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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