) Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

(31) Do not listen to Hezekiah: because this is what the king of Assyria says, Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* every man may eat of his own vine, and everyone of his fig tree, and everyone drink the waters of his own well:

(32) Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and of honey, that you may live, and not die: and do not listen to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} will deliver us.

(33) Have any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

(34) Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

(35) Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that the LORD {Jehovah} should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

(36) But the people held their peace, and did not answer him a word: because the king's commandment was, saying, Do not answer him.

(37) Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Chapter 19

(1) And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

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(3) And they said to him, This is what Hezekiah says, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: because the children have come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring them forth.

(4) It may be the LORD {Jehovah} your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has heard: therefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that are left.

(5) So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

(6) And Isaiah said to them, This is what you shall say to your master, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.*

(7) *Indeed, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.*

(8) So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: because he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

(9) And when he heard it said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, *Indeed, he has come out to fight against you: he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,*

(10) This is what you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in Whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

(11) Surely, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by completely destroying them: and shall you be delivered?

(12) Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?

(13) Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

(14) And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and spread it before the LORD {Jehovah}.

*(15) And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who lives *between* the cherubims,^a You are the God, *even* You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made heaven and earth.^b*

(16) LORD {Jehovah}, bow down Your ear, and hear: open, LORD {Jehovah}, Your eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, who has sent him to reproach the living God.

19:15a – Ex. 25:18-22

19:15b – Gen. 1:1

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(17) Of a truth, LORD {Jehovah}, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

(18) And have cast their gods into the fire: because they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

(19) Now therefore, O LORD {Jehovah} our God, I beg You, save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD {Jehovah} God, *even* You alone.

(20) Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *That which you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.*

(21) This is the word that the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion has despised you, *and* laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

(22) Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against Whom have you exalted *your* voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? *even* against the Holy *One* of Israel.

(23) By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down its tall cedar trees, *and* its choice fir trees: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* the forest of his Carmel.

(24) I have dug and drank foreign waters, and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

(25) Have you not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, that you should be {the one} to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

(26) Therefore those who lived in them were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and *as* corn blasted before it be grown up.

(27) But I know where you live, and where you go out, and where you come in, and your rage against Me.

(28) Because your rage against Me and your trouble has come up into My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

(29) And this *shall be* a sign to you, You shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year you shall sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat its fruits.

(30) And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

(31) Because out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and those who escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD {Jehovah} *of hosts* {armies} shall do this.

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(32) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

(33) By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and shall not come into this city, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(34) Because I will defend this city, to save it, for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.

(35) And it came to pass that night, that the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} went out, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred eighty-five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, indeed, they *were* all dead bodies.

(36) So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived at Nineveh.

(37) And it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.^c

Chapter 20

(1) In those days Hezekiah was sick to death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Set your house in order; because you shall die, and not live.**^a

(2) Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(3) I beg You, O LORD {Jehovah}, remember now how I have walked before You in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in Your sight. And Hezekiah wept greatly.

(4) And it came to pass, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to him, saying,

(5) **Return, and tell Hezekiah the captain of My people, This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of David your father says, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: indeed, I will heal you: on the third day you shall go up to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.**

(6) **And I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.**

(7) And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

(8) And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD {Jehovah} will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} the third day?

19:37c – II Chr. 32:21
20:1a – II Chr. 32:24

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(9) And Isaiah said, This sign you shall have of the LORD {Jehovah}, that the LORD {Jehovah} will do the thing that He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees {on the sun dial}?

(10) And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: no, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

(11) And Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD {Jehovah}: and He brought the shadow ten degrees^b backward, by which it had gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz.

(12) At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: because he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

(13) And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

(14) Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did these men say? and from where have they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country, *even* from Babylon.

(15) And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in my house they have seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.

(16) And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) *Indeed, the days will come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, says the LORD {Jehovah}.*

(18) *And of your sons who shall be born by you, which you shall father, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.*

(19) Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, The word of the LORD {Jehovah} is good which you have spoken. And he said, *Is it not good*, if in my days there is peace and truth?

(20) And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(21) And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.^c

20:11b - 10 degrees - on a sundial - 15 degrees of arc for the sun is 1 hour of time [360°/24 hr.=15°/hr.], so 10 degrees of arc on the sun dial would be 40 minutes. See Is. 38:8 – sun dial of Ahaz

20:21c - After 29 years Hezekiah king of Judah dies; Manasseh his son begins reign over Judah [3430 A.H./C- 612 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

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Chapter 21

(1) Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign {3430 A.H./C- 612 B.C.}, and reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hephzibah.^a

(2) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, after the abominations of the heathen {ungodly nations}, whom the LORD {Jehovah} cast out before the children of Israel.

(3) Because he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he raised up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them.^b

(4) And he built altars in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, of which the LORD {Jehovah} said, **In Jerusalem I will put My Name.**

(5) And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times,^c and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he did much wickedness in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, to provoke *Him* to anger.

(7) And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house {temple}, of which the LORD {Jehovah} said to David, and to Solomon his son, **In this house {temple}, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, I will put My Name forever:**

(8) **Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.**

(9) But they did not listen: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD {Jehovah} destroyed before the children of Israel.

(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke by His servants the prophets, saying,

(11) **Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, *and* has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, who *were* before him, and has caused Judah also to sin with his idols:**

(12) **Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, Indeed, I *am* bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle.**

21:1a – II Ki. 21:18-19; II Chr. 33:3,20

21:3b – I Ki. 9:3; II Chr. 33:3

21:6c – observed times – practiced astrology and horoscopes – Lev. 19:26; II Chr. 33:6; Gal. 4:10

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(13) And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet {plumb bob}^d of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipes a dish, wiping *it*, and turning *it* upside down.

(14) And I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;

(15) Because they have done *that which was* evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger, since the day their forefathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day.

(16) Furthermore Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin with which he caused Judah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(18) And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his place {3485 A.H./C-557 B.C.}.^e

(19) Amon *was* twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.^f

(20) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, as his father Manasseh did.

(21) And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshiped them:

(22) And he forsook the LORD {Jehovah} God of his forefathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(23) And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house.

(24) And the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

(25) Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(26) And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his place.^g

21:13d - plummet - plumb bob - a string with a pointed weight on the end which is used to determine if a wall is truly straight up and down [perpendicular to the earth]

21:18e - After 55 years Manasseh king of Judah dies; Amon, his son, begins reign over Judah [3485 A.H./C- 557 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

21:19f – II Ki. 22:1; II Chr. 33:20; 34:1

21:26g - After 2nd year of reign Amon is killed by his servants; Josiah, his son, begins reign over Judah [3487 A.H./C- 555 B.C.]

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Chapter 22

(1) Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign {3487 A.H./C- 555 B.C.}, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

(2) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in all the way of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

(3) And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah {3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.},^a *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(4) Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the silver which is brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, which the door keepers have gathered from the people:

(5) And let them deliver it into the hand of the workers, who have the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and let them give it to the workers who are in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, to repair the damages of the house {temple},

(6) To carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the house {temple}.

(7) However there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

(8) And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

(9) And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house {temple}, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, that have the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.^b

(11) And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he tore his clothes.

(12) And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

22:3a - 18th year of Josiah king of Judah repairs are made to the temple
 - the Great Revival begins when the book of the Law {of Moses} is found during the renovation – II Chr. 34:8 [3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

22:10b – II Chr. 34:16

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(13) Go, inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: because great is the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} that is kindled against us, because our forefathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us.

(14) So Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she lived in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

(15) And she said to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, Tell the man that sent you to Me,

(16) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon those who live here, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read:^c

(17) Because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My anger will be kindled against this place, and will not be quenched.

(18) But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}, this is what you shall say to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *As concerning* the words which you have heard;

(19) Because your heart was tender, and you have humbled yourself before the LORD {Jehovah}, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against those who live in it, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes, and wept before Me; I also have heard you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(20) Therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered into your grave in peace; and your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

Chapter 23

(1) And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

(2) And the king went up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and all the men of Judah and all those who live in Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he {king Josiah} read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.^a

22:16c – II Chr. 34:23

23:2a – the king {Josiah} read the book of the covenant to the people – II Chr. 34:30

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(3) And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD {Jehovah}, to walk after the LORD {Jehovah}, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His laws with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people agreed to the covenant.

(4) And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the door keepers, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD {Jehovah} all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

(5) And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places all around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

(6) And he brought out the grove from the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, outside of Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast its powder upon the graves of the children of the people.

(7) And he broke down the houses of the sodomites {homosexuals}, that *were* by the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

(8) And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and broke down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

(9) Nevertheless the priests of the high places did not come to the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} in Jerusalem, but they ate of the unleavened bread among their brothers.

(10) And he defiled Topheth,^b which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

(11) And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

23:10b – Topheth (also spelled Tophet) - the valley of Hinnon southeast of Jerusalem where garbage was continually burned - also called Gehenna {γέεννα} in Mat. 5:22 as a reference to hell – see Is. 30:33

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(12) And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}, the king beat down, and broke *them* down from there, and cast their dust into the brook Kidron.

(13) And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, the king defiled.

(14) And he broke in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

(15) Furthermore the altar that *was* at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place, *and* stamped *it* small to powder, and burned the grove.

(16) And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the tombs that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah} which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.^c

(17) Then he said, What title {inscription} is this that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the tomb of the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel.

(18) And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came out of Samaria.

(19) And all the houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the LORD* {Jehovah} to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel.

(20) And he killed all the priests of the high places who *were* there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

(21) And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the Passover^d to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.

(22) Surely there was not such a Passover held from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

(23) But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah {3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.},^e *wherein* this Passover was held to the LORD {Jehovah} in Jerusalem.

23:16c – I Ki. 13:1-3

23:21d – Passover – see Lev. 23 - 14th day of the first month {Nisan [Mar.-Apr.]}

- II Chr. 35:1 - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#).

See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)

23:23e - 18th year of Josiah; 13 years before Josiah's death; 16 years before Babylonian captivity [3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(24) Moreover the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) And there was no king like him before him, who turned to the LORD {Jehovah} with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him did any arise like him.

(26) Nevertheless the LORD {Jehovah} did not turn from the fierceness of His great anger, with which His anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked Him with.

(27) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, *I will remove Judah also out of My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house {temple} of which I said, My Name shall be there.*

(28) Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?^f

(29) In his days Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he killed him {Josiah} at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

(30) And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's place {3517 A.H./C- 525 B.C.}.^g

(31) Jehoahaz *was* twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

(32) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his forefathers had done.

(33) And Pharaohnechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land under a tax of one hundred talents of silver {about 7500 lbs.; 3400 kg.},^h and one talent of gold {about 75 lbs.; 34 kg.}.

23:28f – II Chr. 35:22; 36:1

23:30g - Josiah's reign ends after 31 years; 13 years after the Great Revival; 3 years before Babylonian captivity [3517 A.H./C- 525 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

23:33h – talent – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(34) And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father {3518 A.H./C- 524 B.C.},ⁱ and changed his name to Jehoiakim {Jehovah will raise},^j and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

(35) And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of everyone according to his taxation, to give *it* to Pharaohnechoh.

(36) Jehoiakim *was* twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

(37) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his forefathers had done.

Chapter 24

(1) In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him {3520 A.H./C- 522 B.C.}.^a

(2) And the LORD {Jehovah} sent against him armies of the Chaldees, and armies of the Syrians, and armies of the Moabites, and armies of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by His servants the prophets.^b

(3) Surely at the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* out of His sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

(4) And also for the innocent blood that he shed: because he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD {Jehovah} would not pardon.

(5) Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

(6) So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

(7) And the king of Egypt did not come again any more out of his land: because the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates all that belonged to the king of Egypt.

23:34i - Jehoiakim begins reign over Judah [3518 A.H./C- 524 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

23:34j- Jehoiakim {יהויקים} - Jehovah will raise – Jehoiakim reigns under taxation of Egypt - he reigns for 11 years, but in the 3rd year of his reign [3520 A.H./C-522 B.C.] Nebuchadnezzar carries first group of captives (including Daniel and his friends and other royalty) to Babylon

24:1a – II Ki. 24:14; II Chr. 36:6; Dan. 2:1

24:2b – II Chr. 36:18

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(8) Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

(9) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that his father had done.

(10) At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

(11) And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants laid siege to it.

(12) And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

(13) And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, as the LORD {Jehovah} had said.

(14) And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: no one remained, except the poorest sort of the people of the land {3528 A.H./C- 514 B.C.}.^c

(15) And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

(16) And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

(17) And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah {right of Jehovah}.^d

(18) Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he began to reign {3529 A.H./C-513 B.C.}, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

(19) And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

24:14c – Zedekiah appointed by Nebuchadnezzar as king over Judah
11th year of Jehoiachin; 2nd group of captives including Ezekiel (see Ezek. 1) and other priests into Babylonian captivity – 8 years after first group of captives taken [3528 A.H./C- 514 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

24:17d - Zedekiah {צדקיהו} - right of Jah [Jah is short for Jehovah]

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(20) Because through the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until He had cast them out from His presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

Chapter 25

(1) And it came to pass in the ninth year of his {Zedekiah's} reign, in the tenth month {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan.]},^a in the tenth *day* of the month {10/10/3537 A.H./C-505 B.C.}, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host {army}, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it all around.

(2) And the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah {3539 A.H./C- 503 B.C.}.^b

(3) And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month {Tammuz [June-July]}{4/9/3539 A.H.}^c the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

(4) And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the roadway of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees *were* against the city all around:) and *the king* went down the roadway towards the plain.

(5) And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

(6) So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.

(7) And they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.^d

(8) And in the fifth month {Ab [July/Aug.]},^e on the seventh *day* of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon {3539 A.H./C- 503 B.C.}, Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem:

25:1a - tenth month - Tebeth {Dec.-Jan.} {10/10/3537 A.H.} - II Chr. 36:11-19;

Jer. 39:2; Jer. 52:6; Ezek. 4:5 = see note on Ezek. 4:5 - See Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days. See also The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com

25:2b - 11th year of king Zedekiah; temple destroyed [3539 A.H./C- 503 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History; Jer. 1:3; Jer. 39:2; Jer. 52:6; II Chr. 36:11-19; Ezek. 4:5

25:3c - fourth month - Tammuz {June-July}

25:7d - Jer. 39:7

25:8e - fifth month - Ab {July/Aug.}

(9) And he burnt the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house he burnt with fire.^f

(10) And all the army of the Chaldees, that *were with* the captain of the guard, broke down the walls of Jerusalem all around.

(11) Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away.

(12) But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vine-dressers and gardeners.

(13) And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the bases, and the brass sea {great bowl; bath tub} that *was* in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, the Chaldees broke in pieces, and carried their brass to Babylon.

(14) And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered, they took away.

(15) And the fire-pans, and the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

(16) The two pillars, one sea {large bowl [tub]},^g and the bases which Solomon had made for the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

(17) The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits {about 27 ft.; 8.2 m.},^h and the cap that was upon it *was* brass: and the height of the cap was three cubits {about 4.5 ft.; 1.4 m.}; and the braided work, and pomegranates upon the cap all around, all of brass: and the second pillar like these had braided work.

(18) And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three door keepers:

(19) And out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war, and five men of those who were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who *were* found in the city:

(20) And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

(21) And the king of Babylon struck them, and killed them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

25:9f – in Zedekiah's 11th year [19 years from first captivity] Nebuchadnezzar destroys the temple, Jerusalem, and its walls due to Zedekiah's rebellion
 25:16g – molten sea – made by Solomon for the priests to bathe in – see I Ki. 7:23; II Chr. 4:6
 25:17h- a cubit is 1 1/2 feet [1.5 feet]; 0.46 meters
 - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(22) And *as for* the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

(23) And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

(24) And Gedaliah swore to them, and to their men, and said to them, Do not be afraid to be the servants of the Chaldees: live in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

(25) But it came to pass in the seventh month {Tishri [Sep.-Oct.]},ⁱ that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal descent, came, and ten men with him, and struck Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees who were with him at Mizpah.

(26) And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: because they were afraid of the Chaldees.

(27) And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah {3564 A.H./C-478 B.C.},^j in the twelfth month {Adar [Feb.-Mar.]},^k on the twenty-seventh *day* of the month, *that* Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

(28) And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon;

(29) And changed his prison clothes: and he ate bread continually before him all the days of his life.

(30) And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him by the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

25:25ⁱ - seventh month - Tishri {Sep.-Oct.}

25:27^j - 37th year of Jehoiachin's captivity [45th year since first captivity of Judah; 26th year since the destruction of the temple] [3564 A.H./C- 478 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#) - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

25:27^k - twelfth month - Adar {Feb.-Mar.}